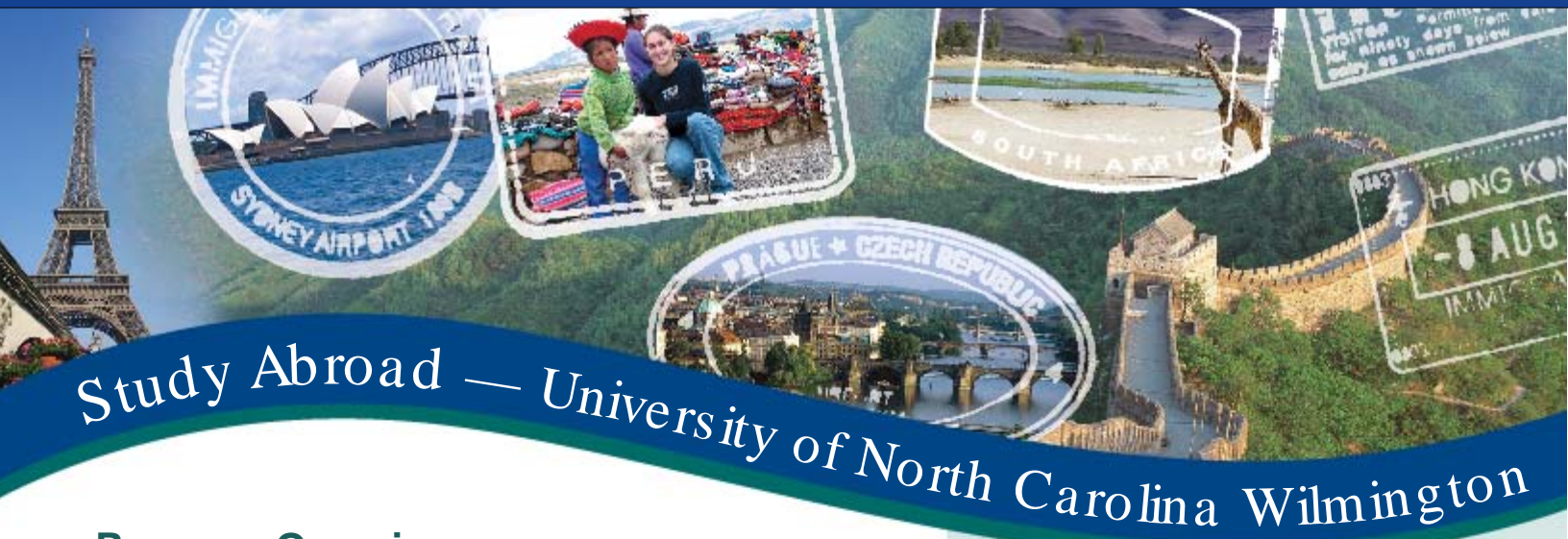


Study Abroad in Valparaíso, Chile

SUMMER 2009



Study Abroad — University of North Carolina Wilmington

Program Overview

Your semester begins here on campus in Wilmington with a one week-intensive orientation and instruction in your coursework and Chile's history, politics, geography and culture(s). Next stop: Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso in the heart of Valparaíso. PUCV is one of South America's most prestigious universities. The "P" —for "Pontificate" -- is an honor conferred on PUCV by Rome, designating it one of the top institutions on the continent. Students from all over the world study at PUCV. Classes will be taken there each weekday, followed by several cultural excursions.

Academics

These are UNCW courses: each one counts towards a minor in Spanish.
SPN 305: Conversation and Composition provides intensive training in both spoken and written Spanish.

SPN 203: Emphasis on reading at the intermediate level, with special focus on South American/ Chilean themes. Featuring selected works by Nobel Prize-winning Chilean writer, Pablo Neruda.

Prerequisites: To be eligible for this program, students must have passed SPN 202, have a minimum 2.5 GPA as of the end of the fall semester, and must not be on behavioral probation. In addition, permission from Program Director is required.

Program Activities and Features

Excursions include a visit to Isla Negra, one of Pablo Neruda's three homes; a trip to an artisanal vineyard where we will be guided through every step in the winemaking process from grape selection to wine glass; a trek through beautiful *La Campana*, one of Chile's many national parks; a guided tour through a copper mine will provide insight into one of Chile's most important exports; and a visit to what are known as *los pueblos interiores*, villages in the "interior," will give us the opportunity to meet with, learn from, and perhaps work with, members of Chilean society who aren't often in contact with U.S. visitors.

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Program Facts

Location: Valparaíso, Chile

Tentative Program Dates:
June 25 – August 1, 2009

Program Leader:

Valerie Rider

Program Director

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Application Deadline: March 2

Applications are available through the program leader and the Office of International Programs.

A \$200 non-refundable deposit is due at time of application.

Eligibility

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

- Degree-seeking student
- At least Sophomore standing at time of participation
- Good judicial standing
- 2.5 GPA at time of application
- Students not currently enrolled at UNCW must complete a university visiting applications, and must also submit official transcripts from all colleges attended

Applications available from the program leader, at the Office of International Programs and at:
www.uncw.edu/intprogs/SummerPrograms.html

Learn more at www.uncw.edu/international

“Regardless of your major, going abroad is for anyone and everyone.”



Location

Within the name “Valparaíso” is the Spanish word for paradise, “paraíso”. Study abroad there this summer and you’ll agree: the name fits! “Valpo” is a city of astonishing beauty. Located on the Pacific Ocean in central Chile, it enjoys a temperate climate, charming architecture, a fascinating maritime history, and the richness of both European and indigenous culture. UNESCO has designated Valparaíso a World Heritage Site (Patrimonio de la Humanidad). Get to know this picturesque city’s plazas, parks, monuments, museums, and harbor, and you’ll soon see why. Enjoy world-class seafood, and ride the many *ascensores*, vertical cable cars which take one to the top of Valpo’s Cerros (hills). They’re exciting! Valparaíso and its smaller sister, lovely Viña del Mar, are our home base, but we will also visit Santiago, vibrant capital of Chile; the towering Andes Mountains, an equestrian center, and other points further north in Chile. We’ll explore fishing villages and artists’ colonies which dot the Pacific coast; and for the outdoor’s lover, there is hiking and horseback riding in Chile’s beautiful national parks, winter sports in the Andes and surfing at some of the world’s best breaks.

Map



For more information on study abroad and exchange programs:

Office of International Programs
1003 Westside Hall
910-962-3685
www.uncw.edu/international
email: studyabroad@uncw.edu



Cost

Estimated Program Fee: \$1,650

Program Fee includes:

- UNCW and PUCV costs (honoraria, guest lecturers, supplies, support charges, etc.)
- Lodging, 3 meals a day, and laundry with your Chilean family
- Certain ground transportation while in Chile
- Certain cultural excursions and activities
- Study Abroad Medical Insurance

The Program cost is an estimate based on the anticipated number of participants and is subject to change accordingly

Additional Costs (not included in Program Fee)

- UNCW tuition & fees for 6 credits (payable to UNCW Cashier’s Office)
- Airfare: estimated at \$1500-\$2000
- Chile entry tariff: \$133

Financial Aid and Scholarships

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 Summer Education Abroad Grant (for summer programs) and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at www.uncw.edu/intprogs/abroad-financialaid.htm.

Web Sites

- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Vaparaíso: www.ucv.cl
- Photos from this past summer in Chile: people.uncw.edu/johanssonm/chile
- All-around interesting website about Chile: www.chile.com
- Excellent website with spectacular photos www.kactusfoto.cl

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