Report on Security and Safety at NYU Buenos Aires


The utmost safety of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors is a top priority for New York University. We are dedicated to maintaining an academic site where learning excels in an environment unencumbered by safety concerns or fear for personal well-being.

Although the area surrounding NYU Buenos Aires has a low rate of violent crime, crime prevention remains a high priority. NYU seeks to ensure the safety of its students and employees. The local police force, a closely screened and well-trained staff, and the students themselves all share in the responsibility of making NYU Buenos Aires a safe place to study, work, and live.

Security and Safety

NYU Buenos Aires utilizes contractual security personnel at one location; these security personnel do not have police designation. The company providing security personnel has been carefully vetted by the University with the goal of ensuring that the standards enjoyed by the students at the NYU campus in New York City are met. Representatives from the company regularly meet with site administrators to discuss issues and ways to improve the services provided.

Site administrators also maintain a dialogue with the Buenos Aires Police Department and the United States Embassy to foster a good working relationship with both organizations. Representatives from the Buenos Aires Police Department come to speak with students during Orientation.

Students are advised of the following at their pre-departure orientation before arriving to the site, and then immediately upon arrival:

**Local security numbers:** police, fire department, ambulance, local health insurance, NYU emergency telephone, the U.S. Embassy.

Students are given safety information in our Student Handbook and also actively participate in an interactive session with our security consultants during Orientation.

Students are urged to report any incident to the Office of Student Life by using the local emergency phone in Buenos Aires. In the event of very serious incidents, students are told to call the emergency phone first as the staff on duty will call the police, fire department or ambulance, as relevant, and take all necessary measures to assist students. Reports may be made on a voluntary confidential manner.

NYU Buenos Aires staff members discuss all security procedures with students at the beginning of the semester during Orientation. Students are given a lecture by security personnel, who work closely with the police stations in the city. They are shown videos of the typical petty crimes in Argentina and participate in...
role-playing so that they can understand what they may be faced with on the local streets. Frequent reminders are sent to students via email, and flyers on different security subjects are posted in the Academic Center.

NYU Buenos Aires encourages students, faculty and staff to promptly report all incidents to site administrators, as well as the local police in the event of a crime.

If an emergency, criminal act, or other incident necessitates notification to the student population, Safety Alerts are sent to all students by email and flyers are placed at the Academic Center. Meetings may be called to discuss different topics that need immediate attention. All incident reports are forwarded to the NYU Department of Public Safety in New York City, where the appropriate incidents will be reflected in the annual security report for the site.

NYU Buenos Aires also encourages students to make full use of the NYU Traveler online system so that their travel schedules can be checked against any potential issues at destination countries and through which they can receive up to date travel advisories.

Security and Access in NYU Buenos Aires Housing

Students studying at NYU Buenos Aires are housed in University-provided homestays, which are spread throughout in the city of Buenos Aires—mainly in the Palermo, Barrio Norte and Recoleta neighborhoods—and are non-campus housing.

Security and Access at Campus Facilities

NYU Buenos Aires Anchorena

The operating hours for the site are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The site is closed on Saturdays (except shortly before final exams) and on holidays.

Access is achieved through security personnel posted at the front entrance. Identification must be displayed upon entry. Visitors, guests and deliveries are announced to the site staff by telephone and their ID information is taken down by the security personnel.

There are security cameras, which can be accessed by the security personnel and online by designated staff, placed throughout the Academic Center. There are panic buttons placed in all bathrooms and at the security desk. The security consultants hired by NYU Buenos Aires, GermanBoris, are responsible for the development of the access policy and its enforcement. The secondary means of egress are secured by motion detectors and are locked when there is no one in the building. The main entrance is monitored by an alarm system and is also locked once there is no staff or students in the building.

Building maintenance is done by an outsourced company, mostly on weekends. Security personnel are responsible for giving maintenance workers instructions and access to the building.

All problems regarding facilities are reported to the Assistant Director of Finance and Administration, and/or the Assistant Director of Student Life, and to the GermanBoris security consultants.

ICAPA Building Anchorena

NYU Buenos Aires leases classrooms in the ICAPA building (Aeronautical Personnel Training Institute) located a half a block from the Academic Center. The number of rooms rented by NYU Buenos Aires varies by semester; one classroom was rented in Fall 2015 and four were rented in Spring 2016. Access to the building is controlled by the ICAPA receptionist, who opens the magnetic
lock on the front door via buzzer and authorizes access to classrooms and ICAPA administration offices. The ICAPA building is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday and has security cameras which are controlled and accessed by ICAPA management. Classrooms rented by NYU Buenos Aires are for exclusive use by NYU staff, faculty, and students; they are kept locked when not in use. Common areas such as bathrooms, reception, patio, and hall are used staff, faculty, and students of by both NYU and ICAPA.

**Policies**

The New York University [Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy and Protocols](#), [Policies on Substance Abuse and Alcoholic Beverages](#), the [Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures](#), the [Student Conduct Procedures](#) and the [Missing Student Notification Policy](#), outlined in the main NYU Campus Security and Fire Safety report, are applicable to all Global Academic Centers. During orientation, these policies and site-specific security policies and programs are discussed.

**Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Awareness**

Students are encouraged to remain vigilant and be responsible for their personal safety. Students seeking to report or obtain assistance regarding an incident are advised to contact the appropriate site administrator(s) as indicated in this report.

All incoming students are required to complete a Wellness orientation online component that addresses issues of alcohol and drug use, safety in the city, mental health services, and sexual misconduct before arriving at NYU Buenos Aires, followed by a one hour face to face orientation when they get to the program.

[AlcoholEdu](#): All incoming freshman at NYU are required to complete the two-part, three hour online course, AlcoholEdu for College. The course provides students with information about high-risk drinking behaviors and associated harms, debunks myths about college drinking, and directs students toward tools and resources for staying safe and looking out for friends such as Action Zone Bystander Intervention and the Wellness Exchange hotline. Incoming students are required to complete the first part of AlcoholEdu prior to their arrival in the Fall semester. The second part of the course tests knowledge retention and must be completed six weeks into the Fall term. Failure to complete AlcoholEdu affects students’ spring semester course registration.

**Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Prevention and Awareness**

All students enrolled at each of NYU’s Global Academic Centers completed an interactive, online module that provides education related to sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Students are advised about where to go to receive free and confidential assistance and where to go to make a formal report to the University if they experience this type of violence. The module also addresses the importance of obtaining consent for sexual activity, and bystander intervention. After completing the online component of the module, students participated in active debriefing seminar with local Student Life and Wellness staff during which they can learn more and ask clarifying questions, particularly around issues of obtaining consent for sexual activity.
The Think About It online educational program, which is mandatory for all students, helps ensure that students understand their rights and responsibilities in the important area of sexual misconduct. The online educational program is mandatory for the entire NYU student body attending any of the three NYU campuses (New York, Abu Dhabi and Shanghai) or Global Academic Centers. This online course examines the interconnected issues of healthy relationships, substance abuse, and sexual violence, among other topics, through a variety of scenarios and guided self-reflection.

Student leaders are exposed to an additional layer of training with a mandatory Bystander Intervention or Consent Workshop. Through the participation in these workshops and in their roles as leaders, these important lessons will be spread to their peers.
## Campus Crime Statistics

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* Campus residence halls statistics are a subset of the overall on-campus totals.
** Non-Campus residence halls statistics are a subset of the overall non-campus totals.
*** Totals reflect on-campus, non-campus, and public property statistics.

**FOOTNOTES**

- There were no hate crimes reported in 2013, 2014, or 2015.
- NYU Buenos Aires did not have on-campus residence halls in 2013, 2014, or 2015.

These statistics capture reports of allegations of the types listed above [including anonymous reports] that have been collated in New York City for the purpose of this report. These statistics do not represent findings of any University investigative or judicial processes.
Appendix A: Argentine Laws Regarding Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

The following is a summary of criminal laws under the Argentine Criminal Code ("ACC") related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, based upon good-faith research into the existence of such laws.

“Consent” is not clearly defined in the ACC. Civil laws establish that any voluntary act implies freely judgement and intention to perform such act. In reference to sexual activity, there would not be consented sexual activity if the victim is: (i) a minor of thirteen years old (Section 119); (ii) under sixteen years old -when the perpetrator took advantage of any of the circumstances described thereof- (Section 120); and (iii) subject to violence, threat, coercion, intimidation, abuse of a relationship based on dependency, authority or power, or for any other cause, that would indicate that the sexual activity was not freely consented by the victim.

“Dating violence” would fall into the definition of “domestic violence”, below.

“Domestic violence” is not specifically defined, but the ACC establishes gender violence as an aggravated crime; i.e.; homicide or injuries of wife/husband, cohabitants or not (sections 80, paragraphs 1 and 11, and section 92 of ACC). Any behaviour, action or omission directly or indirectly, based on an unequal power relationship that affects life, liberty, dignity, physical, psychological, sexual, economic or patrimonial integrity and personal safety would constitute gender violence.

“Sexual assault” is defined in the ACC as when “anyone who sexually abuses a person of either sex under thirteen years old, or with violence, threats, coercive or intimidating abuse of a relationship based on dependency, authority or power, or by taking advantage that the victim for any cause cannot freely consent to the act (sections 119 and 120 of ACC).”

Stalking is not defined in the ACC.