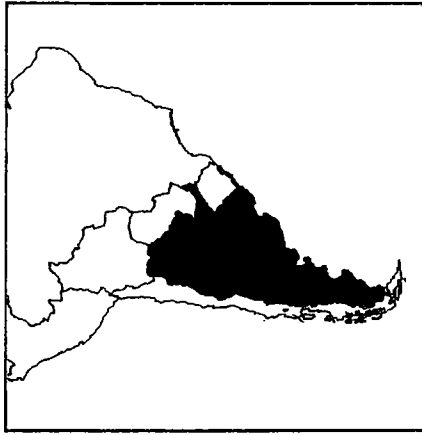


## Argentina



One of the more prosperous countries of Latin America, Argentina has a literacy rate of 94 percent. The population of about 33 million is overwhelmingly of Spanish, Italian, and German descent. Chronic political instability from 1930 resulted in a succession of rightist military governments which rigorously persecuted dissident students, among others. Since a democratic government was elected in 1983, effort has been made to restore education to its former high place. Public education has been free at all levels

since 1884, but a very high rate of inflation in recent years has made financing it difficult for the federal and provincial governments. Education is compulsory for 7 years between the ages of 6 and 12. The medium of instruction is Spanish. While over 90 percent of children attend primary school, only about half go on to the five-year secondary level. About 60 percent of secondary school students are enrolled in technical-vocational tracks. The Ministry of Education directly administers secondary education and appoints rec-

tors for the state universities. The University of Buenos Aires is the 6th largest in the world. Higher education also is offered at private universities, but the latter enroll only ten percent of the students at this level. Non-university institutes offer programs in education, business, allied health and technology. Primary school teachers are trained at two-year *escuelas normales superiores* (higher normal schools), while teachers at other levels are trained at *institutos superiores* (higher institutes) and at universities.

Credential Name	Entrance Requirement	Length of Program	Type of Program	Gives Access to
<b>Level: Educación Secundaria (Secondary Education) following seven years of primary (compulsory) education</b>				
Bachillerato (specialization)	Certificación de Terminación de Estudios Primarios	5 years	academic	further study
Perito Mercantil	Certificación de Terminación de Estudios Primarios	5 years	commercial	further study
Técnico	Certificación de Terminación de Estudios Primarios	6 years	technical	further study
<b>Level: Educación Terciaria (Tertiary Education)</b>				
<b>Non-university</b>				
Técnico en (specialization)	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	1-3 years	technical/professional	further study
Profesor	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	2-4 years	teacher training	further study
<b>University</b>				
Técnico en (specialization)	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	3 years	technical/professional	further study
Bachillerato Universitario	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	3 years	academic	further study
Bachillerato Superior	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	4 years	academic	further study
Licenciatura/Título Profesional	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	4-7 years	academic/professional	further study
Profesor	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	4-5 years	teacher training	further study
Ingeniero	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	5-6 years	academic/professional	further study
Arquitecto	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	6 years	academic/professional	further study
Abogado	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	5-6 years	academic/professional	further study
Médico	Bachillerato, Perito Mercantil, Técnico	6-7 years	academic/professional	further study
Especialista en (specialization)	Licenciatura/Título Profesional	varies	academic/professional	further study
Magister, Maestría	Licenciatura/Título Profesional	2 years + thesis	academic	further study
Doctorado	Licenciatura/Título Profesional	2-5 yrs. + dissert.	academic	further study