



UC | Chile

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Office of the Vice Presidency for International Affairs

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Community Engagement Program (CEP) at UC | Chile is a one-semester international student exchange program that **generates interdisciplinary knowledge in an experiential and situated learning context.** In this program, students will enroll in **two regular courses** directly linked to social-focused matters and -at the same time- participate in one of the three **professional experience alternatives.**



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE ALTERNATIVES



● Research Internship

Allows to develop, support or complete a research/creation project in a public or private institution.

● Practical Learning Experience

The student will face a situation, challenge, or project in a real context, in order to support its resolution.

● Volunteering

Professional activity where the student participates as a volunteer in an allied organization according to the regular courses developed in the program.

AVAILABLE TRACKS

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WORK AND SOCIETY

COURSES

- POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION
- GENDER AND WORK
- SOCIOLOGY OF LARGE CITIES
- SOCIAL PROTECTION AND WELFARE SYSTEMS

+ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

COURSES

- SUSTAINABILITY
- SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC POLICIES
- SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT: CONCEPTS, PRACTICES, AND POLITICS

+ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



Courses

Work and Society Track

i The students must choose **two courses and one professional experience** that are available in each track.

- **POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION (TSL589)**

This course reviews the main theoretical and conceptual approaches used to understand the phenomena of poverty, inequality, and social exclusion. It will examine the primary methodologies used, the measurements, and the historical evolution.

- **GENDER AND WORK (SOL222)**

This course provides a conceptual, theoretical, and empirical framework to understand gender inequality, focusing on work environment to set reflections on contingent social problems.

- **SOCIOLOGY OF LARGE CITIES (IEU2002)**

This course will generate a critical discussion of the characteristics of large contemporary cities, specifically Latin American, their transformations, and consequences in different areas of social life.

- **SOCIAL PROTECTION AND WELFARE SYSTEMS (TSL276)**

The purpose of this course aims to analyze the phenomena of social insecurity and risk, visualizing how the Chilean social protection and welfare system is articulated.

Experiences Work and Society Track

i The students must choose **two courses and one professional experience** that are available in each track.

PRACTICAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE 1

The Practical Learning Experience will occur in the Community Development Department at the Municipality of San Joaquín, supporting its work with its neighbors in orientation and support, access to services, and social projects. It will last from 2 to 3 months, starting on September 1st and ending on November 30th, 2022.

PRACTICAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE 2

The Practical Learning Experience will occur at the Municipality of San Joaquín, where the students will work on administrative and management issues, supporting the Municipality's team. It will last for three months, starting on August 8th and ending on November 25th, 2022.



Courses **Sustainable Development** **Track**

i The students must choose **two courses and one professional experience** that are available in each track.

- **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC POLICIES (GOB3010)**

This course presents some of the technological tools applicable to public issues. It covers the theoretical foundations of each method, its application to relevant issues, and challenges of its practice application.

- **SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT: CONCEPTS, PRACTICES, AND POLITICS (IEU2047)**

This course goal is to analyze sustainable local development from a critical perspective, that allows examining its contribution to contemporary environmental problems.

- **SUSTAINABILITY (SUS 1000)**

In this interdisciplinary course, students will be able to think about sustainable topics and learn to generate empathy regarding the dimensions of socio-environmental crisis and potential solutions on a global and local scale. The course consists of simulations, role-playing, practical activities, conversation spaces and a horizontal approach to teaching. In addition, it includes reading papers, a semester project, and field trips associated with the project.

Experiences Sustainable Development Track

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RESEARCH INTERNSHIP 1

This research internship offers the opportunity to be part of active research, working with inter/transdisciplinary teams in contact with communities, local and regional governments, citizen organizations, and activists on sustainability related topics. It will last from 3 to 4 months, starting in August and ending in November 2022.

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP 2

This research internship is focused on the **Vincula Project**, defined as a gathering system between knowledge producers and decision-makers in the legislative field. This project develops a courses' system to train faculties that achieve a fluid exchange of knowledge with the Chilean Congress. It will identify or generate didactic material on topics related to science, politics and public policies, in order to support a strategic communication plan designed for universities and the general public. The internship duration will be three months, starting on August 7th, 2022, and ending approximately November 15th of the same year.



APPLICATION

Application process must be done through our coordinator **Cristián Bonilla** (cbonillam@uc.cl).
Please attach the following documents:

- Motivation letter, indicating the track and the professional experience. The letter needs to be addressed to the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs at UC | Chile.
- Updated resume.
- Transcript of Records.
- Spanish certificate B2 Level.
- GPA: Equivalent to 3.0 at the home university.

LEARNING STRATEGY

Faculties and expert professionals will give group lectures, seminars, and workshops. In addition, the students will have complimentary bibliography, the material used by the faculties, and continued support of the Community Engagement Program's team support in their independent work.

STUDENT

We are calling for international undergraduate and master's degree students interested in generating a positive impact on local organizations in Chile, who are interested in developing their knowledge at UC | Chile.



PROGRAM DETAILS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Duration: One-semester

Deadline: March 30th, 2022

Start: August 2022

Certificates: Participants will receive UC | Chile transcripts for each course following the successful approval and other certifications for participating in the professional experience.

Language: The program is taught entirely in Spanish

Fee: US\$ 2,400 (Universities Partners Fee: US\$ 2,100)

CEP includes:

- Leadership Workshop
- Mentoring
- Cultural Experience: Our program offers a variety of organized activities in and out of Santiago city. The participants would have the opportunity to experience the city and its surroundings.

***UC Chile reserves the right to suspend the program if it does not have the minimum number of students required.**



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