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# **Practical Information for International Students**

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## **UDD**

Universidad del Desarrollo is known to be one of the best private universities in Chile. It has 5 modern campuses, 2 in Santiago and 3 in Concepcion. Its faculty stands out not only for its academic excellence but also its significant and active contribution to the country's development.



The Entrepreneurial Spirit, Leadership and Public Responsibility are key in the education provided by the University. It also promotes academic openness and exchange and has therefore signed important agreements with prestigious universities around the world.

Personalized treatment is a distinctive seal of UDD. The ongoing contact between professors and students facilitates learning in an open and close university environment.

Extracurricular activities complement the heavy academic load. Students can participate in a wide variety of athletics, recreational activities, drama, social activities, community aid workshops and student events, which are a fundamental part of their formation as integral individuals and professionals.

### **The Global Challenge**

Universidad del Desarrollo is convinced that successful professionals are those who are capable of adapting to ongoing change and challenges imposed by the world. That is why it has placed a special emphasis on the internationalization of its students and professors.

UDD promotes and fosters the development of teaching, research and exchange through academic cooperation with prestigious universities in America, Europe, Oceania and Asia.

Together with its partner universities, UDD has developed an attractive offer of undergraduate and post-graduate academic programs for the purpose of integrating the concept of globalization to the education it imparts.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT UDD

### Exchange Application

International students interested in studying at UDD for an academic semester or year must send the following documents to the International Relations Office:

- ❑ International Student Application Form
- ❑ Academic record
- ❑ Photocopy of passport (first page)
- ❑ 2 ID size photos
- ❑ Nomination letter from the university of origin



UDD evaluates the information upon receiving the application and then sends a letter of acceptance, which is required to process the Student Visa. Incomplete applications will not be processed until we receive all documents.

### Exchange Program Requirements

#### 1) Student Visa

International students who are accepted to the UDD exchange program must process the student visa with the closest Chilean Consulate. This requirement is indispensable to admission.

#### 2) Health Insurance

Each student must contract international health insurance for his or her stay in Chile. This is a requirement without which students cannot participate in the exchange program.

***Students must present a photocopy of both documents upon their arrival at UDD.***

#### 3) Language Requirements

International Students are required to have a high level of Spanish proficiency to participate in the Exchange program. Students must be able to attend classes in Spanish and take examinations in this language. This is not required for students who want to take classes in English.

## Academic Load

The International Relations Office recommends that international students take from 4 to 5 courses per semester. Students who must take more courses can do so under prior approval of the International Relations Office.

The courses at UDD are divided into:

**1) Major Courses**

These are the obligatory courses forming part of the student's major.

**2) Seal Courses**

These are three courses common to all majors that are taught to develop concepts, skills and attitudes in students. The fundamental objective is to inculcate certain qualities in students that are the mark of UDD, as explained in the University's Mission. The seal courses are: "Entrepreneurship and Leadership," "Public Responsibility" and "Ethics".

**3) Courses in Other Areas**

These courses generally create a motivation and interest in students in areas of knowledge other than that of their initial formation and they are undoubtedly fundamental and indispensable to any professional and graduate in a formation stage.

**4) Courses in English**

Since 2008, UDD offers courses to UDD and international students in the English language. For further information about the English courses offer, please contact Jovana Batarce [jbatarce@udd.cl](mailto:jbatarce@udd.cl)



International students can combine courses in their major, seal courses, courses in other disciplines and courses in English. They may also take courses in different academic programs at different levels.

Students can see the available courses at <http://www.udd.cl> section Carreras de Pregrado. There the majors offered at each campus are displayed. Students must select courses from the **Undergraduate** programs.

UDD uses a semester system except for Law, Architecture and Design, in which both annual and semester courses are taught.

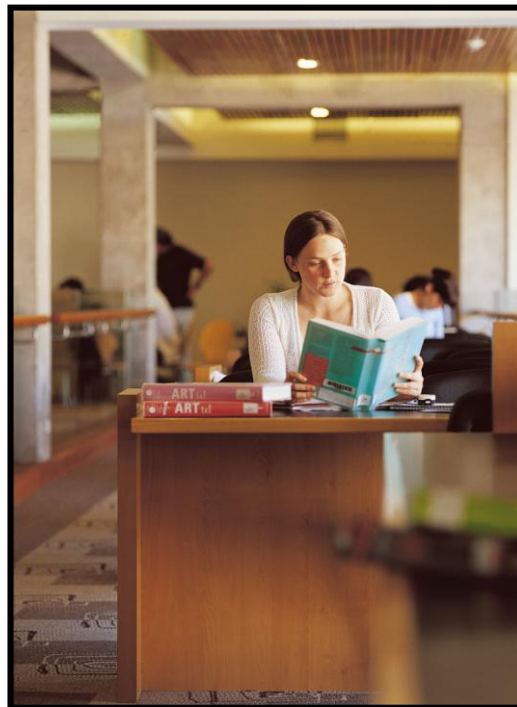
In choosing courses, it is important to take into account the semester that students will be at UDD. If they will attend in the **First Semester** (March to July), they must look at the courses offered in uneven semesters, namely semesters 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. On the other hand, if they will attend in **Semester 2** (August – December), they must look at the courses for even semesters, namely 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12.

### **Course Registration**

Before the beginning of the semester, international students must register the courses they will attend during their exchange period. 3 months before the beginning of classes, students will receive the complete course offer with the correspondent time schedules. Each student is responsible to register according to the dates and deadlines given by the International Office.

Prior to registration time, the International office will contact each international student to give them the instructions and useful information.

Please note that it's important that students select the correct courses and that this selection is approved by the correspondent academic coordinator. Our deadlines are extremely strict and changes after registration periods are not possible.



*\*Some very numerous courses are divided into 2 or more “sections” or groups in which the same subject matter is taught. Students must choose and attend only one section and specify it in the Course Registration Form*

### **Grading System**

The UDD academic model includes a permanent grading system that entails two mid-terms and a final examination in most cases. Students are evaluated on a partial basis during the semester through presentations, tests, group work and dissertations, as defined by each school.

### **Grade Scale**

Students are graded according to the following scale:

- 7 Outstanding
- 6 Very Good
- 5 Good
- 4 Satisfactory
- 3 Less than satisfactory
- 2 Deficient
- 1 Poor

4 is the minimum passing grade in any course or activity.



## Credit System

UDD assigns a certain number of credits to each course in majors or undergraduate programs. The credit involves the academic work performed by the student in and outside of the classroom and is equal to one hour of work on average per week during a semester.



## Transcripts

The Office of International Relations sends grade transcripts to each student's university of origin that contains the grades the student earned during his or her semester at UDD. The certificate is sent by fax and regular mail approximately one month after the semester ends.

## Schools, Majors and Campuses

The table below contains the undergraduate programs taught at UDD and the cities and places where they are offered.

International students can enter all undergraduate academic programs at the campus of their choice. Exceptions are in the area of health sciences, where admission is decided case-by-case, depending on the requisites of each course.

SCHOOL	MAJOR	CITY
Architecture and Art	Architecture	Santiago
		Concepción
Design	Art	Santiago
	Digital Design	Santiago
	Setting and Object Design	Santiago
Communications	Graphic Design	Concepción
		Santiago
	Journalism	Concepción
		Santiago
Economics and Business	Advertising	Santiago
	Drama	Santiago
	Filmmaking	Santiago
Law	Business Administration	Santiago
		Concepción
	Law	Santiago

		Concepción
Education and Humanities	Basic Pedagogy	Santiago
	Certificate Program	Santiago Concepción
Government	Political Science	Santiago
		Concepción
Engineering	Civil Industrial Engineering	Santiago
		Concepción
Psychology	Psychology	Santiago
		Concepción
Medicine	Medicine	Santiago
	Speech Therapy	Santiago
	Medical Technology	Santiago
	Nutrition and Diet	Santiago
	Odontology	Santiago
Odontology	Nursing	Santiago
	Odontology	Concepción
	Nursing	Concepción
	Nutrition and Diet	Concepción
	Kinesiology	Concepción
	Speech Therapy	Concepción

### Academic Calendar

The UDD Academic Calendar is organized into semesters:

First Semester: March - July

Second Semester: August - December

### Deadlines for Exchange Applications

First Semester: December 15

Second Semester: May 15

\* Deadlines for Health Sciences applicants (Nursing, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Odontology and Medical Technology) are November 15 (Semester 1) and April 15 (Semester 2)





## Lodging

Chilean universities do not provide any on-campus residence so students must look for lodging off campus.

The International Relations Office provides information, contacts and assistance to students in finding the best place to live in Chile during their exchange stay. The choices are:

- 1) University boarding houses
- 2) Family homes
- 3) Shared apartments

It is very important to us that exchange students live in a safe, pleasant place, concordant with their expectations and resources. However, although the International Relations Office (IRO) helps students in their search, each student is responsible for finding a place appropriate to his/her needs.

In Santiago, we recommend finding lodging in the boroughs of Las Condes, Providencia, Vitacura or Lo Barnechea. In Concepción, on the other hand, we recommend staying in the sectors near UDD (downtown).

The IRO sends students the different alternatives and contact information for lodging together with the Welcome Package.

## UDD Services for International Students

International students have access to the same benefits as UDD students, but we also offer the following special services to them:

### Welcome Program

Before the semester begins, the IRO organizes a Welcome Program for international students at which they receive all the information they need to integrate well to UDD. This 2-day program introduces them to the other international students and



consists of the following activities: a Welcome Meeting, Campus Tour, Welcome Lunch, City Tour, Legalizing Your Stay in Chile and Academic Meeting.

### **Academic Meeting**

During the Welcome Program, international students meet the academic coordinators at the respective schools to clear up any academic doubts and know who their contact will be at the different schools.

### **Integration Activity**

Each semester we organize an integration activity for international students and their Buddies, which is a moment of sharing and entertainment.

### **Spanish Course**

At the start of the semester, UDD offers a Spanish course to international students who want to improve their verbal and written skills in Spanish. The course lasts for 30 academic hours and costs ChP \$168.000.

### **Student Affairs Office (SAO) at UDD**

The SAO is in charge of creating instances for students that complement their development and strengthen the university spirit. It is also responsible for student-related affairs.

We are interested in students becoming integral persons committed to what goes on their country and have a vocation for service. In that spirit, we have the obligation to give them the necessary tools to fulfill those objectives.

A sound academic and general formation program, leadership, poverty seminars, social work, missions, sports, spiritual guidance, psychological support, visits to enterprises and international agreements are a part of extracurricular activities.

During the year, the SAO organizes different, very entertaining activities for students. It is important to stay informed of them. Some of those activities are\*:

*\*Confirm what each campus offers.*

### **Athletics**

Students can practice their favorite sports in clubs and also participate in entertaining inter-university tournaments. UDD has women's volleyball, men's volleyball, men's basketball, football, hockey, among others.



### **Winter and Summer Volunteer Work**

During both the winter and summer vacations, students from all schools visit the poorer communities to aid them through their knowledge and energy. Students handle different activities like home and school construction and restoration, legal assistance and talks on preventing alcoholism and drug addiction.

Community work is a marvelous experience that students gain side-by-side with people who live in an extremely different reality. They learn firsthand what the basic needs of the Chilean population are.

#### **Debate Club**

Students can meet to conduct an activity that creates room to develop the capacity to argue and defend ideas to students from other universities.

#### **Drama and Choir**

Students in all majors have artistic talents. The University offers the opportunity to participate in a drama group and choir that are managed by prominent professionals in these areas.

#### **University Pastoral Service and Spiritual Support**

The UDD Pastoral Service contributes to the formation of students in the faith and to the organization of solidarity action inside the University.

#### **Student Events**

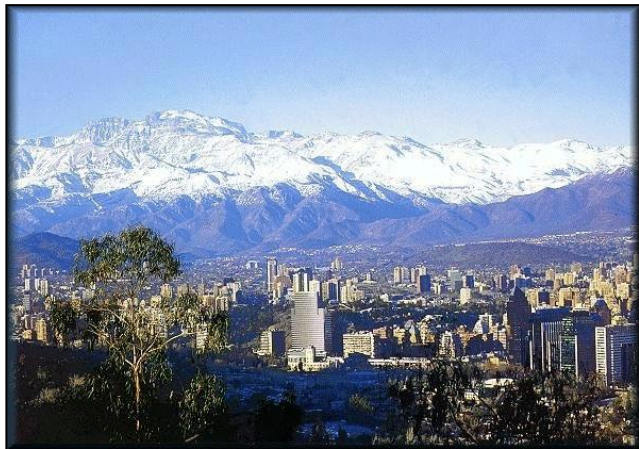
Numerous events are organized through the Student Affairs Office with the participation of students from different schools, in particular Freshman Week, university parties, cultural and athletic activities, contests, etc.

#### **¿Why choose Santiago?**

Santiago is the capital city and main urban center of Chile, in addition to being the seventh largest city in Latin America in terms of population and one of the 45 largest metropolitan areas in the world.

Santiago is seat to the main agencies of government, finance, administration, commerce and culture in the country. If you enjoy the big city life, full of things to do, yet with the tranquility and safety that make our capital city the third-ranked city in Latin America with the best quality of life, Santiago is undoubtedly the city for you.

Santiago is a city of great contrasts. There are many cultural, athletic and recreational activities at hand. It is in a privileged geographic location because just a bit more than an hour away you can be skiing at one of the famous winter resorts or surfing on one of Chile's renowned beaches.



This city has an interesting range of activities for all tastes. The historic framework, found in downtown Santiago, provides a clear idea of how this city started. Many of the buildings have been maintained as historic heritage. The Providencia sector is thriving with commerce and entertainment, a mix of stores, malls and restaurants for all types of visitors of all ages.



The UDD campus is located in the borough of Las Condes, particularly in the sector of San Carlos de Apoquindo. This place is known mainly for being residential, with good accesses, green areas and quiet streets. There are also focal points of commerce and entertainment. This sector is connected to a large part of the city by the new Los Dominicos subway station.



Santiago has a Mediterranean temperate climate. From autumn to winter (March to August) there is approximately 300 mm of rainfall annually and the average temperatures are a low of 2°C and high of 15°C (39°F and 59°F). Spring and summer (September to March), on the other hand, are very hot, there is virtually no rain and the temperatures fluctuate from 17°C to 28°C (55° F to 82°F).

### ¿Why choose Concepción

During the year, thousands of youths from all over the country come to study at the prestigious universities in Concepción, a city of nearly 370 thousand inhabitants. If you are looking for a quieter lifestyle that is both friendly and close, where your main means of transport will be your own feet, Concepcion is no doubt the city for you. This does not mean that Concepción has none of the activities of a big city since it is the industrial, cultural and economic capital of the south of Chile. After Santiago, it is one of the most important cities in the country, both because of its economic development as well as its demographic growth.

Concepción is also known for having an intense artistic and cultural environment. There is easy access to all the comforts of a city in constant development. Its most interesting attractions are in the university sector, which has become a symbol of this city as Concepción is known for being the university capital of the south of the country. There is also Ecuador Park, near that same sector, that offers a lookout over the entire city. Another spot is Jorge Alessandri Park, on the road to Coronel, where you can take guided walks and there are many recreational activities for all ages.



The city is surrounded by beautiful landscape and there are unforgettable tourist paths for those who visit it. Just one hour from the city are the Chillan Hot Springs where you can ski, practice adventure sports and enjoy the incredible mountain landscape. You can also tour the entire

seaboard of the Province of Arauco, particularly the beaches of Laraquete, Llico and Quidico, where the wind is good for surfing year-round. Other nice beaches are Dichato, Lenga and Pingueral.

The climate in **Concepción** is also a Mediterranean temperate climate influenced by the ocean. Autumn and winter are very rainy and temperatures range on average from a low of 4°C to a high of 14°C (39°F and 57°F). In spring and summer, there is little rain and temperatures fluctuate from a low of 10°C to a high of 20°C (50°F and 68°F).

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Arriving to the Airport

All of the flights from abroad arrive at the Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport in Chile, located 26 kilometers (16 miles) from Santiago.

Upon arrival, all passengers must go through the International Police check point where they present their passport and visa.

Passengers visiting Chile for the first time who bear Canadian, American, Australian or Mexican passports must pay a reciprocity tax that is different for each country.



Canada	US\$132
United States	US\$131
Mexico	US\$ 23
Australia	US\$ 61

After the International Police Check Point, you go to the baggage claim area. Baggage carts are available at no charge.

Before you reach the Customs and Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) area, you will find:

- An exchange house
- A bus and taxi transportation counter
- Tourist information provided by the National Tourism Service (Sernatur)
- The Duty Free Shop

Once travelers have gone through Customs, they can leave the airport or make connections to domestic flights.

### **How do you reach Santiago from the Airport?**

There is a wide variety of choices to get from the airport to Santiago every day of the year.

The airport has a van transportation service. Each van has a capacity for approximately 9 passengers and the route runs from the terminal to your destination. Tickets can be purchased inside the airport, right outside the arrival area. Each ticket costs approximately CH\$6,200.

The most direct and fastest, but also most expensive, service is a taxi. The cost to downtown is around CH\$15,000.

Finally, the cheapest choice is to take one of the buses that stops every 30 minutes in front of the passenger terminal. It takes approximately 30 minutes and the cost is around CH\$3,000.

For security purposes, the Airport recommends using the official transportation it offers.

### **And if your destination is Concepción**

You can get from Santiago to Concepción by bus, train or plane.

The bus trip can be at day or at night and takes 6 hours for a cost of around CH\$10,000.

The train trip costs approximately CH\$15,000 and you will be at your destination in 5 1/2 hours. The train goes as far as Chillan and from there, passengers must conclude the trip by bus to Concepción.

Plane is the quickest and most comfortable alternative as you reach Concepción in just 45 minutes. A ticket costs around CH\$80,000, but if you purchase it in advance, it may cost half that price.

### **How do you get to Concepción from the Airport?**

The Carriel South airport, located 5 km (3.1 miles) from Concepción, offers a well-rounded passenger transportation and taxi service to the city. A taxi costs around CH\$6,000 and takes no more than 15 minutes. Van transportation costs around CH\$4,000 and you reach the downtown area of the city in the same time.

### **Weather**

Chile, because of its extensive geography, hosts several types of climates, ranging from desert to Mediterranean steppe to a warm rainy template climate, cold steppe, tundra and polar climate. Altitude climate reigns in the Andes Mountain Range and icy weather at its peaks.

**Santiago** has a template Mediterranean climate. Rainfall measures approximately 300 annually in fall and winter (March to August), with extreme temperatures averaging from 4°C to 15°C (39°F to 59°F). The spring and summer (September to March) are very hot and there is virtually no rain. Extreme temperatures range from 13°C to 28°C (55° F to 82°F).



**Concepción** has a template Mediterranean climate influenced by the ocean. Winter and fall are very rainy and average temperatures start at a low of 4°C and 14°C (39°F and 57°F). There is little rain in the summer time and temperatures range from 10°C to 20°C (50°F to 68°F).

### Currency

The currency is the peso. Coins come in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 pesos and bills in 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000 pesos. A dollar is equal to around CH\$500 and one Euro to CH\$687 (November 2011). It is recommendable to exchange your money in banks or exchange houses, never on the street. You can also use automatic tellers and exchange houses in shopping malls.

Banking hours are from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Banks are not open in the afternoons. In general, exchange houses and stores are open from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The large shopping malls are open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday to Sunday.

### Transportation

In **Santiago**, the transportation system is called Transantiago. It was implanted by the Government of Chile and consists of buses and the subway. The means of payment for any public transportation is the Bip card, which is a plastic prepaid card that you can purchase at different points in the city (CH\$1.300) and recharge it as



many times you need. The Santiago subway is known for its cleanliness and good service. Traveling on the subway is quick, safe and cheap.

For further information on transportation or bus rides that will take you to your destination, visit the following link: <http://www.transantiagoinforma.cl>.

In **Concepción** there is a bus system, but international students usually live very close to the university and do not need to use it daily. Unlike Santiago, students can pay the bus fare at the time they get on the bus.

## Reference Prices

Service	Chile (Ch\$)
Subway fare	\$ 500-600
Bus fare	\$ 500-600
Movie theater ticket	\$ 3,500 – 5,000
UDD Cafeteria Lunch	\$ 2,700
Coca-Cola can	\$ 500



### Exchange Houses

Here are the addresses of some exchange houses where you can exchange your money.

Santiago	Concepción
<p><b>Afex Cambio</b> Av. Apoquindo 6089 local 3 (Apumanque) Fono : 56-2- 202 11 78</p>	<p><b>Afex</b> Barros Arana 565, Ground Floor, Room 57 (56) 41-23 9618</p>
<p><b>Cambios Ventura</b> Centro comercial Apumanque local 368 Las Condes Fono : 56-2- 224 91 80</p>	<p><b>Fides Ltda.</b> Caupolicán 521, 1st Floor, Room 58 (56) 41-22 8914</p>
<p><b>Cambios Santiago</b> 11 de Septiembre 2327 Local 15 Providencia Phone: 56-2 -- 234 58 18</p>	<p><b>Inter S.A.</b> Caupolicán 521, Of. 31 (56) 41-21 2767</p>
<p><b>Intermundi Ltda.</b> Moneda 896 Phone : 56-2-671 24 75</p>	<p><b>Varex Ltda</b> Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 527 (56) 41-22 4131</p>

\* Search for locations near your residence.

## National Holidays

Below is the list of the dates of Chilean holidays in order for you to organize your trips and outings. We recommend that you confirm the dates since often holidays are moved to the next Monday.



Date	Holiday
January 1	New Year's
April 22	Good Friday
April 23	Good Saturday
May 1	Labor Day
May 21	Iquique Naval Combat Day
June 27	Saint Peter and Saint Paul
July 16	Our Virgin of Carmen
August 15	Assumption of the Virgin
September 18	Independence Day
September 19	Army Day
October 10	Columbus Day
November 1	All Saints Day
December 8	Immaculate Concepción
December 25	Christmas

## Contacts at UDD

Please contact our International Relations Office should you have any questions. We are delighted to answer any of your questions and help you in planning your upcoming stay in Chile.

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