

HANDBOOK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Universidad del Desarrollo

About us?

Universidad del Desarrollo (UDD) is recognized as one of the best private universities in Chile. It has five modern campuses, two in the city of Santiago and three in the city of Concepción. Entrepreneurial spirit, leadership and public responsibility are key in the training provided by the university.

Its faculty members stand out not only for their excellent academic level, but also for contributing significantly and actively to the development of the country.

Personalized treatment is a hallmark of UDD, which facilitates learning in an open and approachable university environment.

In addition to the high academic load, students have a wide variety of recreational activities, such as; sports, theater, volunteering and student clubs, which, in addition to playing a fundamental role in training upright professionals, It can help make your stay in our country an enriching experience on a personal level.

The Global Challenge



UDD has a powerful international network of prestigious partner universities in America, Europe, Asia and Oceania, with which it has developed an attractive variety of undergraduate and graduate programs with the aim of integrating the concept of globalization into the education it imparts.

Through academic cooperation agreements, it promotes and encourages the development of teaching, research or academic exchange activities.



Why choose Santiago?

Santiago is the capital and main urban nucleus of Chile, in addition to being the seventh most inhabited city in Latin America.

Santiago is home to the main governmental, financial, administrative, commercial and cultural organizations of the country.

If you enjoy the life of the great orbs, where you can enjoy multiple panoramas with the tranquility that make our capital one of the Latin American cities with the best quality of life, without a doubt Santiago is the city for you.



Santiago is a city of great contrasts, where you can carry out various cultural, sports and recreational activities.

With a privileged geographical location, from the capital you can be in just over an hour skiing in one of its well-known winter resorts, or surfing on one of its internationally recognized beaches.

This city has an interesting range of proposals for the most diverse tastes. In the historic center, located in the center of Santiago, you can have a clear idea of the what the city was like in its origins, since many of its buildings have been preserved as historical heritage.

UDD campus is located in the Las Condes district, in the San Carlos de Apoquindo sector. This place is known mainly for being a residential neighborhood, with good access, green areas and quiet streets, where we can also find centers of commerce and entertainment. This sector is connected to a large part of the city by the Los Dominicos metro station.



As for the climate, Santiago has a Mediterranean climate. During the autumn or winter (March-August) it registers rainfall of approximately 300 mm. annual and average extreme temperatures of 2 ° C and 15 ° C (39 ° F and 59 ° F). Spring and summer (September-March), are very hot, there is practically no rain and extreme temperatures range between 17 ° C and 28 ° C (55 ° F and 82 ° F).

Why choose Concepción?

During the year, thousands of young people from all over the country come to study at the prestigious universities of Concepción, a city that has almost 370,000 inhabitants. If you are looking for a more relaxed, friendly and close lifestyle, where the main transportation will be your own feet, without a doubt, Concepción is the city for you.

This does not mean that Concepción is a city totally removed from the activities of a big city, since it is the industrial, cultural and economic capital of southern Chile. After Santiago, it is one of the most relevant cities in the country, both for its economic development and for its demographic growth.

Concepción is also known for having an intense artistic and cultural life, with easy access to all the comforts of a city in constant development.

Its most interesting attractions is the university district, a place that has become a symbol of this city since Concepción is known as the university capital of the south of the country.

The city is surrounded by beautiful landscapes and has unmissable tourist routes for those who visit it. Just one hour from the city are the Termas de Chillán, where you can ski, practice adventure sports and enjoy the incredible mountain scenery.

In addition, there is the possibility of touring the entire coastline of the province of Arauco through the beaches of Laraquete, Llico and Quidico, where the wind favors the practice of surfing throughout the year. Another great place you can visit are the beaches of Dichato, Lenga or Pingueral.

As for the climate, Concepción has a Mediterranean climate with a high maritime influence. Fall and winter are very rainy with extreme temperatures averaging 4 ° C and 14 ° C (39 ° F and 57 ° F). In spring and summer, there is little rainfall and temperatures range between 10 ° C and 20 ° C (50 ° F and 68 ° F).



How to get to Santiago from the airport?

Santiago airport offers a wide variety of transportation options that operate every day of the year. The airport has a transfer company (minibuses), with an approximate capacity for 9 passengers with a route from the air terminal to your destination.

Tickets can be purchased inside the airport just after the arrival area, each ticket has an approximate value of \$ 7,600 CLP. The most direct and fastest service, but also the most expensive, is the taxi. A trip to the city center costs around \$ 15,000 CLP. Finally, the cheapest option is to take one of the buses that pass every 30 minutes at the passenger exit. This takes approximately 30 minutes to the center of Santiago. The cost of bus is \$ 3,400 CLP.



And if your destination is Concepción ...

From Santiago you can get to Concepción by bus, train or plane. By bus you can travel day or night. The trip lasts 6 hours and has an approximate cost of \$ 10,000 CLP.

The train ride costs approximately \$ 20,000 CLP (round trip) and in 5 and a half hours you will be at your destination. It is important to mention that the train reaches the city of Chillán, where passengers must make a combination with a bus that finally takes them to Concepción.

The plane is the fastest and most comfortable option, in just 45 minutes you arrive to Concepción. The ticket has a value of about \$ 19,000 CLP, but if you buy it in advance you can find it up to half that price.

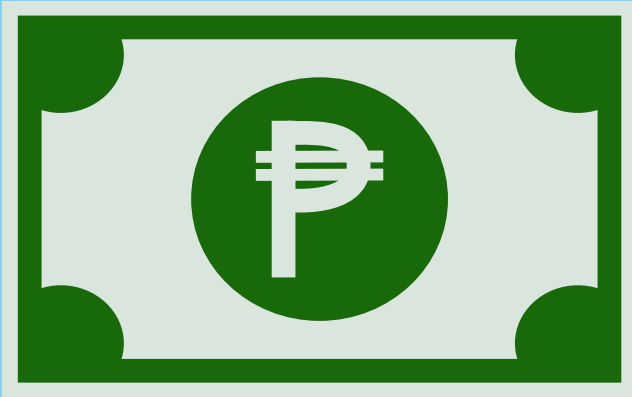
How to get to Concepción from the airport?

The Carriel Sur airport, located 5 km (3.1 miles) from Concepción, has a complete service of transfers and taxis for the transfer of passengers to the city.

The taxi has an approximate value of \$ 6,000 CLP and the trip does not last more than 15 minutes. The transfer, on the other hand, costs about \$ 4,000 CLP and reaches the city center in the same time.



Currency



The currency is the Chilean peso (CLP). The coins are of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 pesos and the bills are 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000.

1 USD is equivalent to \$ 700 CLP and 1 Euro to \$ 850 CLP (change calculated as of May 2021).

It is advisable to change money only in banks or exchange houses, never on the street, as well as in shopping centers.

Banks are open to the public from Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 14:00, banks are not open in the afternoons. The exchange and trade houses in general are open from Monday to Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Large shopping centers are open between 10:00 and 21:00. from Mondays to Sundays.

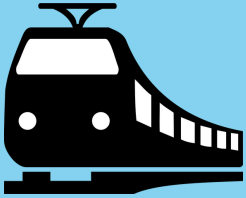
Transport system

In Santiago, the transport system is Trasantiago, promoted by the Government of Chile which integrates buses and the metro. To use public transport it is very important to know that the means of payment is the Bip! Card, a prepaid plastic card that you can purchase at any Metro ticket office for \$ 1,550 CLP and recharge it as many times as you need. It is important to mention that the Santiago Metro is characterized by its cleanliness and good service. Traveling by this means is fast, safe and cheap.

For more information or to know the bus that will take you to your destination you can visit the following link: <http://www.transantiago.cl/>

In Concepción there is a bus system to get around, however, international students usually live near the University, so they do not use it on a daily basis. Unlike Santiago, students can pay for the ticket when entering the bus.

Reference prices



1 Metro Pass: \$640 - \$800 CLP



1 Bus Pass: \$700 CLP



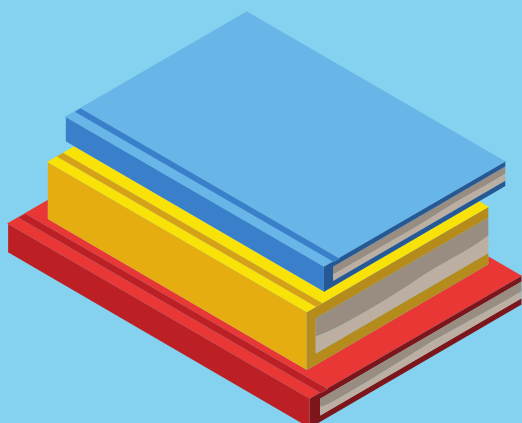
Cinema ticket: \$5.000 CLP

**Complete Lunch:
\$4.500 CLP**

**Can of Coca Cola:
\$950 CLP**



Course selection



Once you have received your Letter of Acceptance, you will receive detailed information about the offer of the courses available for your exchange period at UDD.

It is the responsibility of each student to register their courses within the established deadlines and the selection must be final, so no changes will be accepted. It is important that students ensure that their choice is approved by the coordinator from their home university.

Some very large courses are divided into two or more sections, in which the same content is reviewed, but at different schedules. Students must choose and attend only one section, which must be specified when registering subjects.

Evaluation system

The UDD academic model includes a permanent evaluation system that considers, in most cases, two evaluations and a final exam.

Additionally, during the semester students have partial evaluations such as presentations, tests, group work and dissertations, among others, as defined by each Faculty.



Grade Scale

Students are evaluated according to the following grading scale:

- 7 Outstanding
- 6 Very good
- 5 Good
- 4 Enough
- 3 Less than enough
- 2 Poor
- 1 Bad

Grade 4 corresponds to the minimum approval of a subject.

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Academic calendar



The UDD Academic Calendar is organized in semesters:

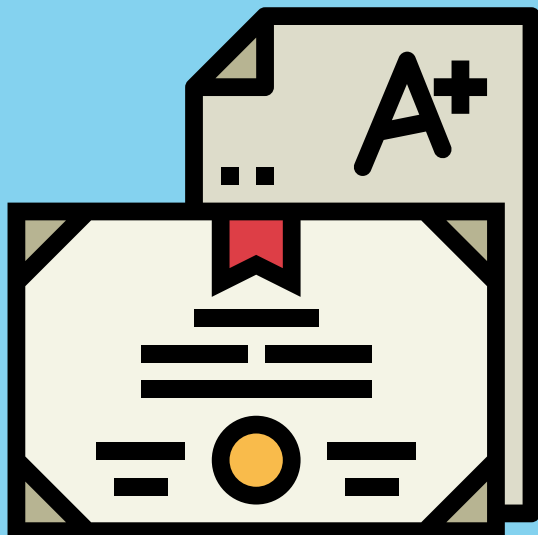
- First Semester: March - July
- Second Semester: August - December

Credit System

UDD assigns a certain number of credits to each course of the undergraduate majors or programs. The credit considers the academic work done by the student both inside and outside the classroom and is equivalent to one hour per week of average work during a period of one semester.

The equivalence range of 30 ECTS is approximately 45 to 50 UDD credits.

Transcript of Records



The International Relations Office sends each students home university a transcript with the grades obtained by the student during their semester at UDD. The certificate is sent in digital format by email and by regular mail if the university so requests. The student is required to complete an evaluation survey in order to receive their transcript.

The transcript is available one month after the end of the semester at UDD.

VIVE UDD

VIVE contributes to the comprehensive education and well-being of students through extracurricular activities based on four fundamental pillars.

<https://www.udd.cl/vive-udd/>



Sport and Culture



Leadership and Social Impact



Student Wellness and Support

Alumni, Life and Profession

National holidays



Here we present a list of Chilean holidays so that you can organize your travels and trips. We recommend checking the dates, as many holidays move to the following Monday.

| Date | Holiday |
|--------------|-------------------|
| January 1 | New Year |
| April 2 | Religious Holiday |
| April 3 | Religious Holiday |
| May 1 | Labor Day |
| May 21 | National Holiday |
| June 28 | Religious Holiday |
| July 16 | Religious Holiday |
| August 15 | Religious Holiday |
| September 17 | National Holiday |
| September 18 | National Holiday |
| September 19 | National Holiday |
| October 11 | Día de la Raza |
| October 31 | Religious Holiday |
| November 1 | Religious Holiday |
| December 8 | Religious Holiday |
| December 25 | Religious Holiday |

Contacts at UDD



If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the International Relations Office directly, we will be happy to answer your questions and help you plan your next stay in Chile.

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