Over the last ten years, we have been working with our partner universities in both regular exchange programs as well as featured programs, offering courses of diverse topics and organizing cultural and athletic activities for our international students. Our goal is to support their advance, increase their skills of the Spanish language and foster friendship with Chilean students. All of these are the fundamental building blocks to have an unforgettable experience living in Chile.

The key to achieving successful results has been a close and permanent relationship with our students and colleagues abroad, based on commitment and strong support. This is made possible due to the hard work of a dedicated faculty who invests an incredible amount of energy to share their passion for international education with students, as well as offering academically well-matched immersive study abroad programs that focus on quality, safety, diversity and accessibility.

I believe that our international students will benefit from the high-level education and vigorous tradition of the Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez. Meanwhile, I suggest that students make the university their home, establishing open communication and learning with faculty and fellow students.

I wish you great success studying at UAI. Sincerely,

Gerardo Vidal G.
Director
Relaciones Internacionales
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez
CHILE is one of the most interesting countries of Latin America in terms of professional activities and tourism. A solid economy and spectacular landscapes make the country an exceptional place for living and traveling.

Placed in South America, our country occupies a long, narrow strip of land between the Andes Mountains to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. The population reaches the 16.5 million people.

Chile celebrates its Independence Day every September 18th, commemorating the Primera Junta Nacional de Gobierno of 1810. The official language is the Spanish and the traditional dance is the “cueca”.

The weather in Chile has great variety: the north is hot and dry (desert), the center has a mediterranean climate and the south is cold and rainy (forest). Mild tremors are very common and every twenty years we have an earthquake. Our main industry is the extracting of copper, but we are also worldwide known for our high quality wines and salmon production.

Chileans are very friendly, yet also reserved. In comparison with other Latin American countries, ours have a more european way of life, we are kind of shut-in persons. This might be explained by our spanish, english and german foundational immigration. You will see a lot of european influence in our architecture and culture. But we are still Latin Americans and we used to hug and (one) kiss other persons to say hello and goodbye.

Our indigenous cultural background is the Mapuche people. They have a very strong character and they are incredibly persistent persons, great warriors. Their typical sport is the “palín” or “chueca”, and their language is the “mapudungun” (which means “the speech of the earth”). Many cities and towns of Chile have names in this language, with several interesting meanings. For example, Pucón means “the entrance of the mountains”.

SANTIAGO is located in the center of Chile, 30 minutes (taking a bus) away from the Chilean main airport “Arturo Merino Benítez”. It’s the home to almost one-third of the country’s population, with more than six million people.

The capital city is very modern and is located at the foot of the Andes Mountains, 100 kms from the Pacific Ocean coast, where Viña del Mar is located. It is the main business and political region of the country. At some point, Santiago will be a fully crowded and a polluted place for you; the best option to move around the city is always taking the subway.

Here you will be able to ski in the Andes Mountains during the winter and also go to beautiful parks in summer, such as Cajón del Maipo. Even more, you might practice different sports, have fun in several pubs at night and visit interesting urban parks and museums, such as: the Presidential Palace, Plaza de Armas, Mercado Central, Museo de Bellas Artes, Museo Histórico, Biblioteca Nacional, Cerro San Cristóbal, Barrio Bellavista, Casa La Chascona (Neruda’s house), Los Dominicos and Parque Bicentenario.
VIÑA DEL MAR is located on the coast of the Pacific Ocean offering nice beaches, delicious seafood and a wide range of hotels and modern facilities.

The city is very safe and homely, a great place for living, having 300,000 habitants and holding several universities and educational institutions, which is one of the reasons why it has become a Student region, along with Valparaíso.

The “Garden City” has interesting touristic points, such as: the Presidential House (Cerro Castillo), the Quinta Vergara, the Botanic Garden, the Casino and the famous Flower Clock. Also, Viña del Mar is next to Reñaca and Concón, where you can do fun activities: surf, sandboard, horseback riding, scuba diving, among others. Every year on February, the city appears on the map when the most traditional music festival in Latin America takes place.
VALPARAÍSO is the most famous port of our country, located next to Viña del Mar, connected with this city by train. It is the cultural capital of Chile, where you might participate in one of the most spectacular New Year’s Eve celebration, watching great fireworks all over the seacoast. With its captivating colorful houses and the funiculars connecting the hills with the coast, Valparaíso is considered a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Having 300,000 habitants, the city hosts the National Congress and the Navy of Chile. Even Valparaíso is no longer the main commercial port of Chile, still has a lot of business life holding private ship companies, several lawyer offices and banks, all occupying beautiful buildings with XIX century European style.

La “Joya del Pacífico” is famous for receiving and enchanting artists from all over the World. Painters, sculptures, musicians and poets provide a unique artistic life, mixed with a bohemian atmosphere, turning the city into an unforgettable place, especially in summer when the Carnavales Culturales take place.

Taking a thirty minutes boat ride by the sea, at Plaza Sotomayor, will be an interesting experience. You might then walk up to Cerro Alegre and visit the Palacio Baburizza (Museo de Bellas Artes), with a spectacular view from the Paseo Yugoslavo. There you will have lunch at exquisite restaurants, before visiting La Sebastiana (Neruda’s house) in Cerro Florida. The Museo Naval might be another interesting visit, taking the funicular Artillería to get to the Mirador 21 de Mayo. After that you can visit the Chilean battleships at the Molo, and the return home taking a traditional Trolley.
UNIVERSIDAD ADOLFO IBÁÑEZ

UNIVERSIDAD ADOLFO IBÁÑEZ was initially the Escuela de Negocios de Valparaíso, founded in 1953 by PEDRO IBÁÑEZ OJEDA (honoring his father Adolfo Ibáñez Boggiano), being the first business school in Chile and Latin America. UAI became an autonomous university in 1988. At present time, it is a renowned institution with 6,300 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students.

RANKINGS AND ACCREDITATIONS
» #3 Business School in Latin America | 2014 (América Economía)
» #601-650 | QS World University Rankings 2014
» Member of the Association of MBAs
» Accredited by AACSB
» Member of the Global Alliance in Management Education | CEMS
» 3rd choice among top scorers of the PSU (national university entrance exam) | 2014

SCHOOLS AND FACULTIES
Business | Engineering | Laws | Journalism | Psychology | Government | Liberal Arts

UAi CAMPUS VIÑA DEL MAR is located up the hill at Altos del Sporting, with a great view to the Pacific Ocean and the city. It receives around 2,100 undergraduate students.

UAi CAMPUS PEÑALOLÉN (SANTIAGO) is located in the south-east area of the capital city, sprawling over nearly 250 acres at the foothills of the Andes. It receives around 4,200 undergraduate students and 2,000 graduate students.

UAI Campuses were designed by JOSÉ CRUZ, winner of the National Architecture Prize in 2012. The campuses are equipped with the best audiovisual resources and network connections. LIBRARIES include study rooms and first-class infrastructure that meets the highest international standards. Also, students will be able to use fully equipped GYMS AND AEROBIC ROOMS for doing exercises and physical training programs.
UAI STUDY ABROAD OFFICE receives 250 international students each year from more than 90 universities of different countries around the world.

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4 years of Major and Minor (Campus Viña del Mar or Campus Peñalolén, Santiago) + 1 year of Specialty (only Campus Peñalolén, Santiago)

**GRADING SCALE**
In general, the grading scale used in Chile goes from 1,0 (minimum) to 7,0 (maximum), being 4,0 the passing grade.

**PREGRADO COURSES**
International students might enroll courses from any of the schools and faculties of UAI. All schools include courses of Liberal Arts and Government.
Business School | Faculty of Engineering | Law School | School of Journalism | School of Psychology

**SPECIALY DESIGNED COURSES | CAMPUS VIÑA DEL MAR**
These courses are taught only in Campus Viña del Mar and have limited vacancies for international exchange students.
Latin American Business (courses taught in English) | Latin American History (courses taught in English) | Spanish Language

**CERTIFICATE IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES**
International students might request the certificate after their studies in UAI. It might include a mention in Latin American Business or Latin American History and Culture.

**DELE (DIPLOMAS DE ESPAÑOL COMO LENGUA EXTRANJERA) | CAMPUS VIÑA DEL MAR**
UAI is an official institution for DELE examination of the Instituto Cervantes. Any student of UAI or other universities might enroll in order to take the exam at the Campus Viña del Mar.

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**
For more information about courses, academics and the semester calendar visit the UAI website or contact the staff of Relaciones Internacionales.
INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

SPANISH LANGUAGE TEST
UAI does not require a test of proficiency in Spanish language, but strongly recommends Level C1 according to the CEFR.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
UAI does not offer accommodation on campus, but the university gives all needed support in order to find good housing options.

ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING IN CHILE (USD PER MONTH)
Rental of an apartment: 450 // Laundry: 50 // Food: 200 // Books and materials: 100 // Transportation: 100
Mobile: 50 // Entertainment: 250 // Others: 100
ESTIMATED TOTAL: 1.300

HEALTH INSURANCE
Students are responsible for obtaining appropriate Health Insurance that covers their time in Chile. During the orientation session, UAI shares information about medical centers and emergency numbers.

STUDENT VISA
Student Visa is mandatory for all international students in Chile. The original UAI acceptance letter is requested in order to obtain the visa at the Chilean consulate. Once in Chile, students must complete the procedure following the indications given during the orientation session.

BUDDIES
UAI designates a group of Chilean students as Buddies, in order to help foreign students with their first experience in Chile.

ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY
International students have full access to the facilities of the campuses and they have the same benefits as the Chilean students, having the option to participate in all activities organized by them.
HOW TO APPLY TO UAI
In order to apply for study at UAI exchange students must confirm the application procedures with their universities of origin. After that, universities inform the list of nominated students to UAI and the filling of an application form will be required (online).
(Direct Enroll) Students from non-partner universities must contact the staff of Relaciones Internacionales in order to receive information about application terms and tuition fee.

UAI ORIENTATION
At the beginning of the semester international students will be welcomed to UAI with an orientation session. During this activity, students will receive fundamental information about the campus, academics, what to do in cases of emergency, closing student visa procedures and the life in Chile.

UAI BUSES
The university offers a free bus service in order to approach from the city to the respective UAI campus. Information about bus stops and schedules is given during the orientation session.

UAI ACADEMIC APPS
Students accepted to study at UAI will receive an @alumnos.uai.cl email in the orientation session. Also, they will be informed about INTRANET (application where students will be able to check their schedule of classes and make reservations for fitness at the gym) and WEBCURSOS (application where professors share information and files with the students of their respective courses).

BUS PASS
UAI supports students in order to obtain a bus pass that will grant a discount when using public transportation.

TRANSCRIPTS
Transcripts with final grades are sent by postal mail to the universities of the students, around two weeks after the semester end.
THE WEATHER IN THE CENTER OF CHILE
The center of Chile has a Mediterranean climate. Santiago and Viña del Mar have a very similar weather, although Santiago might be colder during the winter (8°C / 46°F average) and warmer in the summer (27°C / 81°F average). Wear a good jacket and the winter will be quite bearable.

HOW TO ARRIVE TO SANTIAGO OR VIÑA DEL MAR FROM THE AIRPORT
Once you clear customs at the Santiago Airport, go to the first floor and find the ground transportation area. Take the CENTROPUERTO bus (blue colored) to the PAJARITOS metro station. Buses from the airport run every 15 minutes and tickets are purchased on board for 1,500 CLP (cash).

At Pajaritos metro station you might take direction to Santiago or Viña del Mar:
- Take the metro entrance LOS DOMÍNICOS if you wish going to Santiago. The ticket costs around 800 CLP. The metro goes through the entire city, be attentive to your exit station.
- Find the ticket window for either Tur-Bus or Pullman Bus to purchase the ticket to Viña del Mar (approximately 5,000 CLP). Buses depart for Viña del Mar every 30-45 minutes and the ride is about 1 1/2 hours.

CASH, CREDIT CARDS AND MOBILE
ATMs are very easy to find in Chile. Usually international banks charge fees for each withdrawal. Confirm the fee amount and general conditions of getting cash from ATMs in Chile with your bank. Credit cards are accepted in most hotels, stores and restaurants.

Purchasing a mobile is very easy and cheap. Go to a retail store in the mall and buy a PREPAGO cellphone for approximately 20,000 CLP.

TRYING TO FIT INTO A NEW CULTURE
When a person studies abroad for the first time is very common to experience a “cultural shock”: feeling several emotions before understanding a new culture. It is possible to identify four consecutive emotional stages: 1. Honey moon: everything is new and fun; we have no worries at all. 2. Shock: we feel disappointment and stress when we realize about the differences with our culture of origin. 3. Negotiation: we learn how to handle problems. 4. Acceptance: we understand the new culture and appreciate to be part of it for a while.

TIPS TO HANDLE THE CULTURAL SHOCK: practice sports and do volunteer work; be optimist; have a lot of patience; improve your Spanish language.
TIPICAL CHILEAN FOOD
During your trip to Chile you will discover much new and distinctly native food. Make sure you try some of the traditional cuisine such as cazuelas, completos (Chilean hotdogs), mariscos or mote con hueisillo.
FOOD YOU MUST TRY IN CHILE: asados, seafood, empanadas, pebre, porotos con rienda, sopaipillas, charquicán, chorrillanas, curanto, arrollado de huaso, palta, chirimoya, leche asada.

PLACES TO VISIT
Take advantage of the opportunity to visit the beautiful landscapes that Chile offers: the very arid desert in the north or the rainy forests of the south. Also visit other South American destinations, such as Lima or Machu Pichu (Perú), Mendoza or Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).
CHILEAN PLACES YOU SHOULD VISIT: San Pedro de Atacama, Valle del Elqui, Valle de Casablanca (Ruta del Vino), Isla Negra (Neruda’s house), Pomaire, Cajón del Maipo, Cordillera de los Andes, Isla de Pascua, Pucón, Puerto Varas, Frutillar, Chiloé, Torres del Paine, Antártica.

GOING TO A SOCCER MATCH
Soccer is the most popular sport in Latin America including Chile. You should not pass up on the opportunity to go to a soccer game to support the Chilean national team and experience the passion of soccer that this part of the world has to offer.

CELEBRATING THE INDEPENDENCE DAY
Every September 18th Chile celebrates their Independence Day. The festivities include many rodeos, kite flying and cueca dancing. It is a time for friends and family to enjoy and celebrate together with traditional food such as empanadas, anticuchos and asados.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A TREMOR
Mild tremors are common in Chile; they last around 10-15 seconds and there is nothing to worry about. In case the tremor increases its intensity, follow these instructions: if you are indoors don’t leave unless the structure is very old and fragile. Place yourself in a safe location, such as under solid furniture. If you are outdoors stay away from buildings, trees and electric cables. After the tremor communicate with the persons close to you.
LINKS TO VISIT

UIA Relaciones Internacionales website: http://www.uai.cl/relaciones-internacionales
Go to: International Students

Video about UAI Campus Peñalolén, Santiago http://vimeo.com/50608182

Video about UAI Campus Viña del Mar http://vimeo.com/50761866

Facebook of UAI Incoming Students https://www.facebook.com/uai.incomingstudents

Information about Chile (1) http://www.thisischile.cl/

Information about Chile (2) http://chile.travel/en/

Information about Chile (3) (Spanish) http://www.imagendechile.cl/

Video about Chile (1) (BEN OMAN, at UAI - 2012) http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=UElSU21oRro

Video about Chile (2) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHm-ULMAd-U

Video about Chile (3) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIYc1AXg3Fg

Video about Chile (4) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKsq9RhqZ98&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Video of testimonies about Chile http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lZLjCml2zA

Video of testimonies about Santiago http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=De1Yo2brVVk&feature=player_embedded

Information about Viña del Mar (Spanish) http://www.vinadelmar.cl/?seccion=lugares

Video of testimonies about Viña del Mar http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smrz0CeHOKM&feature=player_embedded

Information about Valparaíso http://www.ciudaddevalparaiso.cl/inicio/index.php

Information about studies in Valparaíso http://www.estudiaenvalparaiso.com/english/

Video of testimonies about Valparaíso http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKcgRHpQxPO&feature=player_embedded

Video of testimonies about Valparaíso and Viña del Mar http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=YPSgueowwyQ