



	<b>UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE LA PATAGONIA AUSTRAL</b>
Ciudad de Rio Gallegos Santa Cruz - Argentina	<a href="http://www.unpa.edu.ar">www.unpa.edu.ar</a>

### ▪ **Historical Background:**

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The creation of the Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia Austral was an aspiration for several decades. As a historical context, it is worthy of mention the decree of the city of Gobernador Gregores, who proposed the creation of University Centres with a technological orientation.

In 1962, the first Centre of Higher Studies attached to the Universidad Nacional del Sur was constituted becoming the first institutional precedent of higher education at university level in the region.

This Centre, which later became the Instituto Universitario de Santa Cruz, together with a series of non-university Centres of Higher Studies, formed the basis for the creation of the Universidad Federal de la Patagonia Austral, which from 1991 developed under the regime of provincial universities. The formal transference to a national jurisdiction took place in January 1996.

The pre-existing institutions organized themselves in 1987 with the aim of developing higher education in Southern Patagonia. This regional vocation made the newly created Province of Tierra del Fuego to formalise its participation in 1989 possible, by means of a Treaty signed by the Governors of the provinces, with the prospect that the Academic Units Campus would operate in four cities in Santacruz and Tierra del Fuego.

This long process of continuous growth was possible thanks to the constant support and encouragement of the communities of the southern continent, as well as the efforts of teachers, students, technical and administrative staff, which have allowed the development, growth and formalization of the Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia Austral. which was created by National Law Nº 24.446, passed on 23 December 1994 and promulgated on 11 January 1995.

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## ▪ **Institucional Profile:**

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The main objective of the Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia Austral is to be aware and ensure the respond to the regional demands in the context of higher education, not only in relation to vocational training but also with the production of scientific and technological knowledge.

The UNPA is conceived as a strategic tool for regional growth, not only in professional training, but fundamentally in the production of scientific and technological knowledge. In this sense, its graduate and postgraduate academic proposal is open in areas such as: mining, in the Academic Units Campus located in the cities of Río Turbio and San Julián, accompanying the development of two of the most important mining basins in the country, one for coal and the other for gold in these two regions respectively. Tourism on-site, e-learning or mixed courses, in all the academic units campus. As Santa Cruz is a tourist province par excellence, with international attractions such as the Perito Moreno Glacier, Mount Fitz Roy, or the Deseado Estuary, this academic training become a main goal. At least but with no less importance those courses related to the care and conservation of natural resources, because, in addition, it has sixteen protected areas and three national parks.

Likewise, archaeology and history courses have an important growth, since Patagonia is a place which is rich in prehistoric legacies, fortunately well preserved, such as Las Cuevas de las Manos and the Petrified Forest -close to the Caleta Olivia Unit- declared World Heritage by UNESCO.

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## **Academic Courses**

### **1- Degree courses**

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- Administration Degree
- Economy and Organizations Management Teaching Degree
- Mathematics Teaching Degree
- Social Communication Degree
- Education Sciences Teaching Degree
- Primary Education Teaching Degree
- Primary Education Teaching Degree
- Nursing Degree
- Geography Sciences Degree
- Geography Sciences Teaching Degree
- History Teaching Degree
- Chemical Engineering
- Hygiene and Safety at Work Degree
- Electromechanical Engineering
- Engineering in Renewable Natural Resources



- Systems Engineering
- Systems Degree
- Computer Systems Degree
- Social work Degree
- Literature Teaching Degree
- Literature Degree
- Psychopedagogy Degree
- Turism Degree
- Audiovisual Communication Degree

## 2- **University Technical Degree Courses**

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- University Technical Degree in Energy
- University Technical Degree in Mines
- University Technical Degree in Renewable Natural Resources (Agricultural Production Orientation)
- University Technical Degree in Renewable Natural Resources (oriented to Fruit and Vegetable Production)
- University Technical Degree in Renewable Natural Resources (Aquaculture Production Orientation)
- Systems Analyst
- University Technical Degree in Web Development
- University Technical Degree in Computer Networks
- University Technical Degree in Organizational Management
- University Technical Degree in Tourism
- University Technical Degree in Therapeutic Accompaniment

## 3- **Posgraduates Studies**

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- PhD in Applied Sciences
- PhD in Social Sciences
- Master's Degree in Management and Administration of Natural Resources in Patagonia
- Master's Degree in Interdisciplinary Research Strategies and Methodologies in Social Sciences
- Master's Degree in Education in Virtual Environments
- Master's Degree in Computer Science and Systems
- Higher University Diploma in Extension, Transfer and Technological Linking
- Higher University Diploma in Management and Conservation of Protected Areas
- Higher University Diploma in Technopedagogical Design in Digital Environments
- Higher University Diploma in Educational Recreation and Community Practices



#### 4- International Mobility Program

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- Website of the Coordination of Interinstitutional Relations for Academic Cooperation

The Coordination of Interinstitutional Relations for Academic Cooperation works to promote internationalisation policies and to incorporate an international dimension in the functions of teaching, research and extension as well as the excellence of student academic training in this context.

The responsibility in the promotion of cooperation and internationalisation activities between UNPA university and other educational, scientific and cultural organisations in the country and abroad is a goal of much importance. These activities include the academic mobility of students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff, as well as the development of research projects in collaboration with universities abroad, which include the management, monitoring and reporting of these projects within the framework of the current regulations of the Ministerio de Educación y Deportes. Followed by the creation or consolidation of networks; the development of joint educational programmes and the management of internationalisation agreements.

Given the geographical context in which the University is immersed, the UNPA as a destination University offers several services to the incoming mobility visitors such as accommodation in our residences in order to simplify their stay, as well as discounts on food, photocopies, transfers, other expenses involved in mobility, including support in the process of immigration proceeding in all cases, as we understand that in a province like ours, the UNPA should encourage and promote exchanges in all aspects, economic, academic, cultural and others.

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English language training programs	Not available



### **AT A GLIPSE**

#### **UNPA campus website access**

- Website Campus Rio Gallegos
- Website Campus Caleta Olivia
- Website Campus San Julián
- Website Campus Río Turbio

#### **Schools and Institutes**

- Website Campus UNPA Schools (\*)
- Website Campus UNPA Institutes

*(\*) The UNPA University Statute defines Schools as academic organizations which are integrated by its related degree training programs for degree courses.*

#### **Academic Research**

- Website Research Centres
- Website Research Groups