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.

Nº 1

In Chile 2023 QS Ranking

In Chilean invention patent applications

QS Latin America University Rankings 2023

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Years of accreditation in the 5 areas evaluated by the Chilean National Accreditation Commission (CNA)

40

Worldwide in Academic Reputation 2023 QS Ranking

Nº 103

Worldwide 2023 QS Ranking

Nº 21

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023: Social Sciences & Management

Nº 128

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023: Life Sciences & Medicine

The program

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.

SCHEDULE

- Application Deadline for January 2025: September 2024.

The starting dates of the 2025 courses will be the following:

DATE	SEASON
January 2025	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 degree course, both undergraduate and master's degree students, interested in public health and interculturality.

Included

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
- UC | Chile ID
- 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

- An updated version of the Official Transcript of Records (pdf or jpeg).
- A scanned copy of the passport's ID page, valid for the entire exchange period (pdf or jpeg).
- Send all documents to Cristián Bonilla cbonillam@uc.cl

Accommodations

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

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!

Human Rights Museum

Field observation

Meeting your buddy

Pre-columbian Art Museum

Intercultural Activity

Human Rights Museum