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HI, I'M LUCY!

And I will guide you through your UC experience.



HELLO!

We would like to welcome you to Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC) and wish you the very best on this new adventure.

We have prepared this guide for you to learn a little more about our country and its culture.

[About Chile.](#)



GET TO KNOW US!

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ABOUT CHILE

Chile boasts stunning landscapes and a diverse geography, featuring the world's driest desert, the Atacama, in the north; significant glaciers in the south; a lengthy mountain range traversing the country; and a vast coastal area.

[Find out more!](#)



Important facts you should know about Chile

1

**DISCOVER OUR
PARKS, FORESTS,
FLORA AND
WILDLIFE**



Always remember to protect our natural areas.

2

**LET'S BE
SUSTAINABLE**



Participate in sustainable development projects and share your experiences and ideas with us.

3

**LOOK AFTER
YOURSELF AND
OTHERS**



Learn about the official recommendations and actions you should take in case of an emergency.

4

**BE CAREFUL WITH
YOUR FOOD**



We recommend you steer clear of raw seafood and thoroughly wash all fruits and vegetables prior to consumption. Enjoy Chile's great gastronomy, but be cautious.

5

LIVING COSTS



Manage your budget. The cost of living in Chile can vary greatly. You can check some comparative data here.

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In Chile
QS Ranking 2023

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In Latin America
QS Ranking 2023

Our campuses

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In the world
QS Ranking 2023

The University is comprised of five distinct campuses, four of which are located in different districts of Santiago, and one situated in the southern Chilean city of Villarrica. These campuses serve as both study spaces and cultural landmarks, representing the University's enduring legacy within the communities it serves.

40

Academic reputation
in the world
QS Ranking 2023



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



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Invention patent
applications in Chile

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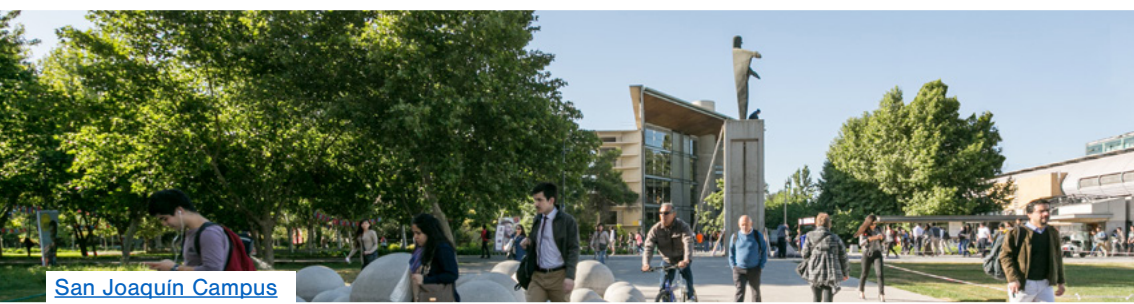
Casa Central



Lo Contador Campus



Oriente Campus



San Joaquín Campus



Villarrica Campus

UNIVERSITY LIFE



UC ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Find all the official and important dates for the UC community



IMPORTANT

Some study areas have greater restrictions



COURSE CATALOG

Find out which courses are reserved for our exchange students



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

There are a number of complementary and intercultural programs that you can access. Check each one here:

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UC WELCOMING COMMITTEE

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- INCLUSION <
- STUDENT HEALTH <
- SPORTS <
- UC PASTORAL <
- OFFICE OF ART AND CULTURE <
- LIBRARY <
- SOCIAL INITIATIVES <
- INTERCULTURALITY <



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

There are a number of areas that will support your UC journey, **get to know them!**



GRADING SCALES AT THE UNIVERSITY

Click the link to learn more about them



Inclusion



Student Health



Pastoral



Libraries



Sports



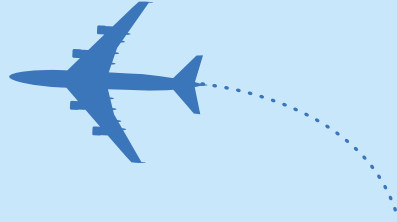
Social Initiatives



Office of Art and Culture



Interculturality



PREPARE YOUR ARRIVAL

Migratory information and important documents

Migration process

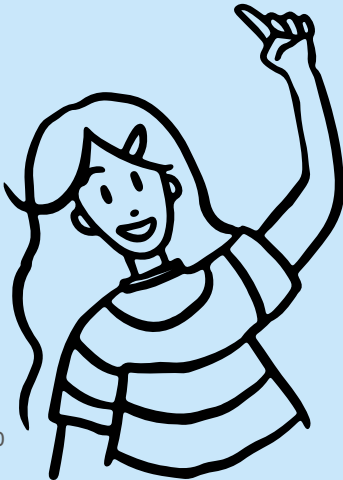
Students, professors, or professionals who are planning to engage in any type of exchange program at UC are advised to take note of the following:

- If you will be staying in the country for less than 180 days, you should enter with a Transitory Stay Visa.
- If plan to stay for a period longer than 180 days, you must apply for a Temporary Resident Visa (for Student or Researcher, depending on the case) through the Official Digital Portal of the National Migration Service.

Transitory Stay Visa

The [“Transitory Stay Visa”](#) does not require any prior authorization or processing, unless your country appears on the following [list](#).

The Transitory Stay Visa is valid for a period of 90 days and may be extended for an additional 90 days. [As such, students, faculty members, or staff who enter the country using this visa must ensure that they extend their temporary stay before the expiration of the initial 90-day period.](#) The extension process can be completed [online](#) during the third month of your stay and carries a fee of USD \$100 or its local equivalent currency.



IMPORTANT/ Individuals holding a Transitory Stay Visa are not permitted to change their immigration status (visa category) while in Chile.

Additionally, those who enter the country with this visa category will not be able to open national bank accounts, nor will they be eligible for discount cards for public transportation.

Temporary Resident Visa (for Students)

Visa applications for foreigners outside Chile must be submitted through the [Official Digital Portal of the National Migration Service](#).

Students, professors, or staff members who plan to stay at the University for longer than 180 days need to apply for a temporary resident visa (for Student or Researcher, depending on the case) before arriving in Chile. This must be requested from your country of origin. Visa approval can take up to four months, so it is recommended that you apply well in advance.

Check all the information about the requirements [here](#).

ID Card for Foreigners

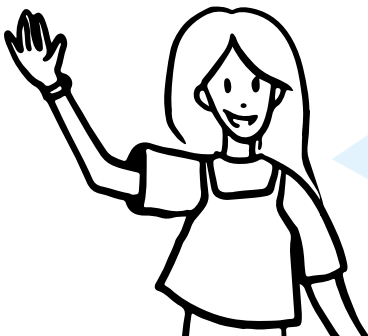
Those entering the country with a temporary resident visa must apply for a Chilean identity card within 30 days of their arrival in the country. All the information can be found [here](#).

Health Insurance

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile requires all international students, professors, or professionals on exchange programs to have health insurance before arriving in the country. This insurance must cover the entire duration of the visitor's stay in Chile, including air travel.

The policy must:

- Include the visitor's full name, as it appears on their passport.
- Include the date of coverage and cover the visitor's entire stay in Chile, including air travel.
- Provide at least USD \$30,000 in medical assistance.
- Explicitly cover COVID-19.
- Include health and funeral repatriation services.



IMPORTANT/ Please ensure that you have your policy number and emergency contact information readily available in case of an emergency and that you know the medical centers and hospitals where your insurance is valid and accepted. [Here](#) are some options.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

National Student Card (TNE)

Exchange students can apply for the TNE, a benefit granted by the Chilean Government's Ministry of Education, which provides lower fares for metro and bus transportation. This will be processed from Chile, but you have to consider the following:

- You need to have a Temporary Resident Visa and a Chilean Identification Number (RUN).
- It can take two to three months to issue this document, so we recommend that only students whose exchange is for one year apply for it.
- The University will process all the paperwork through our office. It is important that you let us know when you have your RUN.
- You must have a round-trip ticket.
- Students will be asked to provide proof or evidence of financial solvency.

Accommodation

The University does not offer student housing and does not provide any assistance with finding accommodation for international students. Likewise, it cannot guarantee or be held responsible for the services offered by third parties.

However, we do have a list of accommodation options and related agencies. If you are interested in any of them, you should contact the company or accommodation in question directly.





Welcome to UC

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