



**UC** | Chile

# Intercultural approaches for public health

THRIVING  
CREATIVITY  
AND MUTUAL  
UNDERSTANDING



It is an international experiential learning that offers conceptual and empirical elements of social sciences to place health-disease processes in a complex sociocultural environment.

# 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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# Course Overview:

## Intercultural Approaches to Public Health

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.

### Words from our students




I highly recommend this program to anyone who wants to expand their horizons a little bit, to learn more about different cultures, maybe to learn a little bit of Spanish, and to have some experiences that really make you think about where you are from and what you can take back into your own world.

STUDENT FROM UNIVERSITY  
TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

I really enjoyed my experience in the program. It was fantastic to learn about public health practices in other cultures and connect with UC. I am looking forward to seeing how I can remain connected with UC's intercultural initiatives for study and for work in the future!



STUDENT FROM  
UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Discover more about the enriching experiences of our international students in our short-term programs  [here](#).

You could be the next one!

## Schedule

The application deadline for January 2027 is October 20th, 2026.

The starting date of the 2027 course will be the following:

DATE	SEASON
January 4th to 28th, 2027	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 discipline, both undergraduate and master's degree students, interested in public health and interculturality.



### 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
- 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

- Passport-style color photograph size of 20 to 60kb in JPG format.
- Scanned copy of a valid passport page for the entire study abroad period. (pdf or jpeg).
- Certification of Enrollment.
- An updated version of the Official Transcript of Records (pdf or jpeg) (Optional).



## Accommodations

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

### **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!



City of Valparaíso



Field observation



Meeting your buddy



Intercultural Activity



Pre-columbian Art Museum



Human Rights Museum

# 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.



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.

[DOWNLOAD THE GREEN GUIDE](#)



## Contacts

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