

Application guide
Long term Study Abroad (undergraduate studies)
Second period 2019 (July-December)
First period 2020 (March-July)

I. Contact information

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II. Academic calendar for International Students

Second semester 2019	
Dates to apply to a long term study abroad experience at PUCV during July-December 2019 academic period (second semester PUCV academic calendar)	
Applications’ open	March 25
Last day to be nominated by the Home Institution	May 13
Applications’ close	May 27
Study abroad extention application	May 13 to 17
Important dates	
Early Start Summer 2 (Spanish language intensive program)	June 24 to July 26
Course pre-registration	June
Official date of arrival	July 21
Orientation Week	July 22 to 26
PUCV classes begin	July 29
PIIE clases begin	July 31
National holiday (PIIE clases break)	September 16 to 20
Classes end	November 15
Exams period	November 18 to 29
Semester ends	November 29
First semester 2020	
Dates to apply to a long term study abroad experience at PUCV during March-July 2020 academic period (first semester PUCV academic calendar)	
Applications’ open	October 1, 2019
Last day to be nominated by the Home Institution	November 11, 2019
Applications’ end	November 27, 2019
Study abroad extention application	November 11 to 15, 2019
Important dates (TBC)	
Course pre-registration	December
Early Start February	February 3 to 21
Official date of arrival	February 23
Orientation Week	February 24 to 28
PUCV classes begin	March 2
PIIE clases begin	March 9
Classes end	June 26
Exams period	June 29 to July 10
Semester ends	July 10

III. Application procedures

Students should [apply online](#) and provide the following documents:

- 1. Nomination letter of student’s candidacy issued by university of origin.
- 2. International medical insurance certificate with full coverage for any accident or illness. The certificate should specify the name of the beneficiary (student), and must include repatriation expenses. In case students are not able to send the document, a letter in which the student states that the insurance will be bought before arriving to PUCV will be also accepted.
- 3. Official Transcript of records
- 4. Valid Passport ID page copy.
- 5. Recommendation letter issued by a professor of the Home University
- 6. Candidate’s motivation letter addressed to the International Programs Office
- 7. Student’s course selection
- 8. Standard ID photo (JPG format, maximum size: 30 kb)
- 9. If students want to take PUCV academic department’s courses, they should provide a Spanish level certification, issued by the university of origin or other language institution, accrediting a B2 level. Send it to ivania.yanez@pucv.cl

IV. Academic information

<p>¿What is the academic offer available?</p>	<p>I. Spanish written diagnostic test and oral interview in Spanish</p> <p>Your entry level of Spanish will determine what type of courses you will be able to attend.</p> <p>During the Orientation Week, International Students will take a written Spanish diagnostic test and an oral interview so the Academic Advisor is able to assess the student Spanish proficiency level. This process guides the course selection International Students will define as course load during their stay in PUCV.</p> <p>PUCV provides International Students with a wide and flexible academic offer. According to the student’s entry level of Spanish, students will be able to undertake course work as follows:</p> <p>1. Undergraduate courses taught by the academic departments. There are three types: required, elective, and general.</p> <p>Required (<i>Obligatorios</i>): these are courses that, by PUCV regulation, must be taught in the period defined in the academic program. Therefore, their availability can be assured. These courses are exclusive for the academic program they belong to, and may include related academic activities outside the main class such as assistantships, laboratories, etc.</p> <p>Elective (<i>Optativos</i>): these courses are a complement to the compulsory learning of the academic program. <u>They require a minimum and maximum number of students to be taught</u> and registration is preferential for students in the related academic field.</p> <p>General (<i>Formación Fundamental</i>): these classes are open to all students and <u>need a minimum and maximum of registered students to be taught.</u></p> <p>The available academic offer per period can be found in the document: <i>2019_Oferta académica PUCV para estudiantes internacionales</i>, and the program descriptions site.</p> <p>There are restricted academic programs, ask the International Student advisor about it.</p>
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	<p>2. Registration process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Course selection. To be accepted, students need to make their course selection. This selection will be revised by the International Student Advisor, who will assist the student along the process. PUCV course selection must be wide to allow the student for space to accommodate the schedule and secure those to be transfer.❖ Pre-registration. Once the student has successfully submitted the application, the International Student Advisor will proceed with the preregistration. This first phase of the registration process will be revised during the Orientation Week.❖ Course registration. Students will have two weeks after classes begin to secure their final course load. <p>3. School of Architecture and Design e[ad]</p> <p>Course work at e[ad] is available only to those students coming from institutions with a specific agreement sign with the school, and who are studying Architecture, Industrial Design and Graphic Design.</p> <p>IMPORTANT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ To be accepted students need to make a course selection which lead to their final course load.❖ PUCV academic offer is subject to confirmation by the academic units.❖ Students should consider that prior knowledge of the topics, vacancies availability and number of registered students in each class, are variables to be considered. <p>4. PIIE Courses exclusive for International Students comprises three subsets of courses Study Abroad students will be able to register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ <u>Spanish language and cutlure</u> under a total immersion context. The level and course will be indicated during the diagnostic test and, then, confirmed during the advising time considered in the Orientation Week.❖ <u>Current issues.</u> Introductory courses taught in English. This set of courses requires a minimum of students to be taught.❖ <u>Humanities and Social Sciences.</u> This set of courses is meant to transfer language credits instead of the contents of the specific discipline.❖ <u>STEM.</u> STEM areas introductory courses taught in English. This set of courses requires a minimum of students to be taught. <p>Check PIIE academic offer available for International Students</p> <p>IMPORTANT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ The level of the Spanish as a Second Language classes will be assessed and, depending on the results obtained the Academic Coordinator will suggest the course level to register❖ Beginner level and Current Issues PIIE courses <u>require a minimum of participants to be taught</u>
How many credits do I have to take at PUCV?	PUCV requires a minimum of 4 courses each semester, considering 12 PUCV credits as minimum and 22 as maximum. Students should submit a <u>large</u> academic plan (between 6-8 courses) in order to have options to adjust the final selection after the first week of classes.
What is the Chilean grading system?	Lowest grade: 1,0 Passing grade: 4,0 Highest grade: 7,0
Are there internship opportunities at PUCV?	Yes. IN Valparaíso program is for undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in doing an international internship in an innovative environment associated to different areas of knowledge. *Limited vacancies available.
PUCV Buildings	PUCV is an urban campus. If you are interested in taking classes from the academic departments, have a look at the link where you will find out more about the buildings' location.

V. Language requirement

What is the specific language requirement for each set of courses?	Spanish level requirements	
	PUCV courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 semesters of Spanish language study (or equivalent) Level B2 (EFR) Level intermediate-high (ACTFL)
	PIIE Courses - Spanish as a Second Language	No required level
	PIIE courses taught in Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level B1.2 (EFR) Level Intermediate-Mid (ACTFL)
	PIIE courses taught in English	No required level
Are there intensive language programs before the semester begins?	<p>Yes. For the period going from March to July, students can attend the Early Start program <i>February</i>. Those attending the period going from July to December, Early Start program <i>Summer 2</i> will be their option.</p> <p>For more information about these short-term Study Abroad alternatives, please contact Mr. Sergio García sergio.garcia@pucv.cl Special Programs Coordinator</p>	

VI. Program fees.

Long term Study Abroad	<p>Second period 2019 (July-December): \$3.200 USD First period 2020 (March-July): \$3.300 USD</p> <p>Payment should be done before the program starts or according to the home institution policy.</p>										
Short term Study Abroad (Early start programs)	<p>Second period 2019 (July-December): \$2.300 USD First period 2020 (March-July): \$2.400 USD</p> <p>Payment should be done before the program starts or according to the home institution policy.</p>										
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VII. Migration and administrative formalities

Do I need a Student Visa to study at PUCV?	Yes. All students participating at PUCV during one or two semesters must enter Chile with a student visa.
How do I obtain a Student Visa?	Once you are accepted, we will issue and send an Acceptance Certificate so you can request a Student Visa. Please visit our webpage to check more information about migratory formalities.

VIII. Where to live

What are the types of housing for International Students?	<p>Living with a Host Family is the alternative that PUCV has for International Students. They will be living with a Chilean family during their stay at PUCV and will interact with the culture in different environments. The daily contact with native speakers will help them with the Spanish learning process.</p> <p>For students that prefer to live on their own, they can choose the independent housing which is arranged by the student. PUCV will provide referential information about different kinds of accommodation. However, PUCV will not be responsible to arrange for it.</p>										
What services are included in the Homestay service provided by PUCV?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single room with basic furniture• Bed linen• Kitchen access• Shared bathroom• At least 3 meals a day (provided by the family)• Internet access• Laundry service• Pick-up from the airport during the official arrival dates										
Homestay service fee	<p>The cost for the service is:</p> <p>Second period 2019 (July-December): \$3,500 USD First period 2020 (March-July): \$3,600 USD</p> <p>The total cost should be paid before the program begins, according to the home institution policy.</p>										
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Airport Pick-up service	<p>The airport pickup service is included for all students living in Homestays. Those students choosing to live independently can also request the service by contacting Sergio García sergio.garcia@pucv.cl The cost is 100 USD to be paid upon arrival.</p> <p>The official dates of arrival to receive the service are February 24th (First Semester) and July 21st (Second Semester).</p> <p>All students living in Homestays must arrive in the official arrival date.</p>										

IX. PIIE academic offer

CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	HOURS
Language and Culture			
PIIE 143	Spanish oral comprehension and oral production for beginners	6	90
PIIE 240	Español comunicacional y cultura chilena – Intermedio	6	90
PIIE 340	Español comunicacional y cultura chilena – Avanzado	6	90
PIIE 250	Español escrito intermedio	3	60
PIIE 350	Español escrito avanzado	3	60
PIIE 351	Escritura creativa en español – Avanzado	3	60
PIIE 352	Escritura académica – Avanzado	3	60
PIIE 163	Spanish grammar and vocabulary for beginners	6	90
PIIE 260	Gramática para extranjeros 1	4	60
PIIE 360	Gramática para extranjeros 2	4	60
PIIE 460	Gramática para extranjeros 3	4	60

Humanities and Social Sciences			
MUS 084	Danzas Tradicionales de Chile	2	38
LCL 432	Poesía Latinoamericana Contemporánea	3	76
LCL 531	Poesía Chilena del Siglo XX: Neruda-Parra-Huidobro	3	76
LCL 621	Cuento Latinoamericano	3	76
HIS 513	Historia Moderna de Chile	4	76
HIS 554	Arte y Sociedad en Chile Prehispánico	3	38
HIS 557	Historia Urbana y Regional de Valparaíso	3	38
HIS 561	Historia de América Latina en el Siglo XX	2	38
Current Issues			
PIIE 411	Contemporary Latin-American films	4	60
PIIE 421	Political and social change in Chile and Latin America	4	60
PIIE 436	Environmental Issues in Chile	4	60
PIIE 450	Human Rights in Chile and Latin America	4	60
PIIE 451	Latino Studies	4	60
PIIE 530	Resistance, Appropriation and Sustainability: Cross-Cultural Encounters with the Native Mapuche People	4	60
PIIE 550	Global Entrepreneurship	4	60
PIIE 455	Colonization and Decolonization: Global and Latin American perspectives	4	60
STEM			
PIIES 211	Human and Computer Interaction	4	60