



PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE CHILE
VICE-PRESIDENCY FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

Information Sheet
(For academic exchange 2013)

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General Information

General inquiries	intercambio@uc.cl (outgoing students) exchange@uc.cl (incoming students)
Website for exchange-related information	http://internationalrelations.uc.cl/
General information	<p>Founded in 1888 National non state University with 23.4 % public support. Ranked 2 in L.A. and 195 worldwide (QS World Univ. Rankings, 2012)</p> <p>Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate: 20.107 • Graduate students: 3.464 <p>Faculty Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total faculty staff: 2.984 • 1.519 full time faculty members. • 87% of the faculty members have formal graduate training. <p>Graduate Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters: 87 • PhD: 30 <p>Faculties: 18 Academic Units: 30 Library: more than 1,700,000 items of bibliographic material at 9 libraries. Campus: 4 (Casa Central, San Joaquín, Campus Oriente, Lo Contador in Santiago). Physical Facilities: 273.232 m2. Regional Campus: Villarrica (city of Villarrica)</p>
Academic Calendar	http://internationalrelations.uc.cl/alumnos-internacionales/intercambio-en-la-uc/calendario-academico
First semester (March-July)	Teaching: Early March-Late June Examinations: Late June- Mid-July
Second semester (August-December)	Teaching: Early August-Late November Examinations: Early December-Mid-December
Number of credits or units that UC undergraduate students need to complete in one semester/term	50 UC credits maximum (most of the courses at UC are 10-credit courses) 30 UC credits minimum
Number of credits or units required for completion of undergraduate honors degree	Between 400 to 500 credits
Language of instruction	<p>Spanish. Some courses are taught in English, around 30 in Economics, Engineering, Business, Linguistics, Law and Journalism among others. Please, check the weblink for courses taught in English at: http://dsrd.uc.cl/dara/libcursos/periodo21/en/en_ingles.html http://dsrd.uc.cl/dara/libcursos/periodo22/en/en_ingles.html</p>
Course book	http://dsrd.uc.cl/alumnos-uc/cursos
Special language courses for exchange students	Spanish language courses (Intensive[pre-semester], Intermediate, Advanced, Superior and Higher level) http://internationalrelations.uc.cl/alumnos-internacionales/cursos-de-espanol-para-extranjeros

UC Grading System Source: UC's Registrar Office	UC	USA	ECTS
	7,00 to 6,75	A+	A (Excellent)
	6,74 to 6,25	A	
	6,24 to 6,00	A-	
	5,99 to 5,75	B+	B (Very Good)
	5,74 to 5,25	B	
	5,24 to 5,0	B-	
	4,99 to 4,75	C+	C (Good)
	4,74 to 4,25	C	D (Satisfactory)
	4,24 to 4,00	C-	E (Sufficient)
3,99 to 1,00	F	FX Fail)/Fail	
Credit system	UC Credit System One credit: one hour of work per week. This includes both contact hours and individual work, during 18 weeks (one semester). A full time student is expected to accumulate 50 credits per semester, usually 5 courses of 10 credits each (4 contact hours a week * + 6 hours of individual work per week). The total is 900 hours per semester. UC does not restrict the number of credits international students may take, though we do advise not to take more than 30-40 UC credits per semester, depending on their Spanish language proficiency. *3 sessions of 80 minutes each. -Minimum academic load full time UC students = 30 credits per semester.		
UC study areas	Aesthetics (Art history) Journalism Agriculture Law Architecture Letters, Literature Arts Linguistics Astronomy Mathematics Biochemistry Medicine Biology Music Business Nursing Chemistry Pharmacy Civil Construction Philosophy Design Physics Drama Political Science Economics Psychology Education Social Work Engineering (IT, Tel., others) Sociology Geography Theology History Translation Urban Studies		
Main study fields at UC	Agriculture, Architecture, Arts, Design, Economics, Engineering, Humanities (Letters, History, Political Sciences), Medicine, Social Sciences & Urban Studies.		
Calendar National & International holidays *Dates may be altered	New Year January, 1st. Easter Mid-March or Mid-April. Labor Day May, 1st. Combate Naval de Iquique May, 21st. Virgen del Carmen July, 16th. Assumption of the Virgin Mary August, 15th. Fiestas Patrias (Independence day) September, 18th. Día de las glorias del ejército September, 19th. * Columbus Day October, 12th. All saints' day November, 1st.		

	Immaculate conception day December, 8th. Christmas December, 25th.
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Exchange-related information

Level	Undergraduate & Graduate.
Number of exchange students admitted from each partner institution	Reviewed each year according to balances.
Duration of exchange	1 or 2 semesters.
Programs/courses open to exchange students	All, except Medicine and Music. In addition, there are restrictions to the following: 1) Music: Only theory courses. 2) Medicine: Only certain theoretical courses of public health and clinical rotations. 3) Economics and Administrative Sciences: Courses restricted to applicants who fulfill the requirements of each course. 4) Psychology Courses: Students in their second to fourth year in the major may apply. 5) Biological Sciences: Marine Biology courses are restricted. 6) Art Courses: Art courses are available just to Art major applicants. 7) Physical Education Courses: Students must bring their personal equipment to class, according to the sport of interest.
Are graduate students accepted in the exchange program?	Yes
Are exchange students allowed to register courses from different areas?	Yes
Services available to exchange students (e.g. internet access, sports facilities, libraries, student organizations, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Student Identification Card · Library Access · Computer Facilities (labs and wifi) · Student Health Services (availability subject to international health insurance provided by Foreign Exchange Students) · Volunteering activities
Deadline for applying to UC	May, 2nd for August-December semester (Second semester) October, 30th for March-July semester (First semester)
Are application materials available online?	Online application at https://www2.puc.cl/web_rai/jsp/rai_alumno_extrj_ingreso_form.jsp?codIdiomPag=EN
Supporting documents required to be submitted with the exchange application form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An official transcript (academic record). •Print of pdf form generated from the online application. •A letter from the home university's International Office stating that the applicant is a regular student and identifying him as an exchange student or a study abroad student. •one photograph (35mm x 35mm passport size). •a Spanish proficiency certificate (4 university level semesters passed or a certificate of equivalent studies, only for non-native Spanish speakers, as reference please use B2 according to CEFR, no high school certificate will be considered).

Arrival/Orientation program

Recommended arrival dates	Mid-February for March-July semester (First semester). Mid-July for August-December semester (Second Semester).
Is airport pick-up service available?	Not available.
Orientation program	First week of March for March-July semester (First semester). Last week in July for August-December semester (Second semester).
Cost of orientation program	Free of charge.

Accommodation

Is university-administered accommodation available to exchange students?	No
If university-administered accommodation is not available, will there be any assistance in finding private housing?	Information of private independent housing services available at: http://internationalrelations.uc.cl/alumnos-internacionales/bienvenido-a-la-uc/alojamiento

Visa Requirements

Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	Yes. Information on application procedures for a student visa can be found at: http://internationalrelations.uc.cl/alumnos-internacionales/bienvenido-a-la-uc/todo-sobre-la-uc or http://www.minrel.gov.cl/prontus_minrel/site/edic/base/port/representaciones.php
Are exchange students allowed to work	On campus: no Off campus: no
Is a special visa required for work?	Yes

Insurance

Are exchange students required to purchase a Health insurance compulsory plan?	Health Insurance is mandatory. Students must purchase their own Health insurance in their countries of origin before they travel to Chile.
Are medical services provided in campus?	Yes. Universidad Católica de Chile has complete students health services, including all medical specialties, dental attention, psychological attention and counseling, for the exclusive use of its students (Students must have their own Health Insurance and pay for the cost of all health services). Students must ask for refunding of any medical expense made in Chile to his own Health Insurance company.

Estimated expenses per semester (in US dollars) one semester is approximately 5 months

University-administered accommodation	Not available.
Private accommodation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furnished apartment • Students' residence • Family house (full board) 	3500 USD – 3700 USD 1900 USD – 2500 USD 2500 USD – 3000 USD
Food/Meals(Home Cooking)	3000 USD - 3200 USD
Local transportation (in Santiago only)	1250 USD - 1500 USD
Academic expenses (e.g. books, photocopies, etc.)	500 USD- 700 USD
Personal expenses	1200 USD approximately.
Insurance	UC does not offer Health Insurance.
Any fees other than tuition(e.g. student services)	*The student must ask for refunding of any medical expenses made in Chile to his/her own health insurance company.