

# Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso

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## program snapshot

- Gain an understanding of Chile through CIEE courses that focus on Chilean heritage, identity, literature, art, and history; work with a language partner
- Take advantage of community service and volunteer opportunities, including working in local schools, shelters, and nongovernmental organizations
- Participate in weekend educational field trips to Pucón where you'll experience the Mapuche indigenous community and outdoor activities, as well as in cultural and educational activities, including city tours, concerts, museums, theater performances, soccer matches, and a visit to a rural farming community

## what you'll learn

The Liberal Arts program enables students to gain firsthand knowledge of contemporary issues and cultural patterns, helping them better understand Chilean society and develop a critical appreciation of Chilean history and identity. This is accomplished through CIEE courses, cultural activities, excursions, and living with a Chilean family. The program also meets the academic needs of students through regular course matriculation at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (PUCV). In addition, the program aims to help students perfect their Spanish language skills through daily interaction in the local community and through volunteer opportunities.

## thoughts from abroad

Valparaíso and its twin city Viña del Mar host Chile's third largest population of approximately 600,000 inhabitants. The area is an important academic hub with students comprising over 13% of the population. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (PUCV) is ranked among the top regional universities in Chile, and has campuses in both Viña del Mar and Valparaíso. Of the 14,500 students at PUCV, approximately 800 are international students, offering rich possibilities for program participants to meet not only Chileans, but also people from many different parts of the region and the world.

Valparaíso (often referred to in its diminutive form, "Valpo") is a port city on the Pacific Ocean, described as "atypical" on account of the fact that the city was never officially founded. It was built without any formal urban planning. The city has preserved many unique and fascinating traditions and legacies from the industrial area, such as the cable cars that dot the steep hillsides, connecting these labyrinthine neighborhoods with the downtown area of the city. Valparaíso received an important distinction when it was designated as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations in 2003.

— Marcia Vera, Resident Director

### About the Resident Director

Marcia Vera, Resident Director, holds a M.A. in Gender and Cultural Studies in Latin America at the Universidad de Chile and received her B.A. from PUCV in English Language and Literature. Before joining CIEE, she worked as Program Director of International Abroad (ITA)-Chile at PUCV International Programs. In addition, Marcia was an International Counselor at a YMCA branch in Pennsylvania. She also taught international students Spanish conversation and Chilean culture at PUCV.

### About the Academic Director

Dr. Haydee Ahumada, Academic Director, helps students with course selection and provides academic support. She has a Ph.D. in literature from PUCV and a postgraduate title in Gender and Cultural Studies from the Universidad de Chile. Dr. Ahumada is a literature professor at both PUCV and the Universidad de Chile in Santiago, and her research interests focus on the Spanish exiles in Latin America and their literary production.

### About Other CIEE Staff

CIEE students are also assisted by Francisca Vera, Administrative and Housing Coordinator; Gloria Tapia, Administrative and Volunteer Assistant; and Glen Elliott, Logistics and Operational Assistant.

## about valparaíso and viña del mar

Valparaíso and its twin city of Viña del Mar are located between the Andes Mountain and the Pacific coast, just two hours by bus from Santiago. Valparaíso is a port city, housing the Chilean Congress, and Viña del Mar is a modern resort city, with shops, beaches, and recreational facilities, as well as a residential area. With affordable mass transportation between the two cities, students find them friendly locations in which to live and study.

## academics

### Academic Program

The CIEE Study Center in Valparaíso and Viña del Mar, Chile began welcoming participants in 1997. It is an attractive option for several reasons, including the academic offerings available at PUCV, as well as the student-friendly nature of both Valparaíso and Viña del Mar. The program is intended for students who have at least six semesters of college-level Spanish or the equivalent, and are looking for a program that permits direct enrollment with Chilean university students. It provides personalized instruction and support through both academic and non-academic activities. Given the array of disciplines and courses available to participants, the program is suitable for undergraduate students with strong Spanish language skills from a variety of majors. All courses are taught in Spanish.

### Academic Culture

Average class size is 20 to 30 students, and CIEE participants might find themselves to be the only international students in some of their classes. The teaching style tends to be lecture format, with emphasis placed on memorization and note-taking. It can take a while to learn how to study effectively in the Chilean system, especially in terms of acquiring reading material and knowing what the professor expects. Chilean classmates are often an excellent source of help.

University life is quite different in Chile compared to the United States, since the Chilean university is primarily a professional school. While CIEE students have the opportunity to study in almost every department, this is not the case for Chilean students, who study in one discipline area exclusively.

The academic year program includes two semesters of study and can begin either during the North American fall or spring semester. Academic year students who begin their studies during the North American fall semester have a nearly three-month break between se-

masters during which they are encouraged to travel or study elsewhere in the region. There is a break of about two weeks between the (North American) spring and fall semesters.

### Nature of Classes

Participants enroll directly in host university courses and take classes with Chilean students. In addition, participants enroll in specially designed CIEE courses that are taught in Spanish to CIEE students only. Spanish language courses are taught to CIEE and other international students by PUCV.

### CIEE Community Language Commitment

Students take part in the CIEE Community Language Commitment by speaking Spanish at all times (except in emergencies). This fosters a learning community that contributes to both Spanish language proficiency and understanding of Chilean society.

### Grading System

Assessment for CIEE courses is based on class participation and writing assignments. In PUCV courses, students are treated the same as Chilean students; final grades are usually determined by a combination of written and oral assignments and a final paper or exam. The Chilean grading scale is from one to seven, with four being a passing grade. The CIEE office in Chile translates all transcripts and converts grades and credits to the U.S. system according to a standard scale that includes A, B, C, D, or F, with pluses and minuses.

Transcripts for the U.S. spring semester should arrive at sending institutions by mid-September and in mid-March for the fall semester. Graduating seniors or others concerned about the timing of receiving grades should take this into consideration when choosing this program.



## where you'll study

The Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso is ranked among the top regional universities in Chile. In 2003, it received its designation as a "Pontificia," a distinction given to Catholic universities by the Vatican. The University has campuses in both Valparaíso and Viña del Mar and offers more than 50 undergraduate and 30 postgraduate degrees. Of the 13,000 students at PUCV, only three percent are international students, giving CIEE participants a great opportunity to immerse themselves in the Chilean higher education system.

## living

### Housing and Meals

Students live with Chilean host families, many of whom are located in Viña del Mar and a few in Valparaíso. The sister cities are very close to one another, and PUCV has departments in both cities. Host families are considered an integral part of the immersion into Chilean life. Housing and three meals a day are included in the program fee. Students are responsible for housing and meals during the breaks.

### Online Pre-Departure and On-Site Orientations

Students begin their study abroad experience in Valparaíso and Viña del Mar before leaving home—by participating in a CIEE Online Pre-Departure Orientation. Meeting with students online, the Resident Director shares information about the program and site, highlighting issues that alumni have said are important, and giving students time to ask questions before leaving home. The online orientation allows students to connect with others in the group, reflect on what they want to get out of the program, and learn what others in the group would like to accomplish. The CIEE goal for the pre-departure orientation is simple: to help students understand more about the program and site, as well as establish their goals for the program, so that they arrive to the program well-informed and return home having made significant progress toward their goals.

The mandatory one-week orientation is held in the region of Valparaíso. Students are introduced to the country, culture, and academic program and are provided practical information about living in Chile. Students also attend sessions on the history and culture of contemporary Chile. Ongoing support is provided on an individual and group basis throughout their stay in Chile.

### Internet

Students have access to email and the Internet at the Foreign Students Office of PUCV, the CIEE office in Viña del Mar, and at the abundant and inexpensive Internet cafés in Viña del Mar and Valparaíso. As a result, students are encouraged to bring wireless-enabled laptops.



## eligibility

- Overall GPA 2.75
- 6 semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent
- Spanish language course within the past year recommended

## volunteer

Non-credit volunteer work allows students to obtain a comprehensive understanding of Chilean culture and society through their own personal experiences, as well as experiences outside of the classroom. CIEE facilitates these opportunities in various schools, shelters, and organizations throughout Valparaíso and Viña del Mar.

## costs

### CIEE Fees

Fall 2011: \$12,700  
Spring 2012: available 8/15/11  
Academic Year 2011–12: \$24,200  
Calendar Year 2012: available 8/15/11

The CIEE program fees for 2011–12 include tuition, housing, meals, an optional on-site airport meet and greet, full-time leadership and support, orientation, immersion activities including language partners and volunteer opportunities, a comprehensive student handbook, pre-departure advising, scheduled activities, field trips, a host institution identity card, and a CIEE iNext travel card which includes insurance and other travel benefits.

### Estimated Additional Costs (Fall 2011)

Transportation (round-trip based on U.S. East Coast departure)	\$ 1,350
Personal Expenses	\$ 2,000
Books and Supplies	\$ 200
Local Transportation	\$ 720
Visa Fee	\$ 140
Potential Travel to Consulate for Visa	\$ 400
<b>Total Estimated Additional Costs</b>	<b>\$ 4,810</b>

Check our website for current fees.

## duration

**Fall**  
21 weeks: mid-July—mid-December

**Spring**  
21 weeks: late February—mid-July

**Academic Year**  
52 weeks: mid-July—mid-July

**Calendar Year**  
45 weeks: late February—mid-December

## culture

### Cultural Activities and Field Trips

The program includes visits to sites of historical and cultural importance in Valparaíso and Viña del Mar, including visits to museums in the region, to La Sebastiana (the home of Nobel poetry winner Pablo Neruda), the Chilean National Congress, and a visit to a rural farming community,

In addition, there are two weekend excursions each semester. Last year, students visited Pucón, an eco-tourism center on Lake Villarica in the south of Chile, where they visited and participated in the daily life of a local indigenous community and took advantage of the many outdoor activities for which the region is known. The second excursion varies due to seasonal weather factors and available current attractions. In the past, students have participated in guided tours in Santiago, a walking tour of the historical part of the capital of Chile, and guided visits to the Fine Arts Museum, and the Museum of Memory and Human Rights, among other educational and cultural activities.



## coursework

### Program Requirements

All students are required to enroll in one and a maximum of two of the CIEE required courses. Students may also enroll in the CIEE elective course. Finally, students enroll in three or four courses offered at PUCV.

CIEE students can take no more than two 2 credit general University courses. Academic year or continuing students are not required to take a CIEE course during their second semester.

### Credit

Total recommended credit for the semester is 16–20 semester/24–30 quarter hours and for the year is 32–40 semester/48–60 quarter hours. PUCV courses range from 2–5 semester/3–7.5 quarter hours each. General introductory courses, worth 2 credits, meet at least once a week and are open to students from all disciplines.

Upper-level university courses are usually 45 hours and can range from 3 to 5 credits depending on how much outside academic work is required.

### Language of Instruction

Spanish

### Faculty

All courses are taught by faculty from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso.



## courses

### Required CIEE Courses

*Student must choose one of the following courses:*

#### HIST 3002 VALP

##### Geographic Cultural History of Contemporary Chile

This course analyzes the political, social, and cultural aspects of Chilean life in the 20th century. Students explore and discuss historical documents and testimonials about Chilean social issues. The focus of this course is on the social and cultural landscape of the country. The chosen material seeks to show alternative perspectives of the events of the past century. Through the use of audiovisuals and historical testimony, students reconstruct a variety of spheres of life characteristic of the 20th century [economy, social relationships, religious practices, and everyday life]. Contact hours: 60. Recommended credit: 4 semester/6 quarter hours.

#### LAST 3006 VALP

##### Valparaíso: History, Cinema, and Literature

This course explores the city of Valparaíso from three different perspectives: history, the cinema, and literature as cultural productions that have been developed as an artistic representation in the national and international context. These themes allow students to explore a theoretical framework within which to analyze texts, documents, novels, and movies, helping them acquire a deeper awareness of Valparaíso. Coursework is combined with participation in discussions, experiential activities, and independent research work. Contact hours: 60. Recommended credit: 4 semester/6 quarter hours.

#### LITT 3001 VALP

##### Contemporary Hispano-American Short Stories

This course immerses students in Hispano-American short stories written in the latter half of the 20th century, with a focus on the analysis and discussion of new trends and issues in Latin American narrative. Famous authors including Julio Cortazar, Borges, Monterroso, Donoso, and Garcia Marquez, among others, are studied in depth. Coursework is combined with experiential activities and independent research work. Contact hours: 60. Recommended credit: 4 semester/6 quarter hours.

### CIEE Elective Course

#### CLST 3001 VALP

##### Seminar on Living and Learning in Valparaíso

The CIEE Seminar on Living and Learning in Valparaíso is designed to improve students' intercultural communication and competence while studying abroad by considering how Chileans are different from and similar to themselves and others. The course offers opportunities, both in and outside the classroom, to develop insights and the skills necessary to interact effectively and appropriately, and to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the cultural richness of Chile. Contact hours: 25. Recommended credit: 2 semester/3 quarter hours. *Instructor: Marcia Vera, CIEE Resident Director*

## Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (PUCV) Courses

### Language Courses

#### Advanced Spanish Communication and Chilean Culture

This course emphasizes oral and written communication through learning about Chilean culture in texts and oral presentations. The purpose of the class is to improve the intercultural ability of the student. Contact hours: 90. Recommended credit: 4 semester/6 quarter hours.

#### Advanced Spanish Grammar

This course emphasizes the morphological aspects of Spanish grammar, reinforcing them through reading and writing assignments and analyzed in communicative contexts. The students improve their grammatical competence of Spanish as a second language. Contact hours: 60. Recommended credit: 4 semester/6 quarter hours.

#### Advanced Spanish Writing

This course is designed to help those students who already have a strong command of the Spanish language reinforce their Spanish writing skills, especially their ability to compose essays for the academic setting. Contact hours: 60. Recommended credit: 3 semester/4.5 quarter hours.

### Other PUCV Disciplines

*The University offers a wide range of courses in many disciplines including, agronomy, architecture, biology, business administration, chemistry, engineering, environmental sciences, fine arts, foreign languages, geography, journalism, mathematics, music, philosophy, physics, psychology, theater, and zoology. The following list is a representative sampling of courses*

available at PUCV and a listing of some of the more popular courses taken by international students at PUCV. Syllabi are available upon request. Students may enroll in any courses for which they meet the prerequisites. All course selections are made in consultation with the Resident Staff and a designated staff person from the University. Not all courses are available every semester. The reality of the academic system in Chile is such that course listings and course availability are not determined until immediately prior to the start of University classes in a given semester. The final list of courses is available during orientation.

#### Arts

America Workshop: Urban Space  
 Basic Concepts of Cinematic Language  
 Cinematic Directors  
 Contemporary Theater Workshop  
 Drawing Workshop  
 The Historical Process of Film  
 Latin America in Texts and Images  
 Performing Arts Workshop I, II  
 Pre-Colombian America in Texts and Images  
 Sculpture: Molds and Clay  
 Seminar: Analysis of Poets  
 Serigraph  
 Theater Workshop: Introduction to Acting  
 Traditional Chilean Dances

#### Biology and Natural Sciences

Agricultural and Chilean Society  
 Applied Biological Oceanography  
 Ecology of Marine Communities  
 Environmental Impact  
 General Biology  
 Geocology  
 Introduction to Oceanography  
 Landscape Ecology  
 Management of Wild Areas  
 Marine Biology  
 Natural Resources and Climate Change  
 Overview of the Sea  
 Urban-Regional Planning

#### Business and Commercial Engineering

Business Administration I, II  
 Chile in the Globalized Economy  
 Consumer Analysis  
 Economic Development  
 Finance  
 Globalization and Chilean Society  
 Human Resource Management  
 Introduction to Economy  
 Macroeconomics I, II  
 Marketing I, II  
 Microeconomics I, II  
 Operations Management  
 Organizational Sociology  
 Theory of Communication

#### Education

Camping Techniques and Outdoor Education  
 Children's Literature in Kindergarten Education  
 Chilean Traditional Mapuche Games  
 Folklore Dances  
 Man and Games  
 Mountain Sports  
 Self Care and Healthy Life  
 Strategy of Learning Spanish

#### Geography

Biodiversity and Sustainable Development  
 Environmental Impact Evaluation  
 Geography of Chile  
 Geography of Latin America  
 Geography of Population  
 Introduction to Mountaineering  
 Meteorology  
 Regional Geography of Chile  
 Urban and Rural Geography

#### History

Economic and Social History  
 European Expansion  
 General Anthropology  
 Hispanic America  
 Historical Formation of Hispanic American Culture  
 History of Chile I, II  
 History of Chile: Pre-Columbian and Conquest Era  
 History of Chilean Art  
 History of 20th Century Latin America  
 International Relations  
 Modern Chilean History  
 Pre-Columbian Cultures  
 State Formation in Latin America  
 Urban History and Regional History of Valparaíso

#### Law

Environmental Administrative Law  
 International Politics

#### Literature and Spanish

Chilean and Hispanic American Literature I, II, III  
 Chilean Theater in the 20th Century  
 Classic Spanish Literature I, II  
 Contemporary Spanish Literature I, II  
 Fundamental Linguistics and Literature  
 Medieval Spanish Literature  
 Oral and Written Expression  
 Phonetics

#### Psychology

Anthropology  
 Adolescent Psychology  
 Developmental Psychology  
 Education Psychology I, II  
 General Psychology  
 Multicultural Education  
 Social Psychology I, II  
 Theory of Human Communication

#### Religion

Interpersonal Relationships: Anthropological Perspective  
 Introduction to the History of the Religious Origins of Christianity  
 Sexuality and Ethics  
 Studying the Prophets  
 Studying Psalms

