Exchange Scheme with the Pontificia Universidad Católica De Chile (PUC)

Where is the Pontificia Universidad Católica De Chile?
Located in the city of Santiago, Pontificia Universidad Católica De Chile is one of Chile’s oldest universities and one of the most recognised educational institutions in Latin America, QS ranking places PUC 3rd in Latin America. The student body consists of over 20,000 undergraduates and over 4,000 graduates located in four campuses.

Who can go?

- Two places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2018/19. Priority will be given to Language and Linguistic Science students.
- **Students will be required to be proficient in Spanish for this exchange.**
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme) for integrated programmes. Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange. [https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/)

Courses

- Students will be expected to take **100 credits** during their year at PUC (i.e. 50 credits per semester). All 100 credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits. One credit: one hour of work per week. This includes both contact hours and individual work, during 18 weeks (one semester).
- The course catalogue can be accessed here: [http://www.uc.cl/en/courses](http://www.uc.cl/en/courses)
- Information on restricted courses can be found here: [http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/exchange-and-mobility-programs/undergraduate-exchange-program#restricted-programs-of-study](http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/exchange-and-mobility-programs/undergraduate-exchange-program#restricted-programs-of-study)

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- **Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York.**
  Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.

Costs

1) **Tuition Fees:** Students will pay no tuition fees to PUC and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
2) **Visas:** The most current information found shows the cost of a student visa for Chile is £383 for British citizens.
Don’t forget that if you are eligible for the travel grant from Student Finance, you may be able to claim this cost back. Plus £50-£100 for medical certificates and £45 for ACRO Police Certificate.

3) Medical insurance: International Health Insurance is mandatory. Students must purchase their own Health insurance in their countries of origin before they travel to Chile.

5) Additional costs to consider: flights, accommodation, travel insurance and visas (see below), living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

Visa

Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.

Once you are accepted at UC, you will have to apply to a Student Resident VISA at the Chilean Consulate nearest to you. Check the list of Chilean Consulates around the world in the following link Chilean Consulates

After you have arrived to Chile, you must follow the following steps:

- Register your VISA at "Policía Internacional" within the first 30 days after your arrival to Chile.
  - You must bring your passport and the immigration card you received upon arrival to the following address: Policía Internacional. Eleuterio Ramirez 846. Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Email Address: jenaex@investigaciones.cl

- Apply for and get the Chilean ID Card ("carnet de Identidad") for foreigners at the Servicio de Registro Civil e Identificación.

- If you did not apply for and obtain a student VISA in your country of origin and decide to get into Chile with a Tourist VISA (to get information about the tourist VISA, click here), you must start the application process to obtain a Student VISA during the first 30 days upon arrival.

- For more information visit the Immigration and Migration Office located at San Antonio 580, 2nd Floor (Information Office) and 3rd Floor (Visa, Permanent Residency, Sanctions and Tourism). Phone Number: (56-2) 600-486-3000.

Where will I live?

PUC does not provide student housing or accommodation for foreign students but have a list of student dormitories and housing options which students can apply for. Although they are not affiliated as they are advertised on PUCs housing website, they feel they will be reputable and safe companies.

http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/get-ready-to-arrive-to-uc/housing

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Useful web links:

Main PUC site: http://www.uc.cl/index.php
Global Graduates: https://globalgraduates.com/
FCO advice: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/chile

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