

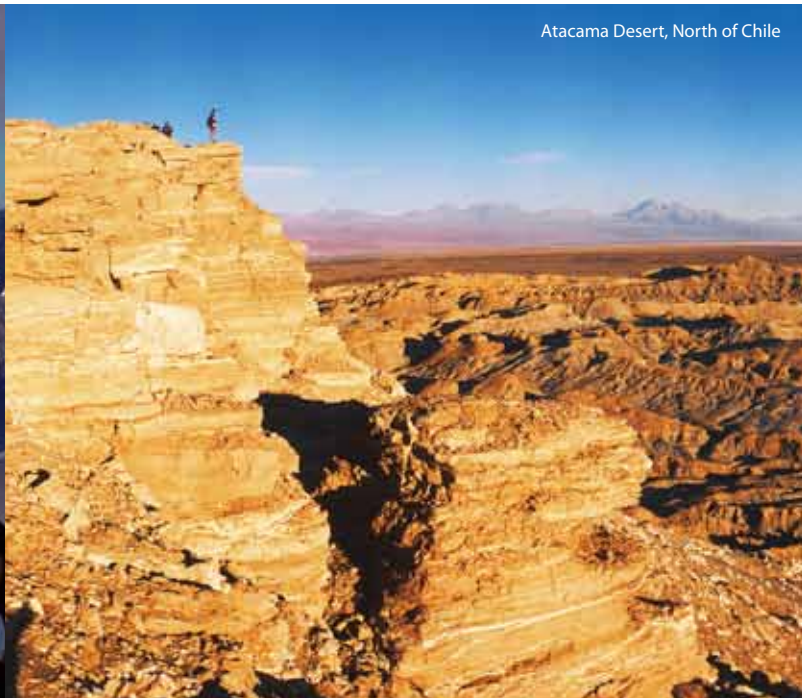
...CHILE,  
A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY

# STUDYING AND TRAINING... WHY CHILE?

CHILE



Atacama Desert, North of Chile



*... Thanks to its stability, modernity and natural landscapes,  
Chile offers an excellent opportunity to study and  
experience unforgettable cultural moments ...*



South of Chile

"Todos los Santos" Lake

## ABOUT THE COUNTRY

Chilean nature has made this country a place of cultural, economic and tourist interest. Chilean people cooperate keeping the political order and the entrepreneurship vision, allowing this country to celebrate its 200 years of history as a democratic, modern, open, flexible and developing Republic.

Located in the South American west coast, its more than 2,485 miles length crosses deserts, mountains, plains, forests, ice fields...privileged scenarios for the principal Chilean productive sectors, including mining, forestry, agriculture, crop protection, wine-making, fishing, tourism and industrial development.

Based on the World Economic Forum, 2010-2011 Competitiveness Global Report, Chile is currently one of the most competitive Latin American countries, where it is recognized as an emerging leader in the world. Many international analysts suggest that what happens in our country, will also happen later in other emerging economies in the world.

These current indicators undoubtedly express that Chile is an excellent place to consider for studying and participating in foreign exchange programs, like the ones that DuocUC has to offer.

The Chilean economic opening and integration to the international market is not surprising. Chile is trustworthy for the most developed countries, including the United States, Japan and the European Union, with which it has signed important Free-Trade Agreements.

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# CHILE



Financial District, Santiago



Cathedral, Santiago

**Area:**  
756,096 sq km (291, 930 sq miles)

**Population:**  
17.094.275 inhabitants.

**Capital:**  
Santiago de Chile.

**Language:**  
Spanish.

**Birth Rate:**  
1.9 children per family.

**Gross Domestic Product:**  
In Latin America, according to a ranking of the US Forbes magazine, as the Best Countries for Business, Chile ranks #23, the best positioned in Latin America out of 129 countries, taking into consideration several indexes: GDP growth, GDP/capita, trade balance, population and budget affairs. The current GDP per capita is approximately US\$14,700.



Religious Feast "La Tirana" dance



Chiloe Island

#### WEATHER

Scarce rainfall and approximately average temperature of 16°C (61°F) in the north; template temperatures in the center; and increase of rainfall to the south.

#### SECURITY

Chile is the safest country of the region. In agreement with the Global Peace Index, which evaluates "domestic and international peace" of 121 nations, Chile is N°16, leader in Latin America. It has a police force (Carabineros de Chile) valued by Chilean people, which guarantees total security to visitors.

#### TRANSPORT

At a domestic level, there is an organized interurban land and air transport network.

#### MEANS OF PAYMENT

The official currency is the Chilean peso (Ch\$ or CLP). There is a vast and easily accessible automatic teller machine network. The payment with credit cards is institutionalized for the principal services and commerce in general.

#### TECHNOLOGY

Great development of ADSL for Internet, wifi, fiber optic, wap capacity, international roaming for mobile phones. High availability of state of the art equipment and competitive technical support.

#### TOURISM

Great natural wonders are offered in Chile. **San Pedro de Atacama, Isla de Pascua, Patagonia, Torres del Paine**, among others, are all increasingly demanded by international tourists. The alternatives are multiple and suitable for every budget: fishing lodges, high mountain huts, river and sea rafting, kayaking, trekking, mountaineering, windsurf, surf, climbing, water skiing, skiing, among others.

In relation with the above, Chile has 32 National Parks, 47 National Reserves and 15 Natural Monuments, which can be visited and enjoyed by everyone who appreciates nature.

#### HEALTH

Chile has a vast hospital and emergency services network. There are modern clinics with state of the art technology and infrastructure, both in Santiago and the main cities.

# WHY Duoc UC?

At Duoc UC, the design of the academic project responds to the needs of the industry.

## INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

In 2010, Duoc UC obtained its institutional accreditation from the National Commission of Accreditation (CNA) for a period of 7 years out of 7. Among 220 higher education institutions in Chile, only 3 have been accredited for this period of time. Furthermore, 75% of Duoc UC's study programs have also been accredited for more than 5 years, which is an outstanding achievement in the Chilean higher education system that confirms the soundness of its project and its commitment to the personal and academic development of its students.

Duoc UC Alameda Campus



## OUR MISSION

“For CHILE to become  
a developed country  
thanks to the contributions of our graduates”



Jaime Alcalde, Duoc UC Rector

## Duoc UC SCHOOLS

- Business Administration
- Communication
- Design
- Tourism
- Information Technology and Telecommunications
- Engineering
- Health
- Construction
- Natural Resources

## COLLABORATION WITH THE INDUSTRY

- Constant updating of curriculum
- Certification
- Technical assistance
- In-Service training
- Continuing education
- Development of real projects in the classroom

## TECHNOLOGICAL CENTERS

- Center of Culinary Arts & Hospitality
- Technological Center of Health
- Technological Center of Design
- Technological Center of Construction
- Technological Center of Business
- Center of Audiovisual Production
- Automotive Technological Center
- Center for Automation and Electronics
- Technological Center of Agriculture
- Center of Enterprise and Innovation



Duoc UC is a private non profit professional Institute, founded in 1968 by the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Four decades of experience position Duoc UC as a professional technical higher education institution, leader in Chile. With a practical emphasis, its teaching model is based on the development of labor competences, which translates in the method of learning by doing.

Duoc UC has specially invested and improved its infrastructure for the above purpose. Each campus has technological centers, laboratories and specialized tools in order to recreate working environment. In addition, Duoc UC uses state of the art information technology in order to ease the learning process, such as online courses, intranet, chat and e-learning programs.

The institute has 14 campuses located in the main Chilean urban centers: Santiago, Valparaíso, Viña del Mar and Concepción.

## Duoc UC ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Technical level, two year duration programs.  
Professional level, four year duration programs.

## INDUSTRY FOCUSED DEGREES

For Duoc UC, the labor value of a professional or technician is measured by his/her productivity, and consequently his/her competences. That is why the development of curriculum is based on information provided by the industry, with which DuocUC keeps an important relationship.

Duoc UC education plans are modular and flexible, and thus they facilitate the inductive methodology, and the accent in practical aspects of teaching.

Our academic project looks for the highest quality, which implies providing all of its students with social, labor and cultural value.

## FACULTY WITH REAL WORLD EXPERIENCES

Duoc UC faculty has an ample theoretical knowledge and a strong experience in the industry related to the actual practice of their specialties, thus improving the programs learning process.

A black and white photograph showing a young woman in the foreground and a young man behind her, both looking towards the right side of the frame. They appear to be in a classroom or office setting, looking at a computer monitor. The woman has long, light-colored hair and is wearing a large, circular earring. The man has dark, curly hair and a beard. The background is slightly blurred, showing what might be a computer monitor and some papers.

## Duoc UC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WHAT DO WE DO?

Duoc UC's International Affairs is the area responsible for developing programs with institutions abroad, focused on students, graduates, faculty and staff.

Duoc UC's International Affairs also offers courses and programs in Chile for foreign students and faculty.

## PROGRAMS



Duoc UC Valparaíso Campus

### SPANISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Duoc UC offers a range of intensive Spanish courses from basic to advanced levels, including Spanish for Business and Spanish for Health Practitioners.

### TAILOR MADE PROGRAMS ABROAD FOR Duoc UC STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

Short term programs offered by a foreign higher education institution with an approximate duration of 2 or 3 weeks.

### INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

Duoc UC develops agreements with foreign institutions and companies so that students can experience an international internship or assistantship.

### ACADEMIC EXCHANGE FOR STUDENTS

Reciprocity collaboration agreements are signed between Duoc UC and international institutions, by means of which Duoc UC students study one semester in foreign institutions, and Duoc UC in its turn receives students from foreign institutions.

### TAILOR MADE PROGRAMS AND STUDY TOURS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Duoc UC has designed a variety of tailored high quality programs according to the main Chilean competitive advantages.

### TAILOR MADE PROGRAMS ABROAD FOR FACULTY

Short term programs are offered by a foreign higher education institution with an approximate duration of 2 or 3 weeks with a focus on specific specializations.

### ESL TEACH ABROAD PROGRAM

This Duoc UC program is oriented to those individuals interested in bringing their English linguistic skills and cultural experience to Duoc UC regular students.

### FACULTY EXCHANGE

Duoc UC has reciprocity collaboration agreements in which Duoc UC faculty visit foreign institutions, and Duoc UC receives in Chile faculty from the same institutions.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Turin, Italy



New York, USA

## OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PARTNERS

The internationalization of Duoc UC seeks to improve the academic model and educational management of the institution, preparing local and international students to perform in a highly qualified environment where they will need to interact with specialists trained in different countries, of diverse cultures, and under different educational paradigms, thus favoring a global awareness of work.



### TAILOR MADE PROGRAMS ABROAD

Since 2005, Duoc UC International Affairs has developed tailor made programs abroad for its students, graduates and faculty. Students currently involved in programs such as Audiovisual Communication, Construction, Advertising, Mechanics, Business and Tourism, among others, have had the opportunity to attend specialized 2 and 3 week courses in well known institutions from the United States, Canada, South America and Europe, completing more than 50 courses within the last 6 years.

### FACULTY

Our faculty also attend specialization courses abroad. Special mention should be made to the teachers of the Health School who have taken short courses in Northern Virginia Community College in the United States, academics from the Design School who specialized in Universidad de Girona, Spain and Ecotourism teachers trained in Universidad del Turismo in Costa Rica.

### ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

In its Academic Exchange Program, Duoc UC has been for the last years an attractive destination for students mainly from Germany, Finland, Mexico and Colombia, who have studied in the Design, Tourism and Business Schools. Within this framework of cooperation, our students have travelled as well to different universities and institutes, such as National Institute of Design, India, Box Hill, Institute Australia, Unitec, New Zealand, Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico, Politecnico di Torino, Italy, National Institute of Singapore, among others.

Duoc UC emphasizes joint collaboration projects between students from international partner institutions. Notable was the collaboration project developed between the Theatre Department of Duoc UC and the Department of Drama of the State University of New York at Binghamton, USA, who jointly produced the musical play "West Side Story," presented both in Binghamton and in Santiago de Chile. Another exchange collaborative project to be mentioned was the Nokia Only Planet Project developed together by the Duoc UC Design and Communication students and the Communication Design Program students from Northern Virginia Community College, USA.



Exchange Students

## Foreign Students at Duoc UC 2011

Duoc UC is an institution open to the world with more than 300 foreign students enrolled in regular study programs from the following 25 countries: Germany, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Ecuador, Spain, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Taiwan, Ukraine, Uruguay and Venezuela.

What Duoc UC offers to foreign students:

- A wide range of tailor made courses for students and faculty in Chile
- One semester academic exchange in Duoc UC Schools
- Leading edge technology and excellent facilities
- Opportunities for internships
- A friendly, safe and cultural sensitive environment

GLOBAL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH INSTITUTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

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|-----------|-------------|
| Australia | Israel      |
| Brazil    | Italy       |
| Canada    | Mexico      |
| Colombia  | New Zealand |
| England   | Panama      |
| Finland   | Spain       |
| France    | USA         |
| Germany   | China       |
| India     | Singapore   |



Duoc UC, Concepción Campus

SPANISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM:

Duoc UC offers a range of intensive spanish courses from basic to advanced levels, including Spanish for Business and Spanish for Health Practitioners.

Program developed in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Highly qualified and experienced faculty.

30 spanish hours per week, in groups of up to 10 students.

Wide range of spanish practice and complementary cultural activities.

Duoc UC certification after completing the course.

TAILOR MADE PROGRAMS AND STUDY TOURS:

Duoc UC has designed a variety of tailored high quality programs according to the main Chilean competitive advantages.

The study tours include spanish lessons, technical lessons in english and/or spanish and a cultural and touristic component.

Hands-on training.

Highly qualified and experienced faculty.

Seminars conducted by representatives of the industry.

Programs can also be tailored upon request.

# Duoc UC A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY

## Duoc UC Academic Calendar

First Semester: March - July  
Second Semester: August - December

## Starting dates for International Programs

Twice a month: Every first and third  
Monday or upon request.  
Minimum students required: 10.

## Services and facilities for international students:

- Visa assistance
- Admissions assistance
- Housing assistance
- Student ID
- Tourism orientation
- Resource centre/library
- Free wireless internet access
- On line courses
- Computer labs
- Sports
- Extracurricular activities
- Social work



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