



## KIIS Argentina, Summer 2020

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### IDST 350 Culture of Food and Wine in Argentina

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*Syllabus subject to change*

**1. Course Description:** The history and culture of any nation is an exciting and integral part of a country's history. Food and wine has been at the forefront of civilization since the beginning of man and deeply rooted in most cultures. The Argentinian people are amongst the most celebrated for culinary contributions in today's zeal for superb food and fine wines. Argentina is a large and very developed country that produces and exports many different foods including beef, grains, and wine. We will overview the expanse of the food, wine, and culture of the diverse Argentinian people. Students will gain insights into the production of wines and sample them from the grape growing regions throughout Argentina. Another discovery will be the sampling of traditional and favorite Argentinian foods that are a part of daily life and special occasions. Music, dance, and storytelling are important facets of Argentinian culture, often coupled with wines, spirits, and foods.

#### **2. Overall KIIS Program Student Learning Outcomes:**

KIIS Study Abroad Mission Statement:

KIIS creates and offers high-quality education abroad programs for students from diverse backgrounds that promote deep international learning, are integrated into the curriculum, and encourage critical and creative thinking. Our goal is to help transform students into global citizens who have personal and professional skills for lifelong enrichment. We strive to go beyond generalizing headlines and outdated cultural clichés to help foster a nuanced appreciation of the world in which we live.

Students participating in KIIS Study Abroad programs aim to:

- 1) Articulate the relationship between ideas, experiences, and place;
- 2) Develop tools to engage with diverse people in the local cultures; and,
- 3) Explore other peoples' values and clarify their own.

In the equivalent of one, single-spaced typed page, reflect on:

*How has this experience made you think – or act – differently about the world around you? Please consider the 3 SLOs discussed. Please don't consider course content in your response; instead, think beyond it, and be as specific as possible.*

**3. Course Objectives and Specific Learning Outcomes:** this course is designed to provide the undergraduate student the opportunity to explore the Argentinian culture. Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

CLO #1: Explore the unique contributions of food preparation and its relation to the Argentinian culture and domestic and international appeal. with Argentina's favorite dishes. Students will sample Argentina's national dish, Asado (barbecued meats) cooked on a parillo (grill), along with other indigenous favorites.

CLO #2 Evaluate the array of Argentinian wines produced throughout the country and dissect their composition in order to elaborate on their unique qualities.

CLO #3: Discover the essence of the people and their culture through visiting sites throughout the city, listening to local guides and community partners providing historical facts and rich stories.

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SLO# 1 Identify wines that are produced and bottled in Argentina for its characteristics.

SLO #2: Taste and sample foods that are uniquely Argentinian, obtaining a appreciation for its preparation and overall appeal.

SLO #3: Appraise Argentina's culture through its people by immersion into its traditions, foods, wines, and other aspects essential to define and appreciate all Argentina has to offer.

#### **4. Major Topics covered in the Course:**

- Foods of Argentina
- Importance of agriculture on the economy
- Wine production
- Historical facts on Argentina
- Cultural and social philosophies
- Exploration of the cultural backgrounds of the Argentinian people and their genetic heritage

**6. Required Readings and Materials:** Select readings will be assigned prior to departure for the study of foods and wines essential to the culture and customs of Argentina. Participation through immersion activities while in Argentina will be required. Each student will be expected to actively engage in, at least five experiences, involving a food, wine, and cultural experience. Each student will write a brief on each (requirements and rubric will be given in advance) encounter. Additionally, students will choose (with professor) an aspect of the Argentinian culture and give a presentation to the class. Recommended readings will be provided optionally for those who seek a more in-depth review of the food, wine, and cultural richness of Argentina.

#### **7. Graded Assignments:**

- Briefs (5 x 12 = 60 points)
- Presentation: Culture Profile (30 points)
- Participation on all aspects of the course (10 points)

All above assignments will have a rubric for students to follow.

#### **8. Attendance Policy:**

KIIS program participants are expected to be punctual to and in attendance at all classes, presentations, meetings and required excursions, and to remain with the program for the full academic period. Unexcused absences from classes and/or mandatory meetings will result in a lowering of the student's final grade, as will excessive tardiness. Multiple unexcused absences could result in expulsion from the program. Any absence from an academic class session must be excused for medical reasons.

### **9. Disability Accommodation:**

KIIS will make every reasonable effort to provide accommodations for program participants with special needs or disabilities, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Be aware that many foreign countries do not have comprehensive legislation comparable to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As a result, businesses and other establishments operating in foreign countries may not be able to provide accommodations.

If you have a disability accommodation need, we recommend you contact your KIIS Campus Representative, <https://www.kiis.org/about-kiis/contact-us/campus-representatives/> early in your program selection process so that s/he has time to discuss any specific needs, including which KIIS programs may be best suited. You also are welcome to contact KIIS Office Manager, Haley McTaggart, [haley.mctaggart@wku.edu](mailto:haley.mctaggart@wku.edu), to discuss your disability accommodation needs (e.g. housing, transportation, excursions, class schedule, etc.).

Immediately after acceptance, notify KIIS Office Manager, Haley McTaggart, [haley.mctaggart@wku.edu](mailto:haley.mctaggart@wku.edu), if you have a special need or disability that might require any form of accommodation abroad. Failure to notify KIIS may prevent you from participating on your KIIS program. If you require any accommodations abroad, you must provide KIIS Office Manager, Haley McTaggart, an accommodation letter from your home campus' disability accommodation office that lists the accommodations you are eligible to receive. Please do not request accommodations directly from your KIIS Program Director or other KIIS Faculty; the KIIS Office will contact your KIIS Program Director and/or Faculty after we have received your above accommodation letter. In some cases, you may need to make arrangements for a caregiver to join you on your KIIS program, should your physician, campus disability accommodation office, or KIIS make such a recommendation or require it.

### **10. Title IX / Discrimination & Harassment:**

Recent attention to gender discrimination and sexual harassment at colleges and universities reminds us of the importance of adhering to standards of ethical and professional behavior. KIIS Study Abroad is committed to supporting and encouraging safe and equitable educational environments for our students, faculty, and program directors. Students, faculty, and program directors are required to be civil and treat each other with dignity and respect. As such, harassment and/or discrimination of any kind will not be permitted or tolerated.

Sexual misconduct (sexual harassment, sexual assault, and sexual/dating/domestic violence) and sex discrimination are violations of KIIS policies. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to a) KIIS Executive Director, John Dizgun (+1-270-227-2288), b) WKU's Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson (270-745-5398 / [andrea.anderson@wku.edu](mailto:andrea.anderson@wku.edu)) or WKU's Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe (270-745-5429 / [michael.crowe@wku.edu](mailto:michael.crowe@wku.edu)) or Joshua Hayes (270-745-5121 / [joshua.hayes@wku.edu](mailto:joshua.hayes@wku.edu)). Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a KIIS program director and/or faculty member, KIIS program directors and faculty are considered "Responsible Employees" of Western Kentucky University and MUST report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's Counseling and Testing Center, <https://www.wku.edu/heretohelp/> at 270-745-3159.

For more information on KIIS Title IX, see <https://www.kiis.org/students/health-safety/title-ix-clery/>; additional Title IX resources can be found here <https://www.wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/titleixbrochure.pdf>. Everyone should be able to participate on a KIIS program, attend a KIIS event, or work in a KIIS environment (e.g. KIIS office) without fear of sexual harassment or discrimination of any kind. Be respectful of each other.