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FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS FÍSICAS Y MATEMÁTICAS
UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE

FACTSHEET

FACULTY OF PHYSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF CHILE

University of Chile

The University of Chile was founded on November 19, 1842, making it the country's oldest institution of higher education. Its mission is to create, advance, integrate, and share knowledge across all fields of learning and culture. This commitment lies at the heart of the University's work and guides its approach to education.

Located in Santiago, Chile's capital, the University of Chile is a public institution with a strong international standing. It offers education and research across a broad range of disciplines and is widely recognized as a leading institution within Chile's higher education system, particularly in teaching, research, innovation, artistic creation, and the dissemination of knowledge.

Our Campus

- Casa Central
- Campus Juan Gómez Millas
- Campus Beauchef (FCFM)
- Campus Sur
- Campus Andrés Bello
- Campus Norte

The University of Chile has a student population of **47,000+**.



Undergraduate
Level



At the postgraduate level, through doctor, master's, professional specialization, and postgraduate diploma programs.



FACULTY OF PHYSICAL AND MATHEMÁTICAL SCIENCES (FCFM)

The Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (FCFM) has a history spanning more than 170 years. It is dedicated to higher education and to advancing the basic sciences, engineering sciences, and technological applications. Today, the Faculty offers a Civil Engineering program with nine areas of specialization, a Geology program, three bachelor's degrees in science, and more than 30 postgraduate academic programs.

Its long-standing academic tradition, achievements, and commitment to excellence have positioned FCFM among the leading engineering and science faculties in Chile and internationally. The Faculty currently has approximately 5,000 undergraduate students.

FCFM Programs

<https://ingenieria.uchile.cl/carreras> 

Departments

- Astronomy
- Computer Science
- Physics
- Geophysics
- Geology
- Civil Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mathematical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering,
Biotechnology and Materials



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STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Home institution coordinators Will nominate their students using the following [nomination form](#) 

Fall semester: from March to July

Spring semester: from August to December

[THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR IS PUBLISHED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SEMESTER](#) 

1 Application Process

Nomination deadlines

Fall semester: Until September 11, 2026 (for mobility starting in March 2027)

Spring semester: Until May 3, 2027 (for mobility starting in August 2027)

Application deadline

Duly nominated students Will receive an e-mail with instruction to continue their application.

Fall semester: Until October 9, 2026 (for mobility in March 2027)

Spring semester: Until May 24, 2027 (for mobility in August 2026)

Application documents

- Photo with white background (for university credential)
- Copy of passport
- Official academic transcript
- Document with courses in progress (courses that the student is taking during his/her application).
- [Acuerdo de Estudios / Learning Agreement](#) document 
- Certificate of Spanish language level (at least B1)

2 Revision and Results

Our team will review both the applicants' information and eligibility, as well as the proposed course plan. Additional information or modifications to the application may be requested via the student's email.

A decision on the admission of designated students will be communicated within 4-6 weeks after the application period closes.

Acceptance letters are available for students to download from our Application Portal.

If accepted, students will receive an email with details on how to download the Letter of Acceptance from our Application Portal. If the student is not accepted, he/she will be invited to apply in the following process.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION



COURSE Catalog link:

https://ucampus.uchile.cl/m/fcfm_catalogo/

Which departments within the faculty are open to exchange students, and at what academic level?

All departments within the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (FCFM) are open to exchange students (see the list below):

- Astronomy
- Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology and Materials
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Geology
- Geophysics
- Humanities for Engineering and Sciences
- Industrial Engineering
- Mathematical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Physics
- Sports

***Courses that international students CANNOT enroll in during their exchange semester**

- Courses corresponding to the Common Core curriculum (codes 1000 and 2000).
- Regular Engineering Learning courses (AA code).
- Master's, doctoral, and postgraduate courses (codes ED, MT, and EP).
- Regular courses taught in English (EI code).
- Courses related to thesis work.

Courses with codes 6000 or 7000, as well as "Directed Study" courses, are subject to case-by-case review.

International students may take one (1) Ethics course (EH code) and one (1) Sports course (DR code). Under no circumstances may they enroll in more than one course from each of these categories.

Is it possible to take courses from different schools/faculties?

Only if the mobility agreement between both universities allows it. At the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (FCFM), students can also find courses in areas such as history, literature, sports, and arts.

How many credits correspond to a full-time course load per semester?

A full-time student takes a total of 30 SCT credits. International students may take a maximum of 30 SCT credits and a minimum of 24 SCT credits.
1 ECTS = 1 SCT

Grading Scale

Grades range from 1.0 to 7.0, with 7.0 being the highest grade. The minimum passing grade is 4.0.

Issuance of Transcripts

The official transcript will be issued within 4 to 6 weeks after the end of the semester and sent by email to the student's home institution. Hard copies will be sent only upon request.

Language Requirements (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.) for Undergraduate and Graduate Students pregrado y postgrado

Students must have a good command of Spanish (at least B1 level). A letter or certificate from a Spanish language instructor at the home institution, or proof of completion of a Spanish language course, will be required.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN CHILE



The workload for one academic year is 60 ECTS credits.

The academic structure of our Faculty consists of two initial years of common core courses (120 ECTS), followed by two additional years leading to a Bachelor's degree (Licenciatura).

After completing these four years, students undertake two further years of specialization in an engineering field. Upon completion, they are awarded a professional engineering degree.

After completing the four-year Licenciatura, students are also eligible to apply for courses offered by the Graduate School.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Visa application process

Applications for Temporary Residence Permits for foreign nationals applying from outside Chile are processed through the [National Migration Service \(SERMIG\)](#), under the Chilean Ministry of the Interior. Students who have received their acceptance letter to participate in the incoming exchange program must apply for a Temporary Residence Permit through the National Migration Service website.

We invite you to follow the steps outlined in the following [Guide](#) to complete the process correctly and help expedite the processing times of the National Migration Service.

Accommodation

The University of Chile (UCHile) and the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (FCFM) do not provide on-campus housing or student residences. However, you can find some recommendations and useful information on finding accommodation in our International Student Handbook.

Health insurance

Exchange students must obtain mandatory health insurance before arriving in Chile, covering the entire duration of their stay in the country. The insurance must include coverage for illness, accidents, and repatriation.

Buddy Program – “Comunidad Internacional Beauchef (CIB)”

FCFM offers a Buddy Program called “Comunidad Internacional Beauchef (CIB)”, made up of local students from the faculty who support incoming exchange students throughout their semester. CIB buddies can help with questions related to university life, integration into the FCFM community, and adapting to life in Chile.



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