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COLLEGE**  
Global Education Office

Universidad Católica de la Santísima Concepción

# Chile



## Universidad Católica de la Santísima Concepción



Eligibility **Chestnut Hill College**

Study Period **Fall and/or Spring**

Language of Instruction **Spanish And English**

Type of Housing **Host Family**

Approximate semester dates **March to July or August to December**

CHC partner **Since 2014**

Housing Costs **\$400/Month**

### The Location

Chile encompasses a variety of different cultures, customs and realities. Concepcion is a Chilean city and commune belonging to the metropolitan area of Greater Concepción; it's one of the largest urban cities of Chile. The town of Concepcion has a significant impact on domestic trade being part of the region with most industrialization of the country and politically it has the second majority of representatives in the National Congress of Chile. Its location is in the Zona Centro Sur (Central South Zone), in the geographic center of the country, and it is the capital of the Concepción Province and VIII Bío Region. Chile is known for its diverse geography. It is located on South America's narrow western coastline between the Andes Mountains and The Pacific Ocean.

### The University

The University was founded on July 10, 1991, by ordinance of the Bishop of the Archdiocese of the Santísima Concepción, Monsignor Antonio Moreno Casamitjana. The regional branch campus of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Talcahuano, created in 1970, provided the foundation for the new University. The University is a private entity, receiving some state support. Legally autonomous, it is a member of the Council of Rectors of Chilean Universities. This is a network of so-called traditional universities, in other words, those working within the main scientific and intellectual frameworks of our country.

Furthermore, the University is a member of the Chilean Chapter of Catholic Universities, the International Federation of Catholic Universities (FIUC) and the Organization of Catholic Universities in

Latin America and the Caribbean (ODUCAL). The University maintains close ties with the Archbishop of Concepción, whose happens to be the University's Chancellor, its highest authority, with all of the attributes established within the University statutes. The University has a clear vision of its future expectations, which is a center of excellence in the search of knowledge and radiation of the truth for the good of humanity.

### Academics

The Universidad Católica de la Santísima Concepción consists of seven faculties (Law, Science, Education, Engineering, Medicine, Business Management, and Communication, History, and Social Sciences) an Institute of Theology, and a Technological Institute. They provide undergraduate and graduate level courses, which are complemented by considerable research and sustained academic extension. Students can take classes both in English and Spanish. Most students will study through their intensive Spanish language and Chilean Culture program.



### Housing

USCS does not have student residences. Student will be places in a homestay which averages about \$400 a month.

### Visas

Students must obtain a student visa before coming to Chile to study. Either an E-1 (first student visa) or an E-2 (extension of a student visa) depending on Circumstances. You must also have a valid passport. Please see the Global Education office for assis-



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### Air travel

CHC students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please see the Global Education office for assistance

### Tuition

CHC students continue to pay CHC tuition and fees while studying abroad. Students are billed for tuition and fees plus a Global Education fee. Keep in mind that all financial aid can be applied towards your study in Chile since you are participating with an official CHC sponsored program. Students do not pay any tuition fees in Chile. Please note that you are responsible for all other fees during your trip including housing.

### Academic Calendar

Semesters run from either March to July or from August to December.

### Health Insurance

All CHC students are required to maintain health insurance while abroad. All CHC students also MUST purchase an ISIC card prior to study abroad. You may find out your current health insurance does not cover travel overseas. Your health insurance carrier must provide written verification of coverage. The Global Education office can assist you in purchasing supplemental coverage.



### So, how do I get started?

Simple come by the Global Education Office to pick up an application form!