



Exchange Student Handbook



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Yunta Program

Get ready for a semester full of fun, connection, and unforgettable experiences! The Yunta Program offers a wide range of activities designed to help you settle in, meet new people, and make the most of your exchange. You'll be paired with Yunta sponsors – local students who will guide you, support you, and help you navigate life in Chile.



Integration Period

The Integration Period takes place during the two weeks before the start of the semester. It is mandatory and essential for the official validation of your exchange program.

This period is all about making your arrival smooth and enjoyable. Through fun and informative activities, you'll learn everything you need to know about your exchange:

- ✓ What to do
- ✓ How to do it
- ✓ When to do it

We'll also share practical tips and advice on student life in Chile – all to make sure your exchange experience is not only successful, but truly amazing.



BEFORE YOU ARRIVE: What's waiting for you?

Here's a quick look at what we've prepared to make your arrival in Chile smooth, fun, exciting, and stress-free:

✔ Guides, guides, guides!

You'll receive up-to-date guides packed with info on housing, safety, public transport, must-see spots, and more. Consider it your starter pack for life in Chile!

✔ You're not alone!

Got questions? Feeling unsure? Don't worry — we've got your back. Our team is here to help you every step of the way.

✔ Meet your support squad!

You'll get to know the amazing support team at the University. They're friendly, helpful, and just a message away whenever you need them.



BEFORE YOU ARRIVE: What's waiting for you?

✓ Say hi to your Yunta sponsors!

These awesome local students are your go-to buddies – ready to guide you, show you around, and help you settle in like a true local.

✓ New friends, guaranteed!

You'll meet fellow exchange students from around the world – your future travel partners, study buddies, and maybe lifelong friends.

✓ A full schedule of fun!

Before classes begin, we've planned an exciting Integration Period full of activities to help you get oriented and start having fun right away.

✓ The fun doesn't stop there!

Throughout the semester, you'll be invited to all kinds of events, outings, and cultural experiences,



Discover Santiago, Chile & Latin America

Santiago offers a unique mix of mountains, sea, and city life. In just one day, you can go skiing to the Cordillera de los Andes and later enjoy water sports at the beach—only 1.5 hours away!

You can also go trekking or try paddleboarding on nearby lakes. There are amazing nature trails just outside the city.

As the capital, Santiago has great flight connections, making it easy to travel around Chile and South America quickly and easily.



Visa

In general, most nationalities do not need special permission to enter Chile. However, we strongly recommend checking the official list of countries that do require a visa before traveling.

Check here: <https://www.consulado.gob.cl>

Do I need a student visa?

If your studies in Chile will last more than 6 months, you must apply for a Student Visa (Temporary Residence Permit – Student Subcategory).

If your stay is less than 6 months, we still recommend applying for the student visa, but it's up to you. It will be your responsibility to decide whether or not to start the process.

More information here: <https://serviciomigraciones.cl/residencia-temporal/>

How to apply

Once you've received your Acceptance Letter from the Mobility Coordination, you can apply for your Temporary Residence Visa under the student category.

All applications must be submitted online through the Official Digital Portal of Chile's National Migration Service. Start your application here: https://tramites.extranjeria.gob.cl/tramites/ver_ficha/245



 Apply at least 2 months in advance to avoid delays.

Health: a must!



IMPORTANT: In Chile, **healthcare is not free**. Medical services are **private and often very expensive**. That's why having the **right health insurance** is absolutely essential during your stay.

✓ What should your insurance include?

- Emergency care and hospitalization.
- Repatriation of mortal remains in case of death (yes, it's uncomfortable to think about, but extremely important).

🚨 Things to watch out for

If your plan works by reimbursement only, that means you'll need to pay everything up front and request the money back later – so make sure you have enough funds or credit available just in case.



Accomodation

Short-term stay:

For your first days, we suggest booking a hotel or Airbnb. Take your time to visit different places before choosing where to live long-term.

Where to stay?

The neighborhoods of Providencia and Las Condes are great areas to stay in – they are safe, lively, and have lots of services and amenities nearby.

Keep in mind that the university is located near the Inés de Suárez metro station, and Santiago has an excellent public transportation system, so getting around the city is usually very easy and efficient.



Long-term stay:

Rent prices vary depending on the area, type of housing, and size. During the integration period, you will have time to visit the residences and select according to your preferences.

Don't worry!

We'll share a folder with student discounts and housing options in Santiago.

But here are also helpful links:

- <https://www.santiagoexchange.com/>
- <https://www.livinnxsantiago.com/>
- <https://fentastic.cl/>



Cost of living in Chile

 **City average monthly rent (private market):** 400 USD

 **Public transportation (monthly):** 40 USD

 **Food & Restaurants (national average):** 150 USD



A baguette



1 USD

A meal in a local restaurant



8 USD

A coffee



1,5 USD

A cinema ticket



6 USD

A metro ticket



0,85 USD

A check-up with a GP



40 USD

Mobile Phone Providers

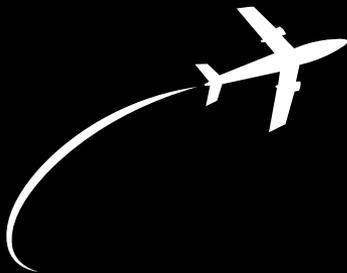
Make sure your phone is unlocked before coming.

Once you arrive, you'll probably want a SIM card and internet right away. Start with a prepaid card, then you can switch to a plan with companies like Claro, Movistar, Entel, or Wom.

If you're staying over 90 days, you'll need to register your phone. Do this with a provider or at www.multibanda.cl/ia

You'll need your phone's info, proof it was bought abroad (like a bill), and your personal details.





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We are always happy to welcome you!