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GLOBAL MOBILITY

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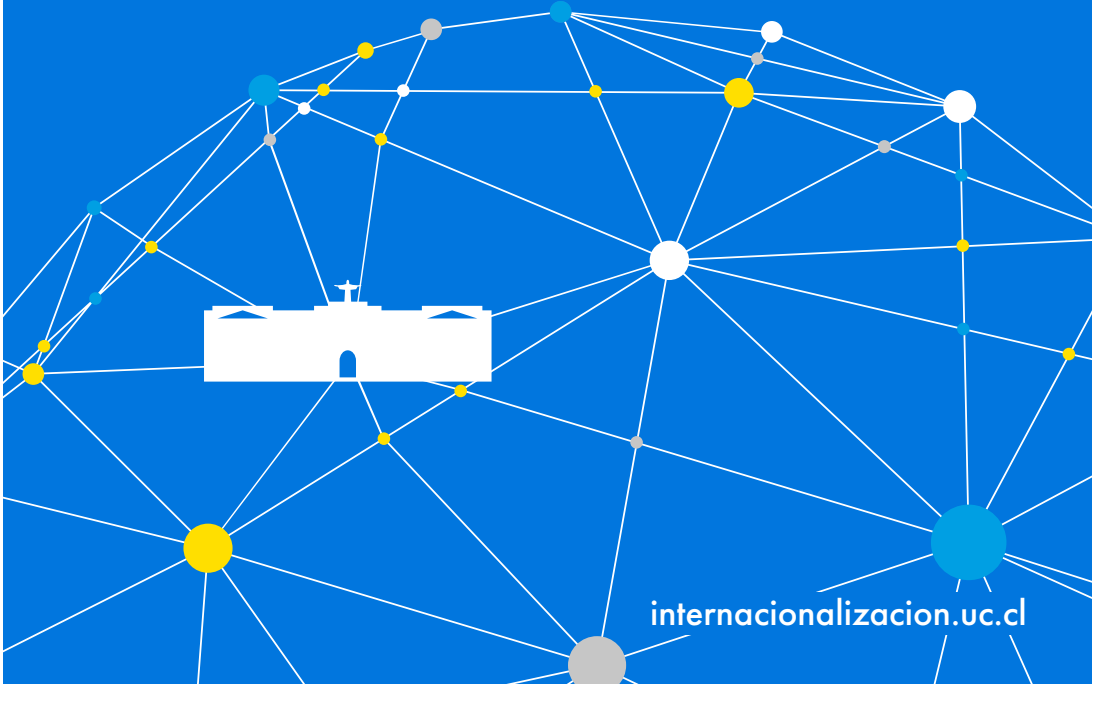

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UC CHILE IN NUMBERS

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Casa Central

Campus Lo Contador

Campus Oriente

Campus San Joaquín

Campus Villarrica

2.
SEMESTER MOBILITY **AND DOUBLE DEGREES**

EXCHANGE (BILATERAL MOBILITY)

A mobility agreement with the home institution is needed

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STUDY ABROAD (FREE MOVERS)

No agreement required

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DOUBLE DEGREE

A double degree agreement with the home institution is needed

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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.

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.

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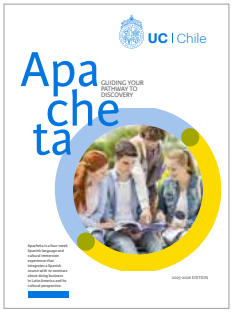
SPECIAL PROGRAMS



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.

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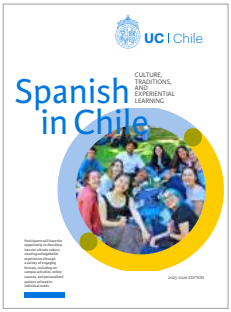

SPANISH IN CHILE

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.

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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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4.
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.

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

University life

UC Chile Libraries

UC Chile Sports

UC Chile Student Life

UC Chile Social Iniciatives

Innovation Initiatives

UC Chile Cultural 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!

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 apartament	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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