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 2022) and 121st in the world (QS University Rankings 2023).

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.
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
**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](#)

- **Community Engagement Program**
  - Enroll in courses at UC | Chile and develop a practical learning experience in public or private institutions.
  - [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](#)

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**Application Calendar and Academic Information**

**Application Calendar**

- **First semester (March-July)**
  - From June 20th to September 30th, 2022

- **Second semester (August-December)**
  - From November 1st to March, 2023

**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.

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*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 linguistic and cultural immersion experience that integrates Spanish courses with intensive credit courses in different disciplines. It seeks to improve fluency in Spanish while learning about local history and culture.

  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 in times of pandemics**
  Short-term program and international experiential learning initiative that seeks to provide research techniques to prepare young researchers for research projects in public or private institutions through an intercultural approach to health.

  More information

- **Tailor made**
  Personalized programs throughout the year, in which objectives, themes, duration and modality are set with a group of 10 or more students. You will be able to work with our team to design programs that are tailored to your specific needs and interests.

  More information

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).

Estimated 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 this list of options of Residences and Reference Agencies.

Check out 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 UC
- Tandem Lingüístico

Student Services

- UC Chile Libraries
- UC Chile Sports
- UC Chile Student Life
- UC Chile Social Initiatives

Learn more details by entering our guide Get ready to arrive in Chile!