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Addressed to international students, researchers or visiting professors planning an academic stay at the Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez.

GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND VISITS

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Welcome to Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez (UCSH) in Chile!

Through this guide we hope to provide you with useful information so that you can make the most of your experience as an international student or visitor at our institution. Feel free to explore and consult this guide whenever you need guidance on the covered topics. **Let's begin!**

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THE UNIVERSITY

About UCSH

Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez (UCSH) is an institution of higher education recognized in Chile for its commitment to the comprehensive formation offered to the students and for its focus on social justice.

Its educational project began in 1982 with the creation of the Instituto Profesional de Estudios Superiores Blas Cañas, an institution born with the strong support of Cardinal Raúl Silva Henríquez. In 1990 the Ministry of Education approved its operation as Universidad Blas Cañas, and in 1993 the Episcopal Conference of Chile recognized it as Catholic, joining the Salesians of Don Bosco Congregation of Chile as active partners of the institution.

In 1999, after their general statute's modification, the Salesians took over the directive management of the institution and the change of name to Universidad Católica Cardenal Raúl Silva Henríquez was authorized. Four years later, the University obtained its full autonomy, and in 2006 the Episcopal Conference transferred the entire

management of the University to the Salesian Congregation.

During these 40 years of history, the Cardinal's dream has been materializing under the values and principles of an accredited, inclusive and transcendent educational project, committed to academic excellence in all its undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs in different areas of knowledge, including social sciences, humanities, education, engineering and health.

UCSH promotes a comprehensive education that goes beyond academics, fostering the personal, social and ethical development of its students. The university also seeks to promote equity and inclusion, providing educational opportunities to people of diverse backgrounds and thus contributing to build a more just society.



4 years accreditation by the National Commission of Accreditation



4 faculties



26 undergraduate and 3 graduate programs



More than 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students



66 laboratories and workshops



3 libraries



International agreements with 58 institutions in 12 countries, including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Spain, Italy, and Mexico, among others.



Our Mission



The mission of the Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez is to contribute to society and the Church, through the comprehensive development of its students and their contribution in the spheres of Youth, Education and Human Development, by means of quality teaching, research and integration with the community, in accordance with its Salesian formative ideology.

Our Vision



The Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez aspires to be recognized as an Institution committed to the promotion of a more just and supportive society in our country, through its contribution to the spheres of Youth, Education and Human Development, based on research, innovation and creation, as well as its dissemination and transfer to the community.

OUR FACILITIES

Casa central

 General Jofré 462,
Santiago
Región Metropolitana



Located in the Santiago, the main university campus occupies the entire block between General Jofré, Marín, Tocornal and Carmen streets. Its large spaces house the classrooms, the library, the chapel, and the Cardenal Raúl Silva Henríquez museum room.


Carmen 350

 Carmen 350,
Santiago,
Región Metropolitana



Its 8 floors house large classrooms, Olympic gyms, courts, laboratories and, on the top floor, a terrace overlooking Santiago. It also has two undergrounds areas where is located the University's Olympic swimming pool, another gym, as well as dressing rooms and lockers for students.

Casona San Isidro


 San Isidro 560,
Santiago,
Región Metropolitana



Its architecture stands out in the area where it is located. It houses the University's art education programs, and has sculpture, painting and music rooms, which have a variety of instruments such as keyboards, guitars and even a grand piano in the auditorium of the large house. It also has green areas, an outdoor cafeteria, a library, chapels, and a technology & audiovisual room.

OUR FACILITIES

Casona Violeta Parra

 Carmen 340,
Santiago,
Región Metropolitana



The place housed for years the *Peña de los Parra*, a cultural initiative created by the poet and singer Violeta Parra. Currently, a series of paintings are exhibited in rooms and offices frequently used by students.

Campus Lo Cañas

 Lo Cañas 3636,
La Florida,
Región Metropolitana



Located in the Andean foothills, at the historic neighborhood of Lo Cañas in La Florida, the Campus was inaugurated in 2010, becoming the newest campus belonging to the university. Academic and sports facilities are located on these premises. It has a sports complex of 3.7 hectares, with a synthetic grass soccer field, multi-sport game courts, dressing rooms, and halls, among other facilities. It has transportation for his students from the Vicuña Mackenna subway station. It also houses the Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud (Faculty of Health Sciences) with modern simulation rooms, speech therapy laboratories, laboratories of each school such as Anatomy, Physiology, Audiology, Kinetic Therapies, and Massage Therapy, among others, as well as large green areas that welcome students.



STUDYING AT THE

UCSH

Exchange Program

The Unidad de Cooperación Internacional e Internacionalización (International Cooperation Office) aims to strengthen the internationalization strategies and activities of Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez and is the office in charge of mobility at UCSH.

By means of various partnerships and connections worldwide, the University is moving towards a comprehensive and broad internationalization, throughout all institutional activities. The agreements signed with universities around the world and the international networks (such as IUS, FIUC, and ODUCAL) have allowed us to promote academic and scientific cooperation, as well as student mobility.

Mobility is a core idea in our internationalization project and through our program we have received and sent students, offering them the opportunity to learn about other cultures, have diverse academic experiences and create ties that will last a lifetime.

Each year the partner universities inform us of the number of students interested in attending a semester or a year at UCSH. Then, each student completes a form and submits the documents required to participate.

To date, UCSH has received more than 230 students from different countries around the world, including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, England, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, and Sweden.

OUR FACULTIES

Faculties



- Health Sciences
- Social and Legal Sciences
- Education
- Engineering and Business

OUR SCHOOLS

Schools



- Initial Education
- Arts and Humanities
- Science and Educational Technology
- Social Work
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Law
- Physiotherapy
- Speech Therapy
- Nursing
- Engineering
- Business

*Both the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Social and Legal Sciences have Research and Postgraduate Schools.

OUR GRADUATE ACADEMIC OFFER

Master and Doctoral Programs



- Master Degree in Social Intervention
- Master Degree in Education
- Doctorate in Social Sciences, mention in Youth Studies

OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Programs & Courses



<https://admissionucsh.cl/>



(check in each Faculty)

Remember that all our programs are taught in Spanish.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

First Semester March to July	Lectures term: March to June Examination period: last week of June – first week of July
Second Semester August to December	Lectures term: August to November Examination period: last week of November – first week of December
Summer Holidays	January and February
More information	https://www.ucsh.cl/estudiantes-calendario-academico/

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Only for exchange students

Unidad de Cooperación Internacional e Internacionalización (International Cooperation Office)	Casa Central: General Jofré 462. Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Dirección de Asuntos Estudiantiles (DAE, or Student Affairs Office)	At the DAE you can learn about and have access to our complementary learning offer, extracurricular workshops (sports, artistic and recreational), as well as free psychosocial support. You can also receive welcome and assistance if you have special educational needs or disabilities, and general guidance on student services or university life.

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<p>Unidad de Acompañamiento Académico (Academic Support Office)</p>	<p>Through this office, UCSH seeks to facilitate the permanence, progression, and timely graduation of its student community.</p> <p>In case you need it, you can participate in:</p> <p>Mentorships of curricular subjects, in which a specialist teacher (mentor) will facilitate learning instances in small working groups, to improve performance in a specific curricular activity.</p> <p>Workshops to strengthen fundamental competencies for your academic performance (such as comprehension and text production).</p> <p>Workshops to strengthen study habits and techniques, time and area organization, and strategies for effective learning.</p> <p>If you are interested in participating in any of the above, please contact us at acompanamiento@ucsh.cl for more information.</p>
<p>Credencial universitaria (University ID)</p>	<p>The University ID certifies you as a member of the Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez. It is also the means of identification that allows UCSH students to have access to different university services, including marking attendance in classes, book loans, printing sheets, entry to libraries and other facilities with prior registration, such as gym and heated pool. Your ID card is personal and non-transferable.</p> <p>To obtain your University ID for the first time, please go to the DAE office to have your photograph taken. After that, please pick it up within two working days. The credential is free of charge when you request it for the first time.</p>

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Food Scholarship

During your stay, will be eligible for the food scholarship, which will allow you to have lunch at the university's cafeteria on the days you have classes.

To obtain this scholarship, contact the Unidad de Gestión de Beneficios (Benefits Management Office) of the Finance Department (located at 204 Lira Street) to arrange the days you will have lunch at the university.



STUDENT LIFE

UCSH offers diverse activities to its student community, including extracurricular workshops, volunteering, cultural events, and more.

Also, if you are interested in sports, you can be part of the soccer, volleyball and/or basketball teams that represent UCSH in intercollegiate championships.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in groups of the university community organized by the Pastoral Universitaria (University Ministry) for social action and volunteering in squatter settlements.

We encourage you to participate in these activities to meet other students and immerse yourself in university life in Chile.

For more information, check the Dirección de Asuntos Estudiantiles (Student Affairs Office) website: <https://www.ucsh.cl/dae/>, or follow their Instagram account [@dae_ucsh](#) |

Visa

<p>Residencia Temporal Permit (Former Student Visa)</p>	<p>For undergraduate and graduate programs in Chile, or study purposes, the residence permit called <i>Permiso de Residencia Temporal</i> (PRT), subcategory "Students from state-recognized establishments", is required.</p> <p>You can find information at the following link: https://serviciomigraciones.cl/en/residencia-temporal-permit/</p> <p>The granting of the permit may take several weeks, so it is important to do the application in advance.</p>
<p>Permanencia Transitoria Permit (Former Tourist Visa)</p>	<p>This permit is granted to nationals of States in possession of international agreements ratified by Chile and allows a stay of up to 90 days, which may be extended for 90 days upon payment of a fee.</p> <p>You can find information at the following link: https://serviciomigraciones.cl/en/permanencia-transitoria-permit/</p> <p>The granting of the permit may take several weeks, so it is important to do the application in advance.</p>

Health Insurance

<p>Health Insurance</p>	<p>It is mandatory that you have international health insurance.</p> <p>If you take out travel assistance insurance, it must have coverage for accidents, illness, medical repatriation, mortal remains repatriation, and covid-19.</p> <p>It is essential to purchase your medical insurance in your home country before traveling to Chile.</p>
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Arrival Dates

We suggest that you arrive one week before starting classes, according to the academic calendar.

At the Airport	<p>Different transportation services are offered at the airport, including shuttle (individual or shared), conventional taxis, buses to the Pajaritos, Los Héroes or Estación Central subway stations, from where you can connect to your destination.</p> <p>It can take between 25 and 40 minutes to get from the airport to the city center, depending on the chosen transport. Prices will also vary depending on the type of transport and the destination.</p>
You can't miss our Orientario Day!	<p>Both at the beginning of the first and second semesters, we offer an orientation session that will help you get to know and get yourself familiar with the university, the services available, and living in Chile.</p> <p>The International Cooperation Office will be available during your stay to support you in matters related to mobility, exchange, and any other questions you may have.</p>



Do not forget to inform your Mobility Coordinator, at your home university about your arrival in Chile. They expect to know that you arrived safely.





LIVING IN CHILE AND SANTIAGO

Welcome to Chile!

Below, you will find everything you need to know about life in Chile: from the vibrant culture and delicious cuisine, to tips for getting around the city and discovering the best spots. Get ready to dive into this new adventure and make the most of your stay at UCSH!

In case you didn't know, Chile has been awarded first place in the South America's Leading Adventure Tourism Destination category by the World Travel Awards for 8 consecutive years. In addition, according to a study in the journal Nature, the country stands out as one of the most diverse territories on the planet, with 88 of the 110 existing ecosystems in the world.



Torres del Paine - Image by Sernatur

Welcome to Santiago, your new home!

Santiago is a city that will surprise you with its energy, cultural diversity and spirit.

We are excited to have you as part of the UCSH student community and hope you enjoy your experience in this wonderful city to the fullest.



If you are passionate about art and culture, Barrio Bellavista is a must-see place. Here you will find numerous art galleries, theaters and several restaurants and bars with a lively nightlife. You can also enjoy local markets, such as La Vega Central, where you can taste delicious fresh fruits and savor authentic Chilean cuisine.



Pablo Neruda House - Image by Chile Travel

Santiago

Santiago is the vibrant capital of Chile. It's a fascinating city that seamlessly blends its rich history with the continuously evolving modernity. Here you will find a unique blend of culture, gastronomy, and breathtaking landscapes that will captivate you.

A visit to the imposing Cerro San Cristóbal, and its iconic cable car, offers you a breathtaking panoramic view of Santiago. In addition, getting to know its historic center will allow you to appreciate the history and origins of the city by means of its cultural and architectural heritage, which includes the Plaza de Armas and the imposing Metropolitan Cathedral.



Cerro San Cristóbal Cable Cars - Image by Civitatis



Viña Cousiño - Image by Civitatis

Don't forget to explore Santiago's outskirts. A short distance away, you can visit the Maipo Valley, known for its vineyards and world-class wine production. You can also enjoy the beautiful beaches of the central coast, such as Viña del Mar and Valparaíso, full of color and charm. Thanks to its geographical location, you can also visit ski resorts such as La Parva or Portillo, in winter, and practice adventure sports in the Cajón del Maipo.

Useful information

Demonym	Santiagoino (-a)
Santiago Province Subdivision	32 <i>comunas</i>
Inhabitants	6,254,314 inhabitants
2nd city with the best quality life in Latin America	According to the British group The Economist and its Global Liveability Index 2023
3rd safest city in Latin America	According to the Global Peace Index 2022
3rd best city for business	According to the Global Business Cities Study 2022

Holidays in Chile 2024

National holidays and important dates * These dates may change.	
New Year: January 1 st	Asunción de la Virgen (Assumption of Mary): August 15 th
Viernes Santo (Good Friday): March 29 th	Fiestas Patrias (National Day): September 18 th
Pascua de resurrección (Easter): March 31 st	Día de las glorias del ejército (Day of the Glories of the Army): September 19 th
Día del trabajo (Labor Day): May 1 st	Encuentro de dos mundos (Encounter of two Worlds): October 12 th
Combate Naval de Iquique (Iquique Naval Combat): May 21 st	Día de las iglesias evangélicas y protestantes (Evangelical and Protestant Churches Day): October 31 st
Día Nacional de los Pueblos Indígenas (Indigenous Peoples' Day): June 20 th	Día de todos los santos (All Saints' Day): November 1 st
Día de San Pedro y San Pablo (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul): June 29 th	Inmaculada Concepción (Immaculate Conception Day): December 8 th
Virgen del Carmen (Virgin of Carmen): July 16 th	Navidad (Christmas Day): December 25 th

Costs of Living in Santiago

The budget needed to live in Chile will vary depending on your lifestyle and the area you want to live. Therefore, it is essential that you consider the associated costs and calculate the monthly and/or semester amount that will allow you to live and study without worries.



Housing	<p>Depending on your preferences, the monthly cost of housing varies considerably.</p> <p>Here's a monthly estimate:</p> <p>Living in a student residence hall can cost between CLP 300,000 and CLP 600,000, depending on location and facilities (USD 370 - USD 750).</p> <p>Living in a single apartment can cost up to CLP 450,000 (USD 560).</p> <p>Living in a 3-bedroom apartment can cost up to CLP 800,000 (USD 1000).</p> <p>It is important you thoroughly research location, access to services, and transportation before making a decision.</p>
Food	Approximately CLP 150,000 monthly (USD 180)
Transportation	Up to approximately CLP 50,000 monthly (USD 80)
Utilities (electricity, water, gas, Internet)	Up to approximately CLP 70,000 monthly (USD 90)
More information	For more information on associated costs, please visit https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Santiago .

Housing

It is very important that you get information about housing in Chile before arriving in the country, as this will allow you to carefully analyze the options and make the decision considering location, costs, and other aspects. UCSH does not have its own student residences, but we recommend you to visit some Chilean web portals that offer houses, apartments or rooms for rent.



For more information, here are some links where you will find housing offers.

*This section has the sole purpose of providing information about potential housing, so it is responsibility of each student to contract the services they consider convenient.

<http://www.santiagoexchange.com>

<http://www.compartodepto.cl>

<http://www.economicos.cl/propiedades>

<http://www.portalinmobiliario.com>

<http://www.hostelling.cl>

<http://www.valparaisoexchange.com>



Transportation

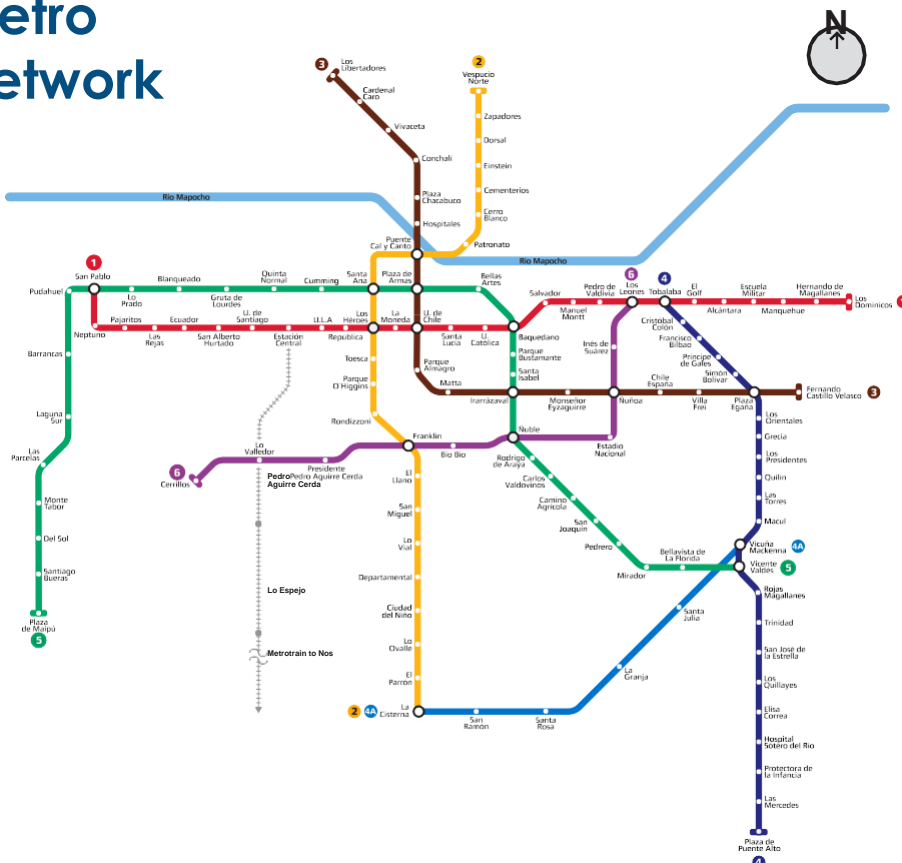
To facilitate your arrival in our country, we will provide you with information about different means of public transport in Chile and its regions.

If you are in the Metropolitan Region of Santiago, you will have access to the RED bus system, and Metro (subway), which has underground train lines that cover much of the region. Both systems are paid with a card called "bip!", which you must charge on in advance.

In addition, you can use cab services and/or applications such as Uber or others to get around.

As for the other regions of the country, all have urban minibuses services with wide coverage and capacity, shared taxis, cab, and/or apps, allowing easy and affordable transportation for both residents and visitors.

Metro Network



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Red operativa de Metro
Metro operable network

- 1 San Pablo - Los Dominicos
- 2 Vespucio Norte - La Cisterna
- 3 Los Libertadores - Fernando Castillo Velasco
- 4 Tobalaba - Plaza de Puente Alto
- 4A Vicuña Mackenna - La Cisterna
- 5 Plaza de Maipú - Vicente Valdés
- 6 Cerrillos - Los Leones

- Estación y combinación abiertas
Station and transfer open
- Estación cerrada y combinación abierta
Station closed and transfer open
- Estación y combinación cerradas
Station and transfer closed

Contacto:
Contact:

- metro.cl
- 6006009292
- Metro de Santiago - Chile
- @metrodesantiago
- @metrodesantiago

Health Services and Medical Coverage



The Chilean State guarantees emergency care for all people, regardless of their migratory status. The health system has a state and a private offer. It is essential that you, as a student, have your own health insurance and use it in case you require medical assistance in hospitals or clinics.



Emergency Numbers

Keep these numbers on your phone

Carabineros de Chile (Chilean Police Force): 133

Ambulance: 131

Bomberos (Fire Department): 132

Policía de Investigaciones (PDI, Investigation Police): 134

Air rescue: 138

Maritime Search and Rescue Service: 137



Useful Tips

Greeting

Don't be surprised if, at the moment of greeting, a Chilean gives you a kiss on the cheek. It is very common among women as well as between men and women to exchange a kiss on the cheek when greeting or saying goodbye. Men usually shake hands.



Schedules

Punctuality in Chile has certain cultural particularities. Between two people, a delay of up to 15 minutes is considered acceptable. In the case of parties, "juntas" with friends and other more informal meetings that usually start and end late, it is common to arrive later than the initially agreed time.

Tipping

Tipping in Chile is a common and expected practice in several service businesses. In restaurants, it is customary to leave a 10% tip on the total bill. Sometimes the tip is not included in the bill, so it is advisable to check before paying.



Useful Tips



Voltage in Chile

In Chile, the standard voltage of the power grid is 220 volts. Therefore, if you visit Chile and need to use electrical devices during your stay, be sure to check if your appliances are compatible. The plugs used in Chile are type C and L, so adapters may also be necessary.

Time Zone

For most of the year, Chile is located in the UTC/GMT -3 zone. In the winter months, clocks are set back one hour, changed to a -4-hour time zone.



Loss of Passport

Losing your passport is a problem, especially if it happens abroad. If you lose your passport, we recommend you visit the Chile Atiende site: <https://www.chileatiende.gob.cl/temas/extranjeros-en-chile>. There you will find information on the steps to follow to recover your lost document.

Remember that each embassy has its own requirements for granting a new passport, so you should check with your embassy or consulate to find out the requirements for obtaining a new passport.



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This guide aims to provide you with an overview of student life at UCSH and relevant information so that you can make the most of your experience. We encourage you to explore each section further and feel free to contact the Unidad de Cooperación Internacional e Internacionalización (International Cooperation Office) if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

Enjoy your time at Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez and in Chile!

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