

Education Abroad Resources: Chile

Whether you have browsed the IDEA website or just know you would like to have an abroad experience in Chile, you should be aware that there are many options. To help you narrow down your search, set goals and ask yourself what you want out of your abroad experience in Chile. Doing a bit of background research to narrow down the number of programs you're interested in will not only help your advisor but will make you feel much more prepared and less overwhelmed. Below are several tools to help you explore programs and the many wonderful cities in Chile!

1) Research your program options

Study Abroad Program Website: <http://oregonstate.edu/international/studyabroad/students>

International Internship Website: <http://oregonstate.edu/international/studyabroad/internships>

2) Define your goals and ask yourself what you want out of the experience

- Are you looking to learn Spanish while abroad and to what extent? Do you meet the language prerequisites for the program? The OSU: Agriculture program in Chillan is designed for elementary Spanish speakers to improve their skills, where as other programs require more experience with the language.
- In what language do you want your classes taught in (some programs offer Spanish and English options)?
- Who do you want to take your classes with? Host-country students, US or international students, or a mix?
- What do you prefer for housing: dorm-room, apt, home-stay, etc?
- Do you feel more comfortable in an urban/large city or a smaller town (Santiago is a very large city)?
- Do you want to attend another university?
- How LONG do you want to go abroad (not all programs are offered every term or for a full year)?
- Do you want to travel during your program
- Do you have a region of Chile in mind (e.g. do you want to be near an ocean, mountains, or in a certain climate)? Valparaiso is a port city where as Santiago is closer to the mountains.

3) Research the country and program locations

General Information

- Universidad de Chile: www.uchile.cl

Newspaper – Nation wide

- Popular Newspaper that covers the whole country: www.elmercurio.cl
- www.emol.cl, www.latercera.com, www.elmostrador.cl

Santiago

- Lonely Planet: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/chile/santiago>
- Life in Santiago: http://www.sanmarcoschurch.cl/fr_santiago.html
- Newspaper (English): <http://www.santiagotimes.cl/>
- Additional Newspapers:
<http://www.thepaperboy.com/chile/newspapers/santiago/city.cfm?WOEID=349859>

Vina del Mar

- Lonely Planet: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/chile/vina-del-mar>
- More information: <http://www.vinayvalpo.com/vinadelmar/about.html>
- Newspapers: <http://www.granvalparaiso.cl/v2/>, <http://www.expreso.cl/>

Chillan

- Lonely Planet: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/chile/middle-chile/chillan>
- Newspaper: <http://www.ladiscusion.cl/>

Valdivia

- Lonely Planet: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/chile/the-lakes-district/valdivia>
- Newspaper: <http://www.australvaldivia.cl/impresadivision/2012/11/14/papel/>
- More information: <http://gosouthamerica.about.com/od/valdivia/p/Valdivia.htm>
- Valdivian coastal range: <http://gosouthamerica.about.com/od/valdivia/p/Valdivia.htm>

Valparaiso (twin city of Vina del Mar)