

On Argentinian Spanish:  
longer pretonic and tonic syllables in Córdoba-City than in Buenos Aires?  
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Argentinian Spanish is one of the most salient varieties in American Spanish, partly due to Italian immigration during the 19th and 20th century. So we can find special features in the Argentinian address-system, the lexicon, in morphology and also in sounds and suprasegmentals. (As Gabriel 2007 shows, the typical intonation of Buenos Aires emerges in Spanish-Neapolitan contact.) I will concentrate though on one very specific Argentinian dialect, that is spoken in Córdoba-City, Central Argentina. This region is famous for its vowel-length in pretonic position, a feature that is rather unusual in Spanish rhythm.