



UC | Chile

THRIVING
CREATIVITY
AND MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING

Intercultural approaches for public health



It is an international
experiential learning that
offers conceptual and
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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.



Nº
1

In Chile
2023 QS
Ranking
—
In Chilean
invention
patent
applications

—
QS Latin
America
University
Rankings
2023

7

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

40

Worldwide
in Academic
Reputation
2023 QS
Ranking

Nº
116

QS Worldwide
University
Ranking 2026

Nº
21

QS World
University
Rankings by
Subject 2023:
Social Sciences &
Management

Nº
128

QS World
University
Rankings by
Subject 2023:
Life Sciences &
Medicine



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.

SCHEDULE

- The application deadline for January 2026 is October 20th, 2025.
- The starting dates of the 2026 courses will be the following:

DATE	SEASON
January 5th to 30th, 2026	Summer in Chile

* We can only guarantee the field observations if your application process does not exceed the deadlines.



Profile

International or national students of any degree course, both undergraduate and master's degree students, interested in public health and interculturality.

Included



Academic Program

1. Public Health

- 5 seminars introducing Public health challenges in Latin America and Chile.

2. Indigenous population in Chile

- 4 seminars introducing intercultural health and its relation to traditional Mapuche and Aymara world-wide vision.

3. Knowing Chilean Spanish

- 5 Spanish workshops, two online before arrival and three on-site, allowing the participants to approach our culture and generate a unique and positive experience.

Field Observations and Leadership

- Intercultural observations + workshops in Leadership and public speaking.

Social and Cultural Program

- Orientation program (welcome & farewell meeting)
- [Guide Visit to the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso](#)
- [Guided Visit to Moneda Palace](#)
- [Guided Visit to Human Rights Museum](#)
- [Visit to National Museum of History \(Museo Histórico Nacional\)](#)

Services

- Travel information and immigration
- UC | Chile ID
- Wi-Fi Connections on campus
- Access to the Library
- MAI Buddy Program
- Mentoring
- Completion Certificate



FEE

USD \$ 1,500

*The course is taught entirely in English.

*Students are expected to make a final presentation at the end of the program.

Applying Documents

- An updated version of the Official Transcript of Records (pdf or jpeg).
- A scanned copy of the passport's ID page, valid for the entire exchange period (pdf or jpeg).
- Send all documents to Cristián Bonilla cbonillam@uc.cl

Accommodations

We can recommend places in an excellent neighborhood near public transportation connections, stores, restaurants, and more Information [here](#).

Social and Cultural Experiences

The Vice presidency of Internationals 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 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.

Live an intercultural experience in Chile!



Human Rights
Museum



Field
observation



Meeting
your buddy



Pre-columbian
Art Museum



Human
Rights
Museum



Intercultural
Activity

Other Activities in Santiago and its Surroundings

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

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

Sustainable Mobility Experience

We understand that coming to Chile can have a significant impact on your carbon footprint.

Nevertheless, we appreciate your decision to join our university community, and we aim to support you in your journey towards becoming a global citizen.

To this end, we are pleased to provide you with a green guide that offers useful information on environmentally friendly actions that you can take during your exchange in Chile, upon your return to your country and university, and throughout your life.



[DOWNLOAD THE GREEN GUIDE](#)



We hope that this guide will inspire you to contribute to a greener and more sustainable world by mitigating the impact we generate as human beings on the environment.

Contact

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