



PONTIFICIA
UNIVERSIDAD
CATÓLICA
DE CHILE

Information Sheet
(For academic exchange 2018)

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General Information

General inquiries	intercambios@uc.cl (outgoing students) exchange@uc.cl (incoming students)		
Website for exchange-related information	http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/		
General information	<p>Founded in 1888 Ranked 1 in Latin America (QS World Univ. Rankings, 2017)</p> <p>Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate: 25.378 • Graduate students: 5.055 <p>Faculty Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.816 full time faculty members. <p>Graduate Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters: 93 • PhD: 34 <p>Schools: 18 Academic Departments: 54 Library: 11 libraries in 5 campus Campus: 4 (Casa Central, San Joaquín, Campus Oriente, Lo Contador in Santiago). Regional Campus: Villarrica (city of Villarrica, La Araucanía)</p>		
Academic Calendar	See link		
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 (full-time)		
Number of credits or units required for completion of undergraduate honors degree	Between 400 to 500 credits		
Language of instruction	Spanish. Some courses are taught in English, around 30 in areas such as Economics, Engineering, Business, Linguistics, Law and Journalism among others. In addition, English level ALTE 2 or ALTE 3 is recommended (English not mandatory).		
Course book	http://buscacursos.uc.cl/		
Special language courses for exchange students	Spanish language courses (Intensive[pre-semester], Intermediate, Advanced, Superior and Higher level) See link		
UC Grading System	UC	USA	ECTS
Source: UC's Registrar Office	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 (3 contact hours a week * + 7 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. - <i>Minimum academic load full-time UC students = 30 UC credits per semester.</i>		
UC study areas	Aesthetics Agriculture Architecture Arts Astronomy Biochemistry Biology Business Chemistry Civil Construction Design Drama Economics Education Engineering (Civil, IT, Tel., others) Geography History Journalism Law Letters, Literature Linguistics Mathematics Medicine Music Nursing Pharmacy Philosophy Physics Political Science Psychology Social Work Sociology Theology 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 Late-March or early-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.		

Exchange-related information

Level of student	Undergraduate & Graduate (according to each student's level of studies)
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	<p>All, except Medicine and Music. In addition, there are restrictions on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Music: Only theory courses. 2) Medicine: Only certain theoretical courses in public health and clinical rotations. Odontology, Nutrition and Dietetics and Kinesiology are not available to apply. 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 not available. 6) Art Courses: Art courses are available only to Art major applicants. 7) Achitecture: provide a 2 pages PDF portfolio (letter size). Students can apply only to: Taller de proyectos (Formación 1st-3rd year / Ejercitación 4th y 5th year) Core courses (no restriction) and elective courses (2 as maximum). Student cannot apply to: Aulas de Título (career final project), Taller de Investigación(reasearch workshop), Práctica de Obras y Práctica Profesional (professional practice). There are few spots at Architecture and acceptance cannot be guaranteed. 8) Sports Courses: Students must bring their personal equipment to class, according to their sport of interest. 9) Performing Arts: students who are interested in registering for practical courses at the school of Performing Arts must include a link to a personal video showing a scene and a monologue in Spanish.
Are graduate students accepted in the exchange program?	Yes
Are exchange students allowed to register courses from different areas?	Yes, depending on the type of academic agreement with each foreign institution.
Services available to exchange students (e.g. internet access, sports facilities, libraries, student organizations, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · UC Student Identification Card · Library Access · Computer Facilities (wired internet connection and WI-FI) · 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 See link
Supporting documents required to be submitted with the exchange application form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An official transcript (academic record). •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. •A Spanish proficiency certificate (B2 level certificate according to CEFR).
Is there an English proficiency requirement?	Level ALTE 2 or ALTE3 recommended according to area of studies (recommended, not mandatory).

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: See link

Visa Requirements

Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	Yes. Information on application procedures for a student visa can be found at: see link or
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	http://chile.gob.cl/consulados/
Are exchange students allowed to work	On campus: no Off campus: no
Is a special visa required to work?	Yes

Insurance

Are exchange students required to purchase a Health insurance compulsory plan?	International Health Insurance is mandatory. Students must purchase their own Health insurance (full coverage) in their countries of origin before they travel to Chile.
Are medical services offered in campus?	Yes. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile has complete student 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	
• Furnished apartment	3500 USD – 4500 USD
• Students' residence	2300 USD – 4000 USD
• Family house (full board)	2800 USD – 3500 USD
Food/Meals	3500 USD - 4500 USD
Local transportation (in Santiago only)	1500 USD - 2500 USD
Academic expenses (e.g. books, photocopies, etc.)	500 USD- 800 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.