



Program Materials

Chilean Universities Program
Santiago, Chile

In addition to our regular IFSA-Butler application, we also have information and application materials that are specific to the Chilean Universities Program in Santiago, Chile. Included in this packet are the following items:

- Academic information for the Chilean Universities Program
- Instructions for finding courses on the Web
- Family placement form

Once we receive your IFSA-Butler application, we will send you a packet via regular mail as well. However, this will give you a chance to get a head start on your program materials and may clear up some additional questions that you have.

Please return the family placement form within 10 days of applying to the program.

Academic Information

The Chilean Universities Program (CUP Santiago) in Santiago is a one or two semester-long study abroad program. You must take a full university course load as determined by IFSA-Butler, which is 15 to 16 U.S. semester credit hours per semester. Credit will be awarded on a Butler University transcript based on a typical American full course load. An official transcript will be sent to your home university and one to your permanent home address. Please be aware that you may be charged additional fees by your home university or host university to take or process additional credits. Taking less than a full course load may jeopardize your student status and result in personal academic repercussions and/or loss of financial aid. All courses are graded on an A–F scale, and there is no provision for pass/fail or auditing courses. See the “Academics” and “Program Fees and Financial Aid” sections in *Preparing to Study Abroad* for more information.

You must complete all your academic obligations before you leave Chile. If you turn in an assignment late, it will not be accepted and you will lose credit. If you turn in an assignment to anyone other than the professor (e.g., a departmental secretary), get a receipt. If you submit course work via email, be sure to receive confirmation of its receipt.

The Academic Program

The program offers classes designed specifically for CUP participants. These classes, taught in Spanish by Chilean professors, are intended to give students an understanding of the events and elements that make Chile what it is today. Participants also have the option to conduct a research project with the assistance of faculty from the Chilean universities.

You must enroll in Advanced Spanish. Your courses at the universities, combined with your mandatory and optional program courses, must equal 15 to 16 U.S. semester credit hours.

Advanced Spanish: Grammar, Composition and Conversation (4 U.S. semester credit hours)

This mandatory Spanish class is designed for students on the CUP. Chilean instructors teach the course, which lasts the duration of the semester.

History and Society in Contemporary Chile (4 U.S. semester credit hours)

Students who are not pursuing the directed research project (see below) have the option to take this course in addition to the mandatory Advanced Spanish course. See attached information.

Directed Research Project (6 U.S. semester credit hours)

This option offers the chance to do field research in a contemporary issue of your interest. Students who decide to work on

a research project must take this course. See attached information.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC) serves nearly 20,000 undergraduates and more than 3,500 graduate students at four campuses across the city. The PUC has 18 different schools with specialized libraries and computer labs on all of its campuses.

Universidad de Chile

Home to almost 25,000 undergraduates and more than 6,000 graduate students within five campuses, Universidad de Chile (U. Chile) offers a huge range of academic programs, departments, and research institutes. It has 14 schools and four interdisciplinary institutes.

Universidad Diego Portales

The Universidad Diego Portales (UDP) is home to more than 11,000 undergraduate students and offers excellent learning opportunities in the areas of political sciences, literature, communications and humanities. It is an urban university with nine schools located in the university neighborhood of Santiago. It has more than 1,300 professors and eight research centers.

We have included instructions on how to find the most current courses offered at the Universidad de Chile, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and Universidad Diego Portales in this mailing, but updated course listings for your semester will not be available until orientation. You will register for courses once you arrive abroad.

See below for sample CUP registrations.

Sample Registration #1

CourseTitle	Credit hours	Institution
Advanced Spanish	4	Program course (mandatory)
Creative Writing	3	UDP
Colonial Latin American Literature	4	U. Chile
Latin American Thought	4	U. Chile
Total credit hours = 15		

Sample Registration #2

CourseTitle	Credit hours	Institution
Advanced Spanish	4	Program course (mandatory)
Independent Research Project	6	Program course
Anthropology of Chilean Indigenous Peoples	5	PUC
Total credit hours = 15		

Sample Registration #3

CourseTitle	Credit hours	Institution
Advanced Spanish	4	Program course (mandatory)
History and Society in Contemporary Chile	4	Program course
Natural Resources and the Environment	5	PUC
Globalization: Cultural Identity	3	U. Chile
Total credit hours = 16		

Chilean Universities and Course Availability

While we are sure that your time abroad will be rewarding, you must be aware of some of the challenges inherent in dealing with Chilean universities. Chilean universities operate on a much slower timetable than universities in the United States. For example, they do not usually publish course schedules until just before the start of the semester since Chileans have a set course load based on their major and have little flexibility when registering for classes. Therefore, course descriptions are not in high demand and may be difficult to come by. In many cases, current course listings are not available until you arrive abroad. You will not register for classes until after orientation in Chile.

Because of the universities' schedules, we have found it nearly impossible to confirm course availability. If you are flexible in your course choices, you probably will be able to find a course that fits your needs. However, if you need a specific course to fulfill your home institution's requirements, we probably will not be able to confirm the availability of that course or enroll you in it even if it is available. Academic flexibility and patience are requirements for studying in Latin America.

While these factors can be challenging, remember that our IFSA-Butler office in Santiago is available to help you. Our staff can advise you on the best courses to take and assist you in resolving problems.

Finding Courses on the Web

In addition to the program courses, the Chilean Universities Program allows students to take course work at the Universidad de Chile, the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and the Universidad Diego Portales. More information will be made available upon your arrival in Santiago.

Course listings found at the universities' Web sites usually include only the core classes for a major. Each university offers different specialized subject courses every semester that are open to both Chilean and international students.

Please note that online course descriptions are not available for the Universidad de Chile or the Universidad Diego Portales. If you need a specific description or syllabus, contact your program advisor at our IFSA-Butler Indianapolis office with the following information for each course and they will check on its availability: name of course, name of major or *carrera*, *facultad* and semester it is offered.

The list of courses that may be offered at the **Universidad de Chile** can be found on the university's Web site. You can access this information by taking the following steps:

1. From the IFSA-Butler Web site (www.ifsabutler.org) go to the Chile page under "Programs."
2. Click on Universidad de Chile under Chilean Universities Program, Santiago on the left navigation bar.
3. Click on "Online Course Catalog."
4. Select a "*Programa de Estudio*."

The list of courses that may be offered at the **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile** can be found on the university's Web site. You can access this information by taking the following steps:

1. From the IFSA-Butler Web site (www.ifsabutler.org) go to the Chile page under "Programs."
2. Click on Universidad de Chile under Chilean Universities Program, Santiago on the left navigation bar.
3. Click on "Online Course Catalog."
4. Click on a major (*carrera*) of your interest.
5. If available, click on "*Ver Programa*" or "*Planes de Estudio*" on the page that pops up.

Courses at the **Universidad Diego Portales** are limited. You can access information for UDP by taking the following steps:

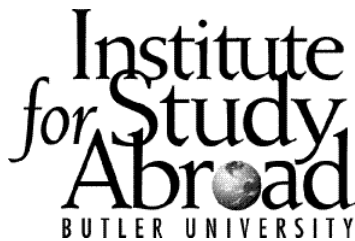
1. From the IFSA-Butler Web site (www.ifsabutler.org) go to the Chile page under "Programs."

2. Click on Universidad de Chile under Chilean Universities Program, Santiago on the left navigation bar.
3. Click on "Online Course Catalog."
4. Click on the "*Facultades y Carreras*" pull-down menu on the right.
5. Click on the major (*carrera*) in which you are interested.
6. Click on "*Malla Curricular*" on the major page.

In the tradition of Napoleonic systems of education, Chilean students do not get to make many choices in their academic programs and are therefore much less interested in surveying the content of a course. As a result, there is very limited information available on courses, and the actual course schedules are not set until approximately one week before classes begin.

At the beginning of the semester, you might notice that your Chilean classmates know each other very well. This is because students enroll in *carreras* rather than majors. *Carreras* have a more structured program of study and fewer elective courses than traditional majors in the United States. Therefore, students from the same *carrera* enroll in many, if not all, of the same courses during their undergraduate career.

Once in Chile, you will receive the most updated listing of courses and will register for classes at that time. The information on the Web site and in this packet serve to illustrate what courses **might** be available during your period of study.



Family Placement Form

Programs in Latin America

Keep this page. Fill out the attached program family preference questionnaire, make a copy of it for your records, and return it to us within 10 days.

Study abroad is much more than academics. Learning takes place not only during class, but 24 hours a day. One of the best out-of-class experiences is the homestay. It is a vital, required component of our program. Additionally, living with a host family is the factor most cited as helping improve students' Spanish.

We've found that students who are happy with their housing are generally happy in their adopted country. To make the most of living with a host family, you must be flexible.

1. **Redefine family.** Most students on our program imagine the perfect host family as one with two parents, some college-aged kids and a dog; however, we have very few families in our program that conform to that image. Generally, such families have very little time or space to commit to international students and are too busy to really interact with the international student.

On the other hand, few students enter our program excited about the prospect of living with a widow or single mother, but sometimes these less traditional families provide the best experiences. Older widows or couples have already raised their children and are familiar with the expectations of a young, newly-independent adult. Many truly enjoy the company of the student. Because we "recycle" host families that receive favorable ratings from students, we have a large number of this type of family.

2. **Taste all the food given to you.** The foods you eat abroad will be very different from those to which you are accustomed. Even if you are certain that you will not like a new food, try it anyway out of politeness.

A special note to vegetarians: vegetarians are poorly understood in Latin America, and they are often undernourished. Before departing the United States, you should decide how strict you are going to be. You should be as flexible as you feel comfortable, and be careful to stay healthy by including enough vitamins, calcium and proteins in your diet.

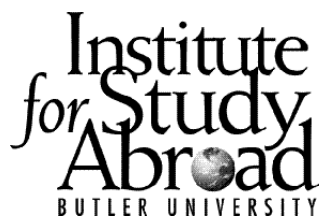
3. **Smoking is still considered socially acceptable** in many parts of Latin America, and so the likelihood of being placed in a home where people smoke is quite high. For this reason, we cannot guarantee that you will be placed in a non-smoking household, if that is what you prefer.
4. **Be prepared to give up some independence.** U.S. students have more disposable income and independence than young adults in other countries and societies in the world. Students in Latin America usually live at home with their parents throughout their college years, and they maintain the parent/child relationship until later in life.

Your host parents will treat you just as they are accustomed to treating others of your age group. Some students compare living with a host family to returning to high school; you will be in classes during the day and return each night to a family that is concerned about your well-being. What U.S. students may consider controlling behavior by the host family is usually a legitimate concern for their safety. Most host families relax their rules after a few weeks of getting to know the student.

5. **What's the single most important factor?** Host family assignments are made using the information you provide on the attached questionnaire. While we try to accommodate your preferences when placing you, we can't always take all of them into account. Please indicate what is **most** important to you so we can concentrate on your top priority when placing you with a host family.

While most host families have an altruistic interest in sharing their home, culture and country with a international student, the family receives a monthly payment for the housing service it provides. As a paying guest, you should feel comfortable in your new home. If you are unhappy after a trial period of a few weeks, discuss your housing situation with our resident director. We'll help you resolve any problems.

** Please refer to the "Living with a Host Family" section of the **Preparing to Study Abroad** booklet for more detailed information.*



Family Placement Form

Por favor, completar y entregar en 10 días a:

Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University

1100 W. 42nd Street, Suite 305

Indianapolis, IN 46208-3345

317-940-9704 Fax

Nombre: _____

Programa y país: _____

Teléfono: _____ Universidad EE.UU.: _____

Sexo: Hombre Mujer Edad: _____

Argentina/Chile/ Sem. 1 (Primavera EE.UU.) Sem. 2 (Otoño EE.UU.) Verano

Costa Rica/Peru: Año Académico (Sem. 2, 1) Año (Sem. 1, 2)

Mexico: Otoño EE.UU. Primavera EE.UU. Año Académico Verano

Preguntas sobre la salud y la dieta

¿Actualmente estás bajo un programa de dieta estricto? ¿Cuán flexible es tu dieta?

¿Eres vegetariano(a)?

En caso afirmativo, ¿qué no comes?

Carne roja

Huevos

Pollo

Productos de leche

Pescado

Otro (por favor indique)

¿Eres alérgico a algún alimento?

¿Tienes alergias o condiciones médicas que requieren arreglos especiales? Por favor, explícalos. (opcional)

¿Tendrías algún inconveniente en vivir en una casa con animales domésticos?

¿Fumas productos de tabaco?

¿Tienes alergias al humo?

La familia

¿Con cuál tipo de familia prefieres vivir?

Por favor, indica tus preferencias personales de uno a cuatro.

(1=más preferido, 4=menos preferido)

_____ Familia con niños

_____ Familia con hijos de nivel universitario

_____ Familia sin hijos

_____ Mujer soltera o viuda

¿Cuál papel te gustaría hacer dentro de la familia?

Muy independiente: No te molesta si la familia está fuera de la casa la mayor parte del tiempo. Pocas actividades con la familia. Mucho tiempo y espacio para ti mismo(a).

Algo interactivo: Quieres participar en las actividades de la familia, y a la misma vez mantener tu independencia. Quieres que la familia te invite a participar en actividades tuyas, pero no sentirte obligado(a).

Muy interactivo: Deseas integrarte con la rutina diaria de la familia y ser considerado(a) como hijo o hija real. Prefieres comer la cena todas las noches con la familia.

¿Cuáles son tus afiliaciones religiosas o étnicas? (opcional)

¿Qué característica consideras más importante en una familia?

¿Qué nos falta preguntarte?

Por favor utiliza el espacio siguiente para hacer una descripción de ti mismo(a) con más detalles. Infórmanos de tus características personales (por ejemplo, conversador, muy organizado(a), tímido(a), etc.), lo que te gusta y no te gusta, deportes favoritos, pasatiempos, y otros intereses. Añade aquí cualquier otra información que consideres importante que nosotros sepamos en cuanto a tu estadía en una familia.

Solo para los estudiantes que van a la Universidad Nacional en Costa Rica:

Cuál vivienda prefieres: centro de la ciudad en los alrededores pueblos cercanos

Housing Contract

I affirm that the above information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Institute for Study Abroad assumes no responsibility for any problems resulting from being supplied with incorrect or incomplete information on this form, and **I also understand that once a housing assignment is given, no changes can be made.**

I understand and agree that I shall pay to IFSA-Butler all fees associated with the housing to which I am assigned as outlined in the program fee information provided to me by IFSA-Butler with my program contract.

Housing assignments are for the duration of the program, and the Institute for Study Abroad provides no alternate housing. **IFSA-Butler will not refund any sums paid for housing if a student vacates his or her housing for any reason, either voluntarily or involuntarily, before the end of the semester or term.**

I understand that while housing is guaranteed, my first choice of accommodation is not.

I understand and agree that living in housing arranged by IFSA-Butler is a requirement of the program to which I have been admitted. I further understand and agree that if I refuse or fail to live in program housing, I will be subject to dismissal from the program, withdrawal of services by IFSA-Butler, and/or loss of academic credit, with no refund of fees paid.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____