



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile

Fast Facts:

Website:	https://www.uc.cl/ https://internacionalizacion.uc.cl/
Language of instruction:	Spanish - students must have at least a B2 level* *Chemistry research students who will only be participating in research (and who will not enrol in classes) do not need to prove a B2 level in Spanish.
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Semester 2 in Chile): August - December Semester 2 (Semester 1 in Chile): March - June
Number of students currently enrolled	33, 000
Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	There are course restrictions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Health • Economics and Administrative Sciences • Psychology • Biological Sciences • Art • Architecture • Sports • Theatre
General Costs	According to the estimates provided by PUC Chile students can expect to spend from \$3000 (USD) per month on basics such as rent food and transport, however depending on your lifestyle, this could be more.
About the University	Founded in 1888, the university currently has nearly 33,000 students and 3,500 professors. Nearly 1,000 international students come to UC Chile to experience a mobility program. We maintain rigorous academic standards, and as a result, they are ranked the best university in Latin America (QS Latin America University Rankings 2022). The institution has 18 faculties, four interdisciplinary academic units and the UC Chile College Program. Currently, they offer more than 60

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undergraduate programs with 110 careers, 93 Master's programs and 38 PhD programs.

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What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Course Load and Credit Load	<p>You are normally required to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the International Exchange Credit Requirements. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>Courses available at PUC Chile can be found in their Course Catalogue. Be sure to pay attention to restrictions on courses for International Students. This link outlines a list of courses which may have spaces for exchange students.</p> <p>Registration on courses depends on whether you meet the pre-requisites of the courses and if there are spaces available in the course. Information about credit trans</p> <p>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</p>

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Academic Restrictions

- Music
 - Theoretical courses available only
- Health
 - Medicine has a limited number of courses
 - Dentistry is closed for exchange
 - Health Sciences (Nutrition, Speech Therapy and Kinesiology): placements and internships are closed and the exchange for regular courses is open, but subject to authorization according to the prior evaluation of each candidate.
- Economics and Administrative Sciences
 - Courses restricted only to applicants who meet the requirements of each course.
- Psychology
 - Second to fourth year students can apply.
- Biological Sciences
 - No access to Marine Biology Courses
- Art
 - Only available to those coming from an Art programme
 - Students interested in enrolling workshop or practical courses in the Faculty of Art should know that there is an extra cost related to the purchase of materials. Approximately, the semester cost can be from \$100,000 to \$150,000 (CLP) per course.
- Architecture
 - the School of Architecture offers only 25 semester vacancies that can be competitive among all students interested in doing an exchange in that area. The School carries out a selection process based on the candidate's academic background and portfolio.
 - The courses to which students may choose will be only: Project workshop (Training 1st-3rd year / Exercise 4th and 5th year). Minimum courses (without restriction) and elective courses – OPR (with a maximum of 2). The courses that are not open to exchange students are: Classrooms of Title (Final Degree Project), Research Workshop, Work Practice and Professional Practice.
- Sports
 - Students must bring their personal equipment to attend their classes according to the sport to be performed.
- Theatre
 - Students interested in registering practical subjects in the theatre school must attach a video of themselves showing a scene and monologue acted in Spanish.

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	degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.
Orientation	At the beginning of each semester, an orientation session is held so that the student knows all the details about registering for courses, services offered by the university, and other topics.

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live. Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

University Accommodation	PUC Chile does not have its own university residences.
Private Accommodation	<p>PUC Chile has provided a list of Residences and Agencies where you can find more information about accommodation, as well as advice on their website.</p> <p>Another option is staying in a homestay with a Chilean family. You can find out more information here.</p>

Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

Tuition Fees	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>												
Estimated Cost of Living	<p>The estimates below are monthly expenses, unless stated otherwise, provided by PUC Chile. These amounts are subject to change and will differ depending on your personal preferences.</p> <p>-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1205 1214 1576"> <tr> <td>Monthly telephone plan</td> <td>From CLP \$10.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monthly internet plan</td> <td>From CLP \$15.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cinema ticket</td> <td>From CLP \$3.500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monthly gym membership</td> <td>From CLP \$35.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lunch in the centre of Santiago</td> <td>CLP \$3.500 - \$10.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>An espresso</td> <td>From CLP \$ 1.500</td> </tr> </table> <p>PUC Chile has also created a more in-depth Cost of Living breakdown.</p> <p>You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</p>	Monthly telephone plan	From CLP \$10.000	Monthly internet plan	From CLP \$15.000	Cinema ticket	From CLP \$3.500	Monthly gym membership	From CLP \$35.000	Lunch in the centre of Santiago	CLP \$3.500 - \$10.000	An espresso	From CLP \$ 1.500
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Insurance	<p>Exchange students must have insurance upon arrival in Chile. This insurance must include medical expenses for at least \$30,000</p>												

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	<p>(USD); explicit coverage against COVID-19; health and funeral repatriation services, and must cover the entire period of stay in Chile.</p> <p>PUC Chile have provided some options here.</p>
Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>

Other

Passports	<p>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
Visas	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>Exchange students who go to Chile for less than 180 days may enter the country with a Temporary Stay permit (<i>Permiso de Permanencia Transitoria</i>). This may be granted automatically when entering the country, but citizens from some countries are required to apply beforehand. Consult the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (<i>Servicios Consulares</i>) to determine whether this applies to you. The visa is applicable for short stays including tourism and study purposes, among others. It has a duration of 90 days and it is renewable for an additional 90-day period by lodging a visa extension (<i>prórroga de Permanencia Transitoria</i>).</p> <p>Students going to Chile for a period longer than 180 days must apply for a Temporary Visa (<i>Residencia Temporal</i>, under subclass 'student') through the Official Website of the Chilean National Migration Service.</p>

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	<p>Be sure to check the entry requirements for Chile before you travel.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
<p>Disability Statement and Accessibility</p>	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>