

# Wake Forest Chile

UNIVERSIDAD DIEGO PORTALES



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Wake Forest's semester program in Chile is based in the capital city of Santiago. As the cultural and economic heart of the country, Santiago is known both for its thriving business sector and its vast array of museums, galleries, cultural events and festivals. The city serves as a major Latin American travel hub, thus making it easy for students to visit other sites in Chile and Latin America.

The program starts with a two week cultural orientation, immediately followed by the academic semester with classes at the Universidad Diego Portales. Before arriving in Chile, a three week pre-program takes place in Buenos Aires, Argentina that includes academic and cultural activities.





# Semester in Chile at Universidad Diego Portales (UDP)

## Course Descriptions

Students on the program enroll in 15 credit hours composed of a variety of courses. All students take a 1.5 introduction to Chilean culture, HMN 186 The Contemporary Chilean Experience, as well as another 1.5 credit humanities class taken in Buenos Aires before arriving in Santiago. The HMN 186 course begins during the first few weeks of the Santiago program by providing a platform for students to learn about their new country and ask questions while they are still getting settled. It then continues throughout the rest of the semester.

Once the semester begins, students will take a variety of courses, one of which must be taught in Spanish. The Resident Professor from Wake Forest will offer two courses from his or her discipline taught in English. These courses will also be open to Chilean students so that the classroom is integrated, providing an exciting opportunity for cross-cultural interaction. Students will then enroll in a Spanish course, either one at their appropriate level designed specifically for Wake Forest students, or one taught by UDP faculty.

For their final course, students will choose from an array of local classes taught by Chilean professors. Wake Forest students will have the opportunity to learn alongside Chileans in a typical course in a variety of disciplines. Our approved courses range from Art to Political Science to Women's and Gender Studies. Students earn Wake Forest credit, just as if they were taking the courses on campus.

If students have difficulty finding a final course that fits their needs, they can arrange an independent study with a Wake Forest faculty member or participate in an internship. Please note that students must apply for the internship upon arrival in Chile and should have a backup course in case they are not placed. Additional information about the internships can be found in this brochure. In the case of an independent study, it should be arranged well in advance of departing for Chile.

Most of the courses on the program are approved for the Latin American and Latino Studies minor so program participants are encouraged to consider pursuing the minor.





Isla de Pascua



# Internship Option

Through the internship placement, students explore the work environment in Santiago and experience the work culture in Latin America. Placements are based on students' professional goals and personal workstyles and range from the high pressure and fast-paced to the grassroots and somewhat laid back. The program offers a wide variety of internships that include placements in the Chilean government, others with grassroots and non-profit organizations and still others in the private and education sectors. New placements are constantly created based on student needs and interests. Internship placement depends upon language ability, which is tested on-site in Santiago. The internship coordinator will advise students regarding contacts, interviews, and placement; however, students are responsible for securing their internship.

## Sample Internships

Here's a short sampling of organizations where students have recently interned in Santiago:

- Hogar de Cristo, the largest charity organization in the country
- Corporación Educacional del Arzobispado de Santiago
- Comisión Fulbright, supports and promotes the Fulbright Program of international educational and cultural exchange
- Youth For Understanding (YFU) is a non-profit educational organization

## Housing and Meals

Students will live with Chilean host families, carefully screened by the UDP. The homestay allows students to experience the warmth and hospitality of Chile while making significant gains in Spanish language ability. Once students have completed pre-departure forms, the Housing Coordinator matches the student to the family to ensure the most suitable living arrangements.

## Excursions and Activities

Upon arrival in Santiago students will attend orientation including information on customs and cultures, city and neighborhood tours, and possible trips to museums as students are becoming acquainted with the city. In addition, many activities and trips are incorporated into the program, including a group trip to Isla Negra/Valparaiso, Easter Island and a trip to either Torres del Paine, San Pedro de Atacama or Chiloé (depending on the year).



San Pedro de Atacama

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