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## Economy

GDP (current US\$):  
\$488.2 billion in 2013

GDP by composition:

Manufacturing: 19.5%

Commerce and  
tourism: 15.7%

Finance, real estate and  
business services: 16%

## Corruption

According to Transparency International's "2013 Corruption Perception Index," Argentina is the 106<sup>th</sup> "cleanest" or least corrupt region out of the 176 that were scored.

## Additional Resources

Argentine Tourism Guide  
[www.turismo.gov.ar/eng/menu.htm](http://www.turismo.gov.ar/eng/menu.htm)

Buenos Aires Herald,  
an English language  
daily newspaper  
[www.buenosairesherald.com/](http://www.buenosairesherald.com/)



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Among lawyers in Argentina, it is especially common to use the term “doctor” to refer to other colleagues. It is also common for clients to address their lawyers as doctor.

From the very first greeting in the morning when entering the courts (“Good morning, doctor”) to giving a lecture (“I hereby oppose the doctor’s question”) or offering a chair to a colleague (“Please, sit down, doctor”), the term is used in a natural manner.

This term is so generally used that very few people know that not all lawyers are doctors. On the contrary, it is a degree that can only be held by those who have a PhD from a university authorized to grant the maximum academic degree — not only in Argentina but also in foreign countries. This means that those who are willing to become a doctor generally complete

a Master’s Degree, as well as a variety of courses that are required of doctoral candidates. They also defend a thesis in public, which implies that they have given an original contribution to the discipline, corresponding to a chosen specialization.

Notwithstanding the above, and due to deeply rooted formal and customary reasons, all lawyers are called doctor, and this is not a misappropriation of a degree, which is included in our criminal code.

Therefore, it is worth mentioning that as long as the term is used as a way of expressing respect and good manners, a lawyer can be called doctor in Argentina without it being perceived as ridiculous.

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