Program Overview

Experience life in astonishingly beautiful Chile in our summer study abroad program. Now in its fifteenth year, this amazing trip offers a total immersion experience. By living with a host family, your Spanish will improve on a daily—sometimes hourly!—basis. Living in South America provides for appreciation of Hispanic and indigenous American cultures. On the excursions we take —¡fantásticas!- we explore the rich beauty of Chile’s land, people, animals, and cultural traditions. Through your Chilean family and the friends you’ll make during your stay, you will return to the U.S. with a better, deeper grasp of language and culture than you ever thought possible. Study abroad in Chile and see for yourself!

Program Facts

Location .................................. Valparaíso & Viña del Mar, Chile

*Option for travel to Easter Island

Tentative Program Dates ................. June 23 - August 2, 2017

Program Leader(s): 
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Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for this program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Degree-seeking student
- At least 18-years-old at time of participation
- Good judicial standing
- 2.5+ GPA at time of application
- Prerequisite: SPN 201 or placement out of SPN 201

Application

Application Deadline: April 1, 2017

- To apply, log in at: https://itsappserv02.uncw.edu/intprogapp/ and select your program of choice
- A $500 non-refundable deposit is due at time of application

Academics

Earn 6 UNCW credits

SPN 202: Intermediate Spanish. 3 credits. Provides intensive practice in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural appreciation at the intermediate level. Prerequisite: SPN 201. Counts toward minor.

SPN 294: Indigenous Chile: 3 credits. Explore the people, food, cultural traditions, geography, flora, and fauna native to Chile and South America in this enrichment course created especially for our program. Excellent excursions tie in with course material. Counts toward minor.
Our program “home base” is the sister cities of Valparaíso (Valpo) and Viña del Mar. Located on the Pacific Ocean, Valpo is one of the world’s most picturesque cities. It is a city of hills (cerros), has a magnificent harbor with maritime & fishing cultures, vibrant artistic expression, music, ascensores (the size of cable cars, they go steeply up the cerros), and universities. Lovely Viña is ten minutes away, and is where you live with your host families. Viña has world-class beaches, great cafés and restaurants, and is super-walkable.

One of our most exciting options is to visit to exotic Easter Island. We also explore Pacific coastal towns nearby, big-city Santiago, Chile’s central valley region, travel up and down Chile’s coast, and have options for skiing/snowboarding in the towering Andes Mountains.

**Program Activities & Features**

- All day hike and BBQ (asado) in Parque Nacional La Campana
- Visit to Quintessence, where alpacas are raised. Learn all about these beautiful, docile animals by hanging out with them!
- A day of horseback riding (ocean and dunes), followed by a delicious asado
- Spend a day immersed in indigenous Mapuche culture. Doña Blanca, a native Huiliche, will guide us through the Mapuche way of life. Together, we will prepare and enjoy an authentic Mapuche meal.
- Explore vibrant Santiago, Chile’s capital, lunch at the world-famous Mercado, visit the Pre-Columbian Museum, and La Moneda, the presidential palace
- Excursions to all three of Pablo Neruda’s homes: Isla Negra on the Pacific with lunch at Cafe del Poeta on the ocean; La Sebastiana in Valparaíso; La Chascona in Santiago
- A day to explore Chile’s wine culture with a visit to a vineyard
- Tour Valparaíso’s breathtaking hills and visit sea lions in the harbor
- Additional options (not included in program fee): Easter Island (RapaNui); Ski/snowboard in the Andes; The Atacama Desert; Travel up and down the coast to fishing villages and bohemian artistic communities

**Estimated Program Fee: $2,900**

**Program Fee Includes:**

- Lodging with Chilean host family, including 3 meals/day & laundry
- Cultural excursions and activities including ground transportation, admissions, some meals
- Study abroad health insurance

**Additional Costs:**

- (not included in program fee)
  - Airfare
  - Tuition and fees
  - Textbooks
  - Optional excursions

Federal and state financial aid may be applied toward this program. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application (FAFSA). You may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNCW students may also apply for a UNCW Education Abroad Grant and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at: www.uncw.edu/international/abroad/aid.html