



UC | Chile

GLOBAL MOBILITY

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UC CHILE IN NUMBERS

UC Chile (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) seeks excellence in the creation and transfer of knowledge and in the provision of a Catholic- based education to form people at the service of society.



Founded in 1888, the university currently has nearly 33,000 students and 3,500 professors. Nearly 1,000 international come to UC Chile experience a mobility program.



We maintain rigorous academic standards. As a result, we are ranked the best university in Latin America (QS University Rankings 2023) and **93rd** world (2024).



Currently, we offer more than **60 undergraduate** programs with **110 careers**, **105 master's** programs and **39 PhD** programs.



Our university has **four campuses in Santiago** and one in **Villarrica**, located in the south of Chile.



It has **18 faculties**, **6 interdisciplinary** academic units and the UC Chile **College Program**.



More than 1,800 international students come to **UC Chile** to participate in a **mobility program** and improve their global competences.

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1.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FIRST SEMESTER

Classes begin

First week of March.

Classes end

Last week of June.

Exams

Fourth week of June until the third week of July.

SECOND SEMESTER

Classes begin

First week of August.

Classes end

Third week of November.

Exams

Fourth week of November until the third week of December.

HOLIDAYS IN CHILE

Learn about Chile's national holidays [here](#)

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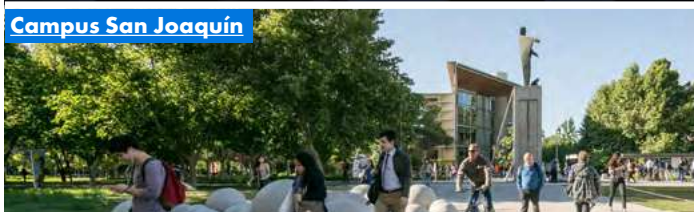
Campus Lo Contador



Campus Oriente



Campus San Joaquín



Campus Villarrica



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SEMESTER MOBILITY AND DOUBLE DEGREES

EXCHANGE (BILATERAL MOBILITY)

A mobility agreement with the home institution is needed

[More information](#)

STUDY ABROAD (FREE MOVERS)

No agreement required

[More information](#)

DOUBLE DEGREE

A double degree agreement with the home institution is needed

[More information](#)

REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

General requirements

- Certificate of spanish knowledge level B2*
- GPA 3.0

Needed documentation

- Official Academic Transcript from home university
- Nomination letter from home university ([download here](#)).
- Certificate of Spanish knowledge B2 (DELE, SIELE or Certificate from home university stating level B2).
- Passport valid during all the mobility period.
- Photo (color, 20-60 KB, jpg format).
- Application for [academic adjustments](#).

Specific requirements [here](#).



SEMESTER MOBILITY AND DOUBLE DEGREES

APPLICATION CALENDAR AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Application calendar

If the student comes for 2 semesters, Architecture applicants or Double Degree applicants:

- **Mar-Jul:** July 31th - October 1st
- **Aug-Dec:** December 1st - April 1st

If the student comes for 1 semester:

- **Mar-Jul:** July 31th - October 15st
- **Aug-Dec:** December 1st - April 15st

Academic information

- [Course catalogue](#): referential information, the availability of vacancies for the courses on this list varies each semester.
- [UC Chile Credit System](#)
- [Restricted study areas](#): check here the areas and courses that are not open for exchange students.
- [Grading system](#)
- [Piane UC](#): Learn more about students with special educational needs and the support they can receive through Piane UC.

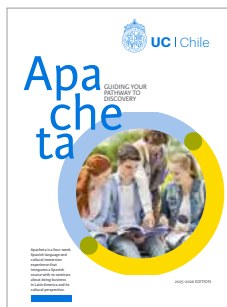
SPANISH COURSES

In the event of duly substantiated exceptions, students who demonstrate a B1 CEFR level of Spanish may apply, provided they enroll in the B2 Spanish course at UC Chile. This course is offered at a preferential cost for exchange and double degree students. Enrollment is completed alongside acceptance into the mobility program.

[More information](#)

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS



APACHETA

Apacheta is a four-week Spanish language and cultural immersion experience that integrates Spanish courses with 8 seminars about doing business in Latin America and its cultural perspective.

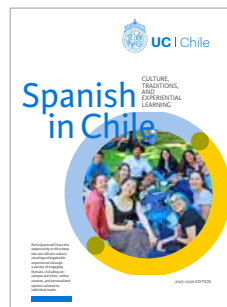
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INTERCULTURAL APPROACHES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

It is an international experiential learning that offers conceptual and empirical elements of social sciences to place health-disease processes in a complex sociocultural environment.

[More information](#)



SPANISH IN CHILE

This program seeks to promote immersion in the Spanish language, full of passion, history and tradition, through different face-to-face and online alternatives, which will allow participants to have an approach to our culture, generating a unique and positive experience.

[More information](#)

TAILOR-MADE COURSES

Personalized programs throughout the year, in which objectives, themes, duration, and modality will be set. You will be able to work with our team to design programs that are tailored to your specific needs and interests.

For more information about these programs, contact:

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STUDY AT UC CHILE AND LIVING IN CHILE

MIGRATORY PROCESS

Exchange students who come to Chile for less than 180 days may enter the country with a **Temporary Stay** permit. While those who come for a year must compulsorily apply for **Temporary Residence** (student subcategory).

[National Immigration Service website](#)

INSURANCE AND HEALTH

Exchange students must have insurance that includes medical expenses for at least USD 30,000; health and funeral repatriation services, and must cover the entire period of stay in Chile. You can check some options [here](#).

More information about emergencies on our campuses can be found [here](#).



STUDY AT UC CHILE AND LIVING IN CHILE

ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

Upon arrival at UC Chile, the international student has the support of the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs and of several groups of students willing to help in all aspects of their exchange.

In addition, at the beginning of each semester, an orientation session is held to ensure that students are aware of all the details regarding course registration, the services offered by the university, and other relevant topics.

Student Groups for International Students at UC Chile



[MAI Buddy Program](#)

[Comisión de Acogida UC](#)

[Cranes of Conecta Asia](#)

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Activities](#)



Sustainable Mobility Experience

We hope that this guide will inspire you to contribute to a greener and more sustainable world by mitigating the impact we generate as human beings on the environment.

[Check here our Green Guide for Internacional Students!](#)

STUDY AT UC CHILE AND LIVING IN CHILE

HOUSING

UC Chile does not have its own university residences, however, you can check our tips and recommendations for finding accommodation [here](#).

ESTIMATE BUDGET

1 Month

Housing

This costs does not include common area expenses

Shared apartment	USD\$360
Furnished apartment	USD\$700 - 900
Student residence	USD\$460 - \$800
Studio	USD\$560 - \$700
Room	USD\$280 - \$460

Transport in Santiago

USD \$60 - 80 (Students can apply the student card TNE) for discounts on public transport if they come for a year)

Personal Expenses

USD \$200 - 240

Semester

Food

USD\$2.000 - \$4.000 (depends on individual consumption)

Textbooks and school supplies

USD \$100 - 160

Medical insurance

USD \$100 - 300 (depends on the insurance)

Semester or year

Immigration proceedings

Staying in the country for less than 180 days: Consider cost of extension transitory stay permit.

Staying in Chile longer than 180 days: Consider the cost of Temporary Residency (student subcategory). Depends on the nationality of applicant.



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Mobility officers work with all the application process-related issues. Student Services officers will contact the students once they are accepted to guide them with the migration process, courses registration, and welcome activities.

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