**Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso**

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| About partner | About partner | Since its foundation in 1928, the Pontificial Catholic University of Valparaíso (PUCV) has established itself as one of the most prestigious institutions of the Chilean higher educational system.  Located in Valparaíso, Chile´s second largest city, the area is characterised by its natural and urban beauty, and by the rich cultural environment provided by a great number of higher education institutions located there.  With its 9 Schools and 53 academic programs, PUCV seeks diversity on campus, generating communication spaces that enrich students´ academic life.  PUCV offers undergraduate degrees in more than 50 subjects, including architecture, design, horticulture, industrial engineering, business, law and Spanish.  PUCV offers diverse study programs, it is home to a rainbow trout farm near Los Andes, a fruit packing house, a farm in Quillota with an area of 6 km², a legislative consultancy group, the country’s first TV channel, on the air since 1957, a radio station, a publishing house, and an experimental grade school and high school for boys. |
|  | About [partner city] | The educational centre of Chile, Valparaíso is the third largest metropolitan area in the country and home to one of the South Pacific’s most important seaports.  Known as Chile’s cultural capital, it has long attracted poets and philosophers, its streets teeming with artists and a population that shifts with the seasons thanks to its busy seaport.  Dotted with colourful buildings and winding cobblestone alleyways, Valparaiso welcomes thousands of tourists each year who celebrate the city’s many festivals alongside locals.  Home to a number of universities it is a great city for students, with lots of entertainment and a fun, vibrant atmosphere. |
|  | Did you know? [fun fact about partner] | The school of architecture, also called "The Valparaíso School" in architectural circles, constructed an experimental city called the Open City, a few kilometers North of Valparaíso, where the professors teach and live in the houses that they and the students design and build. |
| Academic information | Main areas of study | * Architecture * Business * Design * Horticulture * Industrial engineering, * Law * Spanish   **Note**   * The listed areas of study are not necessarily exhaustive and other fields of study might also be available at the partner institution. Moreover, names for fields of study may be different overseas. * A discipline being listed does not in indicate the suitability of the program, nor does it indicate that the discipline is taught in English. * Approval to study particular subjects at any institution is always at the discretion of the departmental/discipline and faculty advisors at RMIT University and subject to available places at the host institution. |
|  | Language requirements | In order to study one semester at PUCV, it is advisable to have an adequate knowledge of the Spanish language, that is, at least three semesters of formal instruction. |
|  | Full time load [Equivalent to 96 RMIT Credit Points] | Minimum of 12 credits.  Please note that one credit means three contact hours a week of academic work. Classroom instruction, independent study or homework is considered academic work. One academic hour lasts 45 minutes. |
|  | Link to courses | <http://www.ucv.cl/english/> |
| Living | Accommodation | Home Stay or Residence. |
|  | Health insurance | PUCV provides students with medical and dental services. However, students are required to get health insurance at home. This insurance coverage should be 100% and for the length of their stay in Chile. |
|  | Living cost | Housing cost US$400 per month  Home stay US$2400 per semester  Food $40.00 per month, approximately. Entertainment $24.00 per month, approximately.  A number of external services provide comprehensive overviews of global living costs, for example:   * [www.expatistan.com](http://www.expatistan.com) * [www.numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com)   **Note**  RMIT University is not affiliated with any of these page |
| Funding Opportunities | OS-HELP information | [OS-HELP Information page](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help) |
|  | Link to scholarships page? | [All travel scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel) |
| Useful information | Link to partner exchange page | <http://www.ucv.cl/english/> |
|  | Visa | Once accepted at PUCV students will receive an admission letter to be presented to the Chilean Embassy in order to start the process of getting a student visa.  Once students are in Chile there is a 30-day grace period to register at the International Police Office. Foreigners can stay in Chile with a tourist visa for a maximum time of 90 days. It is recommended that students get a student visa if their stay in Chile is longer than 90 days. In some cases depending on the country of origin students may be required to provide certification that their financial resources are adequate. The student might also need a letter from his/her University confirming he/she is a regular student and plans to study at the PUCV. |