



## Program Materials

Chilean Universities Program  
Valparaíso, 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 Valparaíso, 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 information and 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 for Chilean Universities Program

The Chilean Universities Program (CUP Valparaíso) in Valparaíso is a semester or yearlong study abroad program.

#### The Academic 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* 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.

Science and engineering courses everywhere require a high level of precision and there is little or no flexibility in the interpretation of the material. As these are fields in which there are few international students, faculty are less prone to make allowances for difficulties in the language or understanding the material for students from abroad. Students thus find that these courses are more demanding than the humanities or social sciences courses, and when this is combined with the demands of the foreign language, students can quickly discover that they are sinking. Obtaining the equivalent of an American A in these courses can be particularly difficult.

#### Advanced Written and Oral Spanish (4 U.S. semester credit hours)

This course is designed by PUCV specifically for nonnative Spanish speakers. Placement is determined during your orientation abroad. This course is mandatory for all IFSA-Butler students.

#### Social and Political Issues in Modern Chile (3 U.S. semester credit hours)

This introduction to modern Chilean society provides a good overview of the country’s political and economic structures. See attached information.

### Contemporary Chilean Literature (3 U.S. semester credit hours)

This course serves as an overview of Chilean literature, including its relationship to the country's history, society and culture. See attached information.

### Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso

You may choose from a wide variety of courses at PUCV. Course listings will not be available until orientation in Chile. As such, you will select and register for courses when you arrive in Chile. One credit at the PUCV is equal to 1 U.S. semester credit hour. Courses are typically worth 2 to 4 U.S. semester credits.

### Universidad de Valparaíso

Universidad de Valparaíso (UV) is home to 14,000 students and offers excellent learning opportunities in the areas of economics, sociology, international business, public administration and social work, among others. Our staff in Valparaíso will give you more information about course availability once you arrive. Each student is allowed to enroll in up to two courses at the UV. One contact hour is equal to 1 U.S. semester credit hour.

### Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María

Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María (USM) is one of the top universities in Chile. IFSA-Butler students can enroll in up to two courses in the Department of Humanities at the USM. Students who enroll in a course at the Universidad de Valparaíso may enroll in only one class at the USM.

#### Sample Registration #1

Course Title	Credit hours	Institution
Advanced Written and Oral Spanish	4	Program course (mandatory)
Contemporary Chilean Literature	3	Program course
Latin American Poetry of the 20th Century	3	PUCV
Applied Art of the Americas	3	PUCV
Social Psychology	3	PUCV
<b>Total credit hours = 16</b>		

#### Sample Registration #2

Course Title	Credit hours	Institution
Advanced Written and Oral Spanish	4	Program course (mandatory)
Social and Political Issues in Modern Chile	3	Program course
20th Century Latin American History	3	PUCV
Cultural Anthropology	3	UV
Political Science	3	UV
<b>Total credit hours = 16</b>		

### 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. You are likely to be frustrated by bureaucracy, difficulty getting the classes you want and a general delay in solving problems that arise.

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. In many cases, current course listings are not available until you arrive abroad. You will not register for classes until you arrive in Chile for orientation.

Because of the university's schedule, 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. Both academic flexibility and patience are requirements for studying in Latin America.

While these factors can be challenging, remember that our IFSA-Butler office in Valparaíso is available to help you.

## Finding Courses on the Web

In addition to the program courses, students are allowed to take course work at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, the Universidad de Valparaíso and the Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María.

Please note that class descriptions are not available on the Internet for Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso or the Universidad de Valparaíso. If you need a specific description, contact your program advisor at our IFSA-Butler Indianapolis office with the following information about each course.

- Name of course
- *Facultad*
- Name of major or *carrera*
- Semester when it is offered

The list of courses that might be offered at **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso** can be found on the university Web site. You can access the information on the Web by following these steps:

1. Go to the IFSA-Butler Web site ([www.ifsabutler.org](http://www.ifsabutler.org)).
2. Go to the Chile page under "Programs" in the top bar.
3. Select Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso under Chilean Universities Program, Valparaíso from the left navigation bar.
4. Click on "Online Course Catalog."
5. Select a major of your interest under the various *facultades* listed.
6. A list of all the courses available for that specific major will be found at the end of the page.

You will receive descriptions for those classes if the information is available.

Students are able to enroll in up to two courses at the **Universidad de Valparaíso**. Our staff will give you information about courses at UV once you arrive in Chile. Check the Web for courses that might be available:

1. Go to the IFSA-Butler Web site ([www.ifsabutler.org](http://www.ifsabutler.org)).
2. Go to the Chile page under "Programs" in the top bar.
3. Select Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso under Chilean Universities Program, Valparaíso from the left navigation bar.
4. Click on "Online Course Catalog."
5. Click on "*Carreras*" on the left of the page.
6. Choose a *carrera* (major) from the list that appears.
7. Click on the *Plan de Estudios* and the *Especificaciones de la carrera* should appear.

The list of courses that might be offered at the **Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María** can be found on the university Web site. You can access this information by following these steps:

1. Go to the IFSA-Butler Web site ([www.ifsabutler.org](http://www.ifsabutler.org)).
2. Go to the Chile page under "Programs" in the top navigation bar.
3. Select Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María under the Chilean Universities Program, Valparaíso from the left navigation bar.
4. Click on "Online Course Catalog."
5. Then, click on "See Course Offerings" link.
6. Selected the Department of Humanities from the list that appears.
7. There you will find a list of courses. You can find the course descriptions by clicking on the symbol that looks like a document and says "course description."

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* are similar to majors in the United States, but with a more structured program of study and fewer elective courses. Therefore, students from the same *carrera* enroll in many, if not all, the same courses during their entire undergraduate career.

Once in Chile, you will receive the most updated listing of courses and will register for classes at that time. This book serves to illustrate what courses **might** be available during your period of study abroad.

The following are restricted areas where IFSA-Butler students cannot take classes:

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso:

- Architecture
- Music (some courses available)
- Law (some courses available)
- Engineering (other than commercial engineering, not recommended due to difficulty)

Universidad de Valparaíso

- Philosophy
- Medicine
- Theater
- Cinema
- Tourism

Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María

Students can only take courses in the Department of Humanities.

## Family Placement Information

### Programs in Latin America

**Keep this page.** Fill out the attached family preference form, make a copy of it for your records and return it to us.

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 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/Costa Rica/Peru:  Sem. 1 (Primavera EE.UU.)  Sem. 2 (Otoño EE.UU.)  Verano

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) 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?

### ¿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/cenar todos los días con la familia.

¿Cuál es tu carrera universitaria?

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

¿Qué característica consideras más importante en una familia?

¿Qué nos falta por preguntarte?

Por favor utiliza el espacio siguiente para hacer una descripción de ti mismo(a) con más detalles. Infórmalos 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.

Everything on this form will be shared with the host family unless you indicate otherwise. Is there information on this form you prefer we do not share with them? If so, please indicate below:

**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, Butler University 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, Butler University 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: \_\_\_\_\_