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 students come to UC | Chile to experience a mobility program.

We maintain rigorous academic standards. As a result, we are ranked the best university in Latin America (QS Latin America University Rankings 2023) and 103rd in the world (QS University Rankings 2024).

Our university has four campuses in Santiago and one in Villarrica, in the South of Chile.

It has 18 faculties, four interdisciplinary academic units and the UC | Chile College Program.

Currently, we offer more than 60 undergraduate programs with 110 careers, 93 Master's programs and 38 PhD programs.

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UC | Chile 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.

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Holidays in Chile
Learn about Chile’s national holidays [here](#)

*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.*
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 applications 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).
- Passport valid during all the mobility period.
- Photo (color, 20-60 KB, jpg format).
- Application for academic adjustments (download here)
  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 sem: July 31th - October 1st
- Aug-Dec sem: December 1st - April 1st

If the student comes for 1 semester:
- Mar-Jul sem: July 31th - October 15st
- Aug-Dec sem: 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.

*In the event of duly substantiated exceptions, students who accredit a B1 CEFR level of Spanish may apply as long as they compulsory enroll in the B2 Spanish course at UC Chile. This course has a preferential cost for exchange and double degree students. Enrollment is done together with acceptance to the mobility program.
Other 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.

  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

- **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

- **Tailor made**
  
  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 and other programs, contact:

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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).

Insurance and Health

Exchange students must have insurance that includes medical expenses for at least USD 30,000; explicit coverage against COVID-19; health and funeral repatriation services, and must cover the entire period of stay in Chile.

You can check some options here.

### Estimate monthly budget

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| Food                                                     | USD $2,000 - $4,000 (depends on individual consumption) |

| Transport (in Santiago)                                  | USD $60 - $80 (Students can access the student card (TNE) for discounts on public transport) |

| Textbooks and School Supplies                            | USD $100 - $160 |

| Personal Expenses                                        | USD $240 |

### OTHER COSTS TO CONSIDER

| Medical insurance (5 months)                             | USD $100 - 300 (depends on the insurance) |

| Immigration proceedings                                  | Staying in the country for less than 180 days*: Consider the cost of the extension of the transitory stay permit. Staying in Chile longer than 180 days*: Consider the cost of Temporary Residency (student subcategory). Depends on the nationality of the applicant. *Check details in our Guide. |

Housing

UC Chile does not have its own university residences, however, you can check our tips and recommendations for finding accommodation 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 so that the student knows all the details about registering for courses, services offered by the university, and other topics.

UC Chile’s student groups for international students

- MAI Buddy Program
- Comisión de Acogida U
- UC Chile Libraries
- UC Chile Sports
- UC Chile Student Life
- UC Chile Social Initiatives

Check here our Green Guide for Internacional Students!