



UC | Chile

Action Research

EMBRACING
CULTURE AND
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT



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About us

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 are strongly committed to delivering quality service to fulfill our funding mission, and 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 [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.



QS Latin
America
University
Rankings
2022



Worldwide
2023 QS
Ranking



Worldwide
in Academic
Reputation
2023 QS
Ranking



In Chile
2023 QS
Ranking



Years of
accreditation
in the 5 areas
evaluated by
the Chilean
National
Accreditation
Commission
(CNA)



In Chilean
invention
patent
applications



The Program

Action Research is a one-semester international student exchange program in an experiential and situated learning context to acquire interdisciplinary knowledge. In this program, students will enroll in two regular courses directly linked to social-focused matters and -at the same time- participate in one of three professional experience alternatives.

Professional Experience Alternatives

The students must choose two courses and one available professional experience related to a track.



RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

The students will develop, support, or complete a research/creation project in a public or private institution.



PRACTICAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The student will have the opportunity to face a situation, challenge, or project in a real context, to support its resolution.



VOLUNTEERING

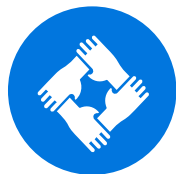
A professional activity where the student participates as a volunteer in an allied organization according to the regular courses developed in the program.

Students Profile

This program is for international undergraduate and master's degree students interested in generating a positive impact on local organizations in Chile in one of these 5 proposed tracks: 1) Work and Society, 2) Health and Diversity, 3) International Cooperation, 4) Design and Communication, 4) Sustainable Development, and 5) Engineering, Innovation, and Technology.

Students must choose two courses from their preferred track and one professional experience

Available Tracks and Courses



TRACK 1 / WORK AND SOCIETY

This track will allow you to understand the relations between communities and individuals and how they interact in a complex society.

COURSES

- Poverty and social exclusion
[TSL589](#)
- Gender and work
[SOL222](#)
- Sociology of large cities
[IEU2002](#)

AVAILABLE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1. Practical Learning Experience:** it will occur in the Community Development Department at the Municipality of San Joaquín, supporting its work with the neighbors in terms of citizen orientation, access to services, and social projects. It will last 2 or 3 months, starting in April and ending in July 2023.
- 2. Practical Learning Experience:** it will occur in the Women's Department at the Municipality of Ñuñoa, supporting its work with the community. It will last 2 or 3 months, starting in April and ending in July 2023.



TRACK 2 / HEALTH AND DIVERSITY

This track supports the exercise of contact with community partners, collecting their members' needs and by how we respond to them in the activities we carry out along with the community in the framework of the Comprehensive Family and Community Health Care model.

COURSES

- Intercultural Health
[ENF1126](#)
- Health and Social Inequalities
[MED835](#)
- Inclusion and Disability: The Value of Diversity
[FON103](#)
- Social Innovation health
[MED832](#)

AVAILABLE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Internship: it will occur in the School of Nursing at UC Chile, supporting the exercise of contact with community partners, collecting their member's needs, and by how we respond to them in the activities. It will last 3 to 4 months, starting in April and ending in July 2023.



TRACK 3 / INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

This track will allow students to learn about the development of international affairs inside an institution and how its members support students in their international experiences.

COURSES

- Gender in International Relations [ICPo346](#)
- Introduction to international relations [ICPo301](#)
- Gender, Communication, and Society [COM904](#)

AVAILABLE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1. Practical Learning Experience:** it will occur in the Internationalization at Home department at Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, supporting various activities such as events, online presentations, and fairs. It will last 3 to 4 months, starting in April and ending in July 2023.
- 2. Practical Learning Experience:** it will occur in the International Students Services department at Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, collaborating with the team to support the international student's experiences. It will last 3 to 4 months, starting in April and ending in July 2023.
- 3. Research Internship:** it will take place in the Direction of Global Mobility at the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, cooperating with the team on aspects related to Exchange and Study Abroad research and global learning experiences. It will last 3 to 4 months, starting in April and ending in July 2023.



TRACK 4 / DESIGN AND COMMUNICATION

The track involves aspects such as connections with international audiences and increasing brand awareness across social media platforms, digital promotion, and websites.

COURSES

- Introduction to Service Design [DNO053](#)
- Gender, Communication, and Society [COM904](#)
- Communication challenges ([Service Learning Course](#)) [COM100](#)
- Disinformation, fake news, and society [COM903](#)
- Social marketing and campaigns ([Service Learning Course](#)) [COM508](#)

PRACTICAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE OPTIONS

This Practical Learning Experience: will allow participants to work directly with the communications Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, collaborating in aspects related to audiences and increasing brand awareness across social media platforms, digital promotion, and websites. It will last 3 to 4 months, starting in April and ending in July 2023.



TRACK 5 / SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The track offers the opportunity to understand aspects related to Sustainable Development in different areas or projects, promoting sustainability training.

COURSES

- Cmd Sustainability ([Service Learning Course](#)) [SUS1000](#)
- Sustainable Local Development: Concepts, Practices, and Politics [IEU2047](#)
- Action research: methods for understanding changing territories [SUS2041](#)

AVAILABLE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Internship: it is focused on the Vincula Project, a gathering system between knowledge producers and decision-makers in the legislative field.

This project develops a system of courses to train faculties to achieve a fluid exchange of knowledge with the Chilean Congress as well as identify or generate didactic material on topics related to science, politics, and public policies—also supporting a strategic communication plan designed for universities and the public. It will last 3 to 4 months, starting in April and ending in July 2023.



Application

The application must be through our coordinator Cristián Bonilla. The following documents must be attached to the application email.

- Motivation statement (300 words max), indicating the track and the preferred professional experience. The letter needs to be addressed to the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs at UC | Chile
- Updated resume (in English or Spanish)
- Transcripts of records
- Official Spanish certificate B2 level

Learning Strategy

Faculties and expert professionals will give group lectures, seminars, and workshops in the area. In addition, the students will have complimentary bibliography, the material used by the faculties, and continued support of the Global Mobility team in their independent work.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- **Duration:** One-semester
- **Deadline:** December 2022
- **Start:** March 2022
- **Certificates:** Participants will receive UC Chile transcripts for each course following the successful approval and another certification for participating in the professional experience.
- **Language:** The program is taught entirely in Spanish.

The program also includes:

- Leadership Workshop
- Mentoring
- **Cultural Experience:** Our program offers a variety of organized activities in and out of Santiago city. The participants would have the opportunity to experience the city and its surrenders.

FEE	USD \$ 2,100 (Universities Partners)
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FEE	USD \$ 2,400 (Universities non-partners)
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Accommodations

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

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Office of the Vice President for International Affairs 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

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