

Housing Policies

Students should be familiar with CEA's complete housing policies. This information was provided to students in their pre-departure materials and can also be found on our www.ceaStudyAbroad.com/docs/default-source/policy-library/CEA_Policies.

Apartment Overview

By living in an apartment, students are able to enjoy their independence. Apartments in Buenos Aires are located throughout the city between the areas of downtown, Recoleta, Palermo or Belgrano. Typical commute time between apartments and the CEA Buenos Aires Center or University of Belgrano will be up to 30 min approx. by public transport depending on location.

Apartments vary in age, décor, and size, from studio apartments to two bedrooms, and students share a bedroom with 1 or 2 other CEA students. Most apartments have 1 bedroom with two single beds and share the building with local residents of all ages, families, elderly people, etc. Please note that apartments may be single sex or co-ed. Males and females could be placed in the same apartment but never in the same room. All apartments have an equipped kitchen, bathroom, and are furnished with beds, shared closet and drawer, a shared desk and/or table to study, couch, air-conditioning (or fan) and internet. Students are responsible for purchasing and preparing their own meals. Students should budget additional funds for food, phone usage and transportation to and from the Study Center as this is not provided.

This option is perfect for students who are looking for independence and at the same time are willing to accept more responsibilities regarding apartment care and conservation and respect of neighbors. Additional rules may apply (i.e. overnight guest restrictions, quiet hours, etc.). This option is on a first come first serve basis and there are a limited number of spots. It is highly recommended that students interested apply early!

Local Rules & Regulations

CEA Housing Agreements

- I understand that I am a guest in this country and I am willing to learn about the cultural differences and respect them. I am aware that local habits might be different to what I am used to.
- I am committed to being respectful of my roommates and their belongings. I understand that a part of this studying abroad experience has to do with living with others and with embracing their differences. I understand that if I were not able to solve a housing problem with a roommate -within a reasonable period of time- a CEA Staff may take part and act to remedy the situation, including a possible housing change. Moreover, there is a housing upgrade fee.
- I am committed to being respectful and take care of the apartment where I am living, the furniture, and any appliances it may have.
- I understand that I have to be respectful with my neighbors from the building. I will be discrete, and won't make loud noises if it is past 10 pm. In Argentina, it is against the law to make loud noises from 10 pm until 6 am.
- I understand that as a CEA student and as a US Citizen, I have to act with respect towards my host country

- I will not smoke in my housing, use any illegal substances nor abuse alcohol.
- I understand that it is forbidden to have overnight guests.
- I agree not to bring pets of any kind into the housing
- I agree to thoroughly read the guidelines included below, and I understand that I will be held responsible for adhering to them for the duration of my program.

Meals

No meal plan is included in this housing option. Students are responsible for purchasing and preparing their own meals, and should budget accordingly. Pots, pans, and utensils will be provided. There is an equipped kitchen with basic cooking utensils in each apartment in which students can prepare their own meals. There are many different shopping and dining options throughout the city and at the Study Center area.

Phone & Internet

CEA requires that students have a local service phone number available to staff for emergency contact purposes. Relying on Wi-Fi spots for communication is not dependable and will not ensure that CEA staff can reach you in the case of an emergency. Students may choose to acquire a cell phone prior. During Orientation, CEA program staff will share more information regarding local cell phone options. We encourage our program participants to research their options and choose the best provider to meet their needs.

Internet access is included in all accommodations. However, students should note that connection reliability is subject to the national network provider and may vary in speed from the U.S.

Linens

Linens are included in the apartments, as well as one towel per student.

Laundry

There are laundry mats nearby. Students are responsible for doing their own laundry and the related costs (please refer to student budget).

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in any CEA Housing.

Amenities

All apartments have an equipped kitchen with cooking utensils, bathroom, and are furnished with beds, shared closet and locked drawer, a shared desk and/or table to study, couch, air-conditioning (or fan), and internet. Apartments vary in age, décor, and size, from one to four bedrooms and students share a bedroom with 1 or 2 other CEA students. Most apartments have 1 bedroom with two single beds and share the building with local residents of all ages, families, elderly people, etc.

Students will receive cleaning service in the apartment and will be informed when that will happen.

Please note, beds in the apartments are nice, though tend to be on the narrow side compared to U.S. single beds. (Approximate size of the single bed is 2ft 9.5in x 6ft 3in)

Guests

CEA students are responsible for the conduct of their guests while in CEA housing. Guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times. Overnight guests are not permitted in any housing assignment. Violation of this rule may result in financial consequences to the student, including additional fees to the student and/or other disciplinary actions.

Curfew

There is no curfew in any apartment. However, students should be respectful of their roommates and neighbors when coming home late.

Keys & Security

Each student will be issued keys to their housing upon check-in. Under no circumstances may students make a copy of their keys or give their keys to someone else to use. In the event that keys are lost during the program, students will be responsible for the cost of replacement. A fee will be deducted from the program security deposit for each set of keys not returned upon completion of the program. In addition, students are required to follow any additional security procedures as dictated by their specific housing assignment/facility.

Housing Changes and Discipline

CEA commits to providing suitable student housing. Once housing is assigned by CEA, there are only limited or special circumstances in which CEA will make changes to a student's housing assignment. Such changes will be made at CEA's discretion and will require a payment of \$ 300 that will be billed through your MyCEA account (Change of Housing Fee) and all additional associated costs incurred as a result of the change. In the exceptional circumstances that a change of student housing assignment is deemed necessary, CEA reserves the right to relocate student/s to any vacant CEA accommodation spots at any time during the program. Existing tenants affected by such a change will be given a minimum of 48 hours' notice prior to the inclusion of a new flat mate into their apartment.

For academic year and double semester students, changes to housing preferences for the second semester must be made no later than the application closure date for the second semester.

If the student is asked to leave the housing assignment due to their misconduct (as determined by the host family, landlord, dormitory director or CEA; see CEA Code of Conduct for further details), and is allowed to remain on the program at the discretion of CEA, the student will forfeit their \$300 security deposit. The student will not be offered a new CEA housing assignment, and no refunds will be available. In addition, CEA staff will not assist students in finding new independent housing. Please note misconduct may result in immediate expulsion from CEA housing and/or the CEA program. Once the decision of eviction has been made, the student/s will be informed immediately and will be expected to leave their housing within a period of 3 to 7 business days depending on the specific circumstances.

Utilities

CEA will cover all reasonable utility expenses. Students who incur utility charges above and beyond what is deemed reasonable by CEA will be responsible for paying the excessive charges. Please note that electricity is

very expensive in countries outside the US. Students are expected to be mindful of this when using electricity in their host country, and to be more conservative than they might otherwise be accustomed to. It may take up to three months for foreign utility bills to be issued; therefore, CEA reserves the right to hold program deposits until all utility bills have been reviewed. If the program damage deposit does not cover all utility charges, the student will be billed accordingly. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts.

Check-in/Check-out

CEA will monitor student housing check-out at the end of the program. You must adhere to the proper checkout procedures when vacating CEA housing, which include turning in keys, removing personal items, waste and debris, and leaving the room/apartment in an acceptable, clean condition. Check out time will be coordinated with the landlord.

Upon moving in to your apartment you will be required to complete and sign an Inventory Checklist, which will be an accurate and complete record of the contents and conditions of your room and shared common areas. At the end of your program, you must check out of your housing with the CEA Resident Staff or representative assigned by CEA. The Inventory Checklist and housing inspection will serve as the basis for billing or refunds as appropriate.

Please note, the CEA staff may check apartments any time it deems necessary throughout the semester. Students will be notified in advance of apartment checks whenever possible.

The CEA Resident Staff will make every effort to inform students of any fees that will be withheld from the program deposit prior to departure; however, CEA reserves the right to inspect housing after students' departure.

Damages

In case of housing problems, students must contact the CEA Resident staff immediately. The Resident staff will work with the housing administration and the student to facilitate communication and try to resolve any problem that may arise.

All students must respect all furniture, property, and other items provided. All damage, even unintentional, will be billed to the student responsible. If responsibility cannot be determined, the cost will be split equally among all residents. Please note, if excessive cleaning and/or trash removal is required at the end of the program, students will be responsible for all additional costs incurred. In addition, CEA will, without liability, dispose of any personal items left in CEA housing at the end of this contract term. If the program damage deposit does not cover all charges, the student will be billed accordingly. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts.

NOTE: All of this information will be covered during orientation!