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IN TIMES OF  
PANDEMICS  
ACTIVE  
RESEARCH

# Intercultural approaches for public health



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# About us

The UC | Chile was founded in 1888, and it is also one of Chile's oldest universities and one of the most recognized educational institutions in Latin America. We have a permanent commitment to quality in our service to fulfill our founding mission. We hold rigorous academic standards and adopt international best practices from top universities worldwide.

The University has 18 faculties, including schools and institutes; an interdisciplinary institute, the [UC College Program](#), and the [Villarrica Campus](#), and, together they cover all areas of knowledge. Also, it has four campuses in Santiago and one in Villarrica, in Southern Chile. Each of them has its own identity and is linked to a different historical moment.



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# The program

The Initiative offers conceptual and empirical elements of social sciences to place health-disease processes in a complex sociocultural environment. It provides a varied vision of medicine and its history, considering different medical systems and going deeply into traditional Mapuche and Aymara medicine and its worldview. Both tensions and exchanges between globalization processes and local identities are analyzed along with the presentation of the intercultural approach as an analytical perspective and practical strategy in the health systems.



## Intercultural approaches for public health in times of pandemics

It is an international experiential learning initiative that seeks to provide techniques for research to prepare young investigators for observing, developing, supporting, or finishing research projects in public or private institutions through an intercultural approach to health.

In this opportunity, the offer focuses on promoting students' immersion (of any Degree course) in research methodologies within an experiential learning context applied to health.

### Profile

International or national students of any degree course, both undergraduate and master's degree students, interested in developing research and intercultural skills in health.

### Features

- January 2023 and January 2024
- Theoretical-practical classes on health and interculturality
- The course is taught entirely in English
- Four field trips (Clinical Observations)
- Effective Leadership Workshop
- Pitch Training Workshop
- Cultural experiences
- Mentoring
- Completion certificate

#### COURSE FEE

USD \$ 1,000 (a minimum of 10 students to be taught)

### Applying Documents

- Cover letter in English or Spanish. Send all documents to [cbonilla@uc.cl](mailto:cbonilla@uc.cl), with the intention to participate in the program (400 words maximum). The letter is addressed to Vicerrectoría de Asuntos Internacionales UC | Chile
- CV in English or Spanish
- Certificate of the Spanish language (optional).

## PROGRAM CALENDAR INTERCULTURAL APPROCHES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

VRAI ACTIVITIES

RESEARCH

WORKSHOP

LECTURES

CLINICAL OBSERVATIONS

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

			WEDNESDAY 4	THURSDAY 5	FRIDAY 6	
January 4-6, 2023			Welcome Meeting /Knowing the Program	Ethnicity and Health Care in Chile: “The first Nations”	Intercultural Health	
			Chilean Epidemiology and Population	Ethnicity and Health Care in Chile: Mapuche´s Worldview		
			Campus Tour			
	MONDAY 9	TUESDAY 10	WEDNESDAY 11	THURSDAY 12	FRIDAY 13	SATURDAY 14
January 9-14, 2023	Ethnicity and Health Care in Chile: Aymaras´ Worldview	Clinical Observation: Mapu ches´ Intercultural Practices	Health Systems in Chile	Research Topic / Case Study	Clinical Observation: Sótero del Río Public Hospital	Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso
	Effective Leadership		Social Welfare in Chile			
	MONDAY 16	TUESDAY 17	WEDNESDAY 18	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20	
January 16-20, 2023	Research Topic / Case Study	Clinical Observation HCUC Hospital	Chile and the Pandemic / Vaccination	Health, Identity, and Globalization	International Speaker (virtually)	
			Pandemic and Indigenous Peoples	Humanitarian Crisis and Health		
			Pitch Perfect	Study hour/Q&A		
	MONDAY 23	TUESDAY 24				
January 23-24, 2023	Migration and Health: Fundación Fre	Final Presentation				
		Graduation Day				

# Faculties

## Faculty of Medicine School of Nursing | [enfermeria.uc.cl](http://enfermeria.uc.cl)



**PAOLA CABA MELLA, RN, MSC.**

Registered Nurse, Faculty Member of School of Nursing UC | Chile, MSc Nursing with mention of Care Management. Diploma Global Health and Diploma in Teaching. Department of Child and Adolescent Health. Line of Research: Historic Nursing and Nursing Leadership.



**SOLANGE CAMPOS ROMERO, RN, MSC, PH.D.**

A midwife from the University of Chile. Nurse-midwife from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Master in Social Psychology from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Ph.D. in Public Health from the University of Chile. Associate Professor Department of Child and Adolescent Health. Her line of research is Chronic Health Conditions.



**LISETTE IRARRÁZABAL, RN, MSC, PH.D.**

Nurse from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Ph.D. at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). Assistant Professor at the UC | Chile School of Nursing. Adjunct Professor of Nursing and Health Studies in Miami, USA. Line of research: Chronic diseases, particularly in HIV prevention, smoking cessation, and interdisciplinary education.



**TATIANA OSORIO, RN, MSC ©**

Registered Nurse, Faculty Member of School of Nursing UC | Chile. MSc © Nursing UC. Diploma in Integrated Care of NANEAS and Diploma in Clinical Research. Department of Child and Adolescent Health. Coordinator in International Affairs Direction. Line of research: Paediatric Intensive Care - Migration - Occupational Health - Nurses Thriving at work.



**CAMILA VARELA LORETO, RN, MSC.**

Registered Nurse, Faculty Member of School of Nursing UC | Chile. MSc. Nursing UC Department of Adult and Senescent Coordinator in International Affairs Direction. Line of research: Community mental health, internationalization, psychiatric nursing.

## Faculty of Social Sciences

### School of Social Work | [trabajosocial.uc.cl](http://trabajosocial.uc.cl)



**KARLA GONZÁLEZ SUITT, MSC, PH.D.**

Social Worker and MSW, UC | Chile, Ph.D. in Social Work The University of Texas at Austin. Assistant Professor at School of Social Work, Pontifical Catholic University. Interest fields: evaluation of intervention programs, brief interventions for mental health in primary care, solution-focused brief therapy, implementation and evaluation of child protective services programs, training and accompaniment of teams in residential homes for children and adolescents.

## School of Anthropology | [antropologia.uc.cl](http://antropologia.uc.cl)



**MARGARITA CARIPAN ORTIZ, MSC.**

Margarita is an expert in food anthropology, a traditional Mapuche cook, and a researcher on indigenous peoples' aesthetics, memories, and thoughts. She is a professional journalist and has a degree in Aesthetics from the Instituto de Estética at UC Chile. Margarita also is a graduate of the Latin American Studies master's degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). She is currently developing her master's research in Latin American Anthropology from the Alberto Hurtado University entitled Flavors of Wallmapu, a la waria. Memory and supply networks for a Mapuche kitchen in the city. She is the director of two projects funded by FONDART, both about traditional Mapuche cooking practices in Santiago de Chile..



**GABRIELA PIÑA, MSC, PH.D.**

Sociologist UC | Chile and has a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology at the London School of Economics. Her research deals mostly with the Mapuche people of Chile, indigenous children, teaching and learning, intercultural education, applied anthropology, and medical anthropology. She is currently working on several projects for children using participatory techniques.



## Accommodations

We can recommend places in an excellent neighborhood near public transportation connections, stores, restaurants, and more.

### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Vice presidency of International Affairs offers one cultural activity included in the program; this is a world heritage site named by UNESCO.

[The Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso.](#)



#### THE HISTORIC QUARTER OF THE SEAPORT CITY OF VALPARAÍSO

The colonial city of Valparaíso presents an excellent example of late 19th-century urban and architectural development in Latin America. In its natural amphitheater-like setting, the city is characterized by a vernacular urban fabric adapted to the hillsides that are dotted with a great variety of church spires. It contrasts with the geometrical layout utilized in the plain. The city has preserved its interesting early industrial infrastructures, such as the numerous 'elevators' on the steep hillsides.

## Other Cultural and Social Activities in Santiago and Surroundings

Here you have a complementary list of activities for you during your stay.

- [The Museum of Memory and Human Rights](#)
- [Santiago Metropolitan Park](#)
- [Santiago Cable Car \(Teleférico\)](#) to enjoy the city from above
- [ECIM UC | The Coastal Marine Research Station](#) and [Isla Negra Pablo Neruda's Museum](#)
- [Centro Cultural La Moneda \(CCLM\)](#)
- Wine and Traditions Tour
- [Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art](#)



## Contact

To request more information about this and other opportunities to Study abroad, please contact:  
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