

W&M Winter Program in La Plata, Argentina Winter Break 2026-27

Estimated dates (subject to change): January 3- January 23, 2026

Size of Program: 2025: 18 students

In light of COLL300, programs are designed to be accessible to as many eligible students as possible. Group size is determined based on an overseas partner's ability to accommodate and support groups.

Host Institution: The [Winter La Plata Program](#) is a three week program focused on democracy and human rights and open to non-Spanish speaking students. Guided by faculty and staff from the Comisión Provincial por la Memoria.

Overview of Program One W&M faculty member serves as program director (PD) and teaches a 3-credit course in the program as well as a 1-credit preparatory course in fall 2026. This program has an emphasis on democracy and human rights.

Courses and credits: Students receive W&M grades and credits for these courses; courses may not be taken pass-fail.

Housing: Students and faculty are housed in hotels.

Excursions/Activities: past excursions included trips to sites of memory, memorials, and NGOs related to the work of the CPM and course.

W&M-taught Courses in Previous Years GBST 330: "Field Research in Human Rights" (3 credits)

**Qualifications
for
Program
Directors**

This program has an emphasis on democracy and human rights. ISAC is seeking faculty who are able to offer a course related to human rights, broadly defined, and is relevant for a wide range of majors.

Faculty members who expect to continue teaching at William and Mary in 2026-27 are eligible to apply and will need to be available on campus during spring 2026 and fall 2026 to work closely with Global Education Office (GEO) staff on program preparation, and to participate in the fall study abroad fair and fall/spring information sessions, orientation sessions, and recruiting events. In addition, Winter 2026-27 Program Directors will need to be on campus in spring 2027 to meet with the future Program Director and participate in recruiting events.

Because the position of Program Director represents a full-time commitment, faculty members selected as PDs may not undertake any other teaching assignment, additional onsite student research projects, or research appointment during the time the program is in session.

Required: site-specific course. Courses must be linked to the local or regional setting of the program and relate generally to human rights.

Required: advanced Spanish language proficiency.

Preferred: in-country or regional experience.

Preferred: experience in overseas studies program direction/administration/site review.

Preferred: research/teaching interests relevant to the program.

**W&M Faculty
Compensation**

Program Direction:

Program director compensation covers preparatory work, on-site program direction, post-program duties, and teaching. (Salaries are calculated based on the duration of the on-site program—from the day students arrive through on-site student housing move-out).

Meal supplement and housing are provided for an additional 2 days on request.

PD salary for 3-week program (with an onsite 3-credit course and fall 1-credit course): estimated to be around \$14,600. Depending on exact program dates and possible adjustments to overall A&S summer teaching rates, this figure is subject to change.

All monetary amounts are subject to change. The quoted rates are based on estimated 2026 expenses.

The PD will be lodged in a hotel. Housing costs for spouse/dependents/guests that incur any additional charges will be the direct responsibility of the Program Director.

Airfare: lowest economy-class direct flight available for purchase before the end of November 2026.

Meal supplement: One-third of the US State Department's M+IE per diem. For specifics, please see the US State Department's Office of Allowances website at http://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp.

Virginia state regulations require family members who accompany you to The study abroad site or on any of the group activities to make their own arrangements and cover their own expenses. In addition, due to the full-time commitment of the program director to the program, including handling emergencies at all hours, it is expected that 24/7 care for dependents and family members by someone other than the PD be arranged by the PD at his/her own cost.

**W&M
Program
Director Role
and Duties**

Following is a general overview of the PD's duties:

- Promote programs and recruit and select students.
- Teach a 1-credit preparatory course in fall 2026.
- Maintain contact with contacts in the host country.
- Assist students with the visa application process, if applicable.
- Review and complete responsibilities as outlined in the program director handbook.
- Serve as primary program contact with the Global Education Office.
- Work with GEO staff to make all group reservations (for group travel, meals, activities, etc).
- Determine budget and courses in conjunction with GEO staff.
- Collaborate with the GEO staff to coordinate, organize and/or plan excursions.
- While on site, teach, care for students, and administer the program logistics and finances.
- Ensure that courses are site-specific, explicitly linked to the local or regional setting of the program in line with COLL300 expectations.
- Remain in residence and available for the length of the program; it is expected that the Director will accompany students on their group excursions and that, with the exception of these excursions, s/he will be in residence at the program location for the entire duration of the program, including weekends.
- Provide financial oversight including tracking receipts that will be submitted upon return.
- Submit to the Global Education Office (GEO) a thorough report on the winter program (template will be provided).
- Complete responsibilities in order to satisfy COLL300 requirements.

Detailed information regarding the PD's duties is available in the *W&M Faculty-Led Winter Programs Director's Manual*, which may be obtained from the GEO.

Application Deadline and Requirements Applications must be submitted online by 11:59pm on **January 27, 2026**. Details can be found at <http://www.wm.edu/offices/reescenter/studyabroad/faculty/summerprograms/index.php>

Program Director PD selections will be announced in the spring 2026 semester.

Selection Process The ISAC evaluates all proposals and selects program directors. Program directors will be selected based on the following criteria: overall quality of course proposal; site-specific nature of course; synergy with other courses offered; expertise of the candidate.

There is no preference for candidates who have recently directed or participated in this or other W&M faculty-led programs.

The ISAC will consider feedback from the Reeves Center with regard to applicants who have directed prior W&M faculty-led programs.

In addition, given the distinct responsibilities of the Program Director position, university administrators may contact appropriate offices (Provost, Dean, Title IX Coordinator) for information relating to the applicant. The applicant will be given the opportunity to respond to or explain any negative information thus obtained.

For more information Further details are provided in the *W&M Faculty-Led Winter Programs Director's Manual* available upon request. You may also contact [Sylvia Mitterndorfer](#), Director of Global Education