



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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### Frequently Asked Questions International Students

#### How can I apply for an exchange to the U. of Chile?

If your home university has a reciprocal student exchange agreement with the U. of Chile, then the institutional counterparts will nominate their selected students to study at our home. Having been nominated, you must continue the instructions of the Student Mobility Program (PME) for the online application. Students from partner universities are exempt from tuition and fees, since their mobility is regulated by reciprocal exchange agreements.

If your home university does not maintain this type of agreement with the U. of Chile, there is the possibility of entering as international students independent, having to cover the costs of application and fee. More information on costs: <http://uchile.cl/u6669>

#### How do I apply for an exchange in the U. of Chile?

If you have already been nominated by your home university, then you will receive instructions to complete your application online. You must attach the following mandatory documents in the form of our portal: <https://uchile-horizons.symplicity.com/>

- o Updated Certificate of Notes (Must be in English or Spanish)
- o Letter of Motivation (Why the U. of Chile? What areas / courses are you interested in? Why? What are your academic interests?) Maximum 500 words.
- o Preliminary Form of Academic Agreement.
- o Certificate accrediting Spanish proficiency (DELE B1) or certificate issued by the institution of origin (letterhead and signed) accrediting level B1 according to the European Framework of Reference for Languages. (Only for students from non-Spanish speakers).
- o Color photocopy of the passport identification sheet in digital format (.JPG, .PDF, .PNG)
- o Before starting your application, we recommend you carefully read the application instructions, available [here](#) .

#### What are the deadlines to apply?

- For the first semester 2017 (March - July), the application process is from September 26 to November 4, 2016.
- For the Second Semester 2017 (July - December), the application process is from March 6 to March April 28, 2017.

#### How do I complete the Preliminary Agreement Form?

The Preliminary Form of Academic Agreement, indicates the intention of courses to realize in the University of Chile. Courses should be chosen based on the academic offer available to international students. The document can be downloaded [here](#) . The agreement is tentative, allowing to anticipate the distribution of the academic interests of international students who enter. The final selection of the courses will be held in Chile during the academic orientation week. It is important that the document is recognized (signed) and authorized (letterhead) by the institution of origin.

#### Where do I consult the academic offer available for international students?

The faculties and institutes of the University of Chile make available to international students regular subjects of their study programs, allowing them to share the same learning space with regular students. The University of Chile does not have courses exclusively designed for foreign students, and its interest is focused on the inclusion among students from different social and cultural realities.

The offer can be consulted in our on-line catalog, available at: <http://uchile.cl/u126314> Students must consult the semester equivalent to the one that they enter the University of Chile, and select the list of subjects that they are interested in studying During his stay in our institution.

**Who evaluates my application?**

The Student Mobility Program will select students who meet the requirements and requested documents.

**How do I know if I have been accepted?**

If your application is approved, you will receive an email informing you of this. Subsequently, the SME will send to your home university the letter of acceptance with which you can process your student visa at the respective Chilean consulate.

**How long does it take to get the acceptance letter?**

Normally the acceptance letter arrives between 30 and 45 days after the closing of the applications through the online portal.

**Should I have health insurance to come to Chile?**

Medical insurance is compulsory for all international students who come to the U. of Chile and must be present after being accepted through the online application platform. The insurance must cover the entire academic period in Chile without exceptions.

**In what language are disciplines taught in the U. of Chile?**

The classes are taught in Spanish except for some courses in the Faculty of Economics and Business that are taught in English.

**Can I improve my level of Spanish at the University of Chile?**

For students who want to improve their Spanish, there is a Spanish course for foreigners, depending on the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities. The course has special value for international students belonging to the Student Mobility Program (PME). For more information contact [cflores@u.uchile.cl](mailto:cflores@u.uchile.cl) or visit <http://uchile.cl/u6694>

**When should I arrive in Santiago?**

We recommend arriving in Santiago at least one week before the welcome and orientation. After these activities, classes will begin depending on the academic calendar defined by each faculty. The PME will inform in a timely manner the beginning of the classes in each academic unit.

**Does the U. of Chile offer accommodation for international students?**

The U. de Chile does not offer accommodation for exchange students. However, the PME makes available to international students a database of private contacts offering rooms or apartments. For more information, contact [pme@u.uchile.cl](mailto:pme@u.uchile.cl)

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