

Important Notice:

Complete payment must be submitted by the Immersion Program due date. Participants who have not paid in full by the due date will receive a late notice email reminder with another reminder two weeks later. Participants will be charged \$25 for each late notice the Continuing Education Office has to issue. Participants with an immersion trip balance after 30 days from the original due date, including charges for late notices, will be withdrawn from the immersion roster and forfeit the non-refundable deposit. Participants may also lose any payments already made to the Academia in Argentina.

Due dates:

Payment #1: \$550 deposit due within ten days of registration, Friday, October 23, 2026

Payment #2: Remaining balance due Monday, March 15, 2027

Martin Luther College – Office of Continuing Education Agreement and Release of Liability and Language Pledge

Spanish Immersion Program 2027

(Read carefully before signing.)

1. I, _____ ("Registrant"), have applied for and intend to participate in the Spanish Immersion Program offered in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and/or coordinated with the Office of Continuing Education at Martin Luther College and Prof. Isaiah Degner. I understand that program dates may vary based on the location of the program and credit needs of the participants.
2. I have voluntarily enrolled in the program knowing that it includes travel outside of the United States of America to Argentina and possibly other countries. I have made a non-refundable deposit of \$550 that has been paid to the Financial Services Office to apply against the costs of tuition, transportation, housing, and other goods and services to be arranged for me by Prof. Isaiah Degner, MLC Office of Continuing Education, Academia Buenos Aires, and/or cooperating agencies or organizations.

I understand that the \$550 deposit is completely non-refundable regardless of the circumstances that would lead me to not participate in the Program. Withdrawal from the Program may also carry additional penalty fees as deemed necessary by the Language Institutes and/or Prof. Degner.

Please initial here indicating you understand that the \$550 deposit is non-refundable and you will not request a refund if you are unable to participate in the Immersion Program.

Initials: _____

3. I understand and am aware that my participation in the Immersion Program may expose me to certain risks and dangers, including but not limited to the hazards of travel by various means of conveyance; the hazards of politically unstable areas; the dangers of civil disturbances and war; the forces of nature; acts or omissions of Martin Luther College, MLC Office of Continuing Education, Prof. Isaiah Degner, Academia Buenos Aires, and/or their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, associates, affiliated companies, subcontractors, or cooperating agencies or organizations; and accident or illness in places without access to medical facilities, transportation, and/or means of rapid evacuation or assistance.
4. I am aware that my participation in the Immersion Program and my use of transportation, housing and dining services, and other goods and services in connection with my participation in the program may carry a risk of serious personal injury, serious illness, death, and property damage or loss. I expressly and voluntarily assume all risk of injury, illness, death, and property damage or loss that may result from my participation in the program and/or my use of goods and services in connection with my participation in the program.

5. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the program, I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE Martin Luther College, including the Office of Continuing Education, Isaiah Degner, Academia Buenos Aires, and their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, associates, affiliated companies, subcontractors, or cooperating agencies and organizations ("the Released Parties") from any and all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage or loss arising out of the arrangement or provision of transportation, housing, dining, or other goods and services, or arising out of any other activity incident to my participation in the program.
6. I agree not to sue or make a claim against the Released Parties for injury, illness, death, damage, or loss sustained as a result of participation in the program or the use of the goods and services in connection with my participation in the program. I will indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from all claims, judgments, and costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any action relating to my participation in the program. I also agree to reimburse Martin Luther College and/or Prof. Isaiah Degner for any sums they may advance for the purchase of goods or services on my behalf in connection with my participation in the program.
7. I further agree to abide by all applicable rules and regulations of Martin Luther College, the Office of Continuing Education, and the Spanish Immersion Program and its staff, representatives, or designees; all instructions of its staff, representatives, or designees while participating in the program; and the laws of the governmental jurisdictions at the place or places of program offering. I understand that noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program and forfeiture of program fees. I agree that if I violate any applicable rule, regulation (including the Spanish language pledge in the Argentina Program), instruction or law at any time during the program, I may be sent home immediately at my own expense. I agree to reimburse Martin Luther College, the Office of Continuing Education and/or Prof. Isaiah Degner for any and all costs associated with sending me home. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from all claims or losses resulting from my failure to abide by such rules, instructions, and laws. I further agree that Martin Luther College, The Office of Continuing Education, Prof. Isaiah Degner, and/or their respective staff, representatives, or designees may send me home at any time during the program if they determine that my continued participation in the program will adversely affect my health, safety, or welfare or the health, safety, welfare, or enjoyment of other program participants.
8. I understand Martin Luther College and/or Prof. Isaiah Degner may notify the person or persons listed as an emergency contact on my application form if I become seriously ill or injured or am involved in an emergency during the program. If I am unable to make my own medical decisions, Martin Luther College, the Office of Continuing Education, and/or Prof. Isaiah Degner may have to make those on my behalf.
9. Should any of the provisions of this Agreement and Release, or portions thereof, be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement and Release shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. This Agreement and Release shall be construed under the laws of the State of Minnesota.
10. I understand and agree that an MLC Spanish major must have a 2.5 GPA in their Spanish courses to participate in the SPN 4011 Spanish Immersion Program (6 credits). If a Spanish major's GPA falls below the required 2.5, he/she may still participate in the program, but he/she would have to repeat previous Spanish courses to bring the GPA up to 2.5. Consequently, said student would still be required to participate in a future Spanish Immersion Program should he/she continue as a Spanish major. If a student falls below the 2.5 GPA mark and decides not to participate in the Spanish Immersion Program, that student will lose the \$550 down payment and, in addition, risk losing up to the full cost of the program.

11. Language Pledge for students participating in the Argentina Program

The Martin Luther College Spanish Immersion Program exists to enable its participants to increase their proficiency level in Spanish. The Immersion Program also helps students gain confidence in using Spanish and acquire a cultural base from which to operate. One of the requirements for participation in the Argentina program is to agree to use only Spanish during your entire stay abroad. This is an exciting task and requires a real commitment to want to increase your level of Spanish proficiency. By signing this language pledge, you agree to not speak any English while abroad. Deliberate use of the English language will be grounds for failing the course and/or being sent back to the United States at your expense.

I agree to the Spanish Immersion Pledge (Argentina participants)

Signed _____ Date _____

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE DOCUMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

REGISTRANT'S SIGNATURE

REGISTRANT'S NAME (please print) DATE OF BIRTH

Please list an emergency contact person's name and a phone number:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND CELL PHONE NUMBER

For students not currently enrolled at MLC please add the following:

Social Security # _____

Race/Ethnicity _____

Date of Birth _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please return this form to
Dr. John Meyer in the Office of Continuing Education

Continuing Ed, Dr. John Meyer, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm MN 56073

You may turn in your down payment of \$550 with this form, or you may opt to be billed for that amount, in which case you will have 10 days from the date of submitting this form to pay the deposit. Checks should be made out to Martin Luther College. Indicate on the check that it is for the Spanish Immersion Program. If submitted separately from this application, you may give the check to Jackie Dalueg in Financial Services.