

FactSheet

Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences

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The University of Chile was founded on November 19, 1842. It is the oldest higher education institution in Chile. Generating, developing, integrating, and communicating knowledge in all areas of knowledge and culture are the mission and the foundation of the University's activities. This constitutes the involvement of its work and guides the education it provides.

The University is in the capital of the country, Santiago. It is a public university of international quality where all areas of knowledge are developed. Today the university leads the Chilean higher education system in terms of teaching, research, creation, and dissemination of knowledge.

Nuestros Campus:

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

La Universidad de Chile cuenta con 46.937 estudiantes:

- 37.084 nivel pregrado.
- 10.304 nivel posgrado en programas de doctorado, magíster, especialización profesional y postítulo.

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The Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (FCFM) has existed for more than 170 years. It is focused on higher education and the development of basic sciences, engineering sciences, and technological applications. Currently, it offers a Civil Engineering program with nine specializations, Geology, three bachelor's degrees in sciences, and more than 30 postgraduate academic programs.

Its trajectory, results, and commitment to excellence place it among the best Faculties of Engineering and Sciences in Chile and the world. It has around 5,000 undergraduate students.

Departments:

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

FCFM Programs

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

FCFM Postgraduate Programs

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

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Catálogo de cursos

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

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Student Exchange Program

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

- Fall semester: March-July
- Spring semester: August-December

*The [official calendar](#) is published each year at the beginning of the semester.

1. Application Process (Valid information for the 2025 academic year)

Nomination deadlines	Fall semester: until September 12th, 2025 (for mobility starting in March 2026) Spring semester: Until May 2nd, 2025 (for mobility starting in August 2025)
Application deadlines	Duly nominated students will receive an e-mail with instruction to continue their application. Fall semester: Until October 3rd, 2025 (for mobility starting in March 2026) Spring semester: Until May 16th, 2025 (for mobility starting in August 2025)
Documentos de postulación	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • Learning Agreement document. • Certificate of Spanish language level (at least B1).

2. Revision and Results

Our team will check the applicants' information and eligibility, such as the course proposal. We may request additional information or modifications to the application.

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/

<p>Which departments /schools are open to exchange students and at what level?</p>	<p>All departments of the School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences are open to exchange students (see list below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astronomy • Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology and Materials • Civil Engineering • Computer Science • Electrical Engineering • Geology • Geophysics • Humanities for Engineering and Science • Industrial Engineering • Mathematical Engineering • Mechanical Engineering • Mining Engineering • Physics • Sports Engineering <p>** The courses that cannot be enrolled during the exchange are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those of the common plan (with code 1000 and 2000). • Regular Engineering Apprenticeship courses (code AA). • Master's, doctoral and graduate courses (code ED, MT, EP). • Regular courses in English (code Ei). • Courses related to "Thesis Work" are not available.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses with code 6000 or 7000 and of the "Directed Work" type subject to review on a case-by-case basis. <p>International students may take one (1) Ethics course (code EH) and one (1) Sports course (code DR). In no case may they enroll in more than one (1) course from each of these codes.</p>
Is it possible to take courses from different schools/faculties?	Only if the mobility agreement between both universities establishes it. At the Faculty of Physical Sciences and Mathematics you can also find courses in history, literature, sports and art.
How many credits are equivalent to full-time study per semester?	30 SCT; International students can take a maximum of 30 SCT.
Scale of evaluation/grades	From 1 to 7, with 7 being the best score. The minimum passing grade is 4.
Transcript of records	The academic transcript will be issued within 4 to 6 weeks after the end of the semester and will be sent by e-mail to the home institution. Hard copies will be sent upon request only.
Language requirements (TOEFL Score, IELTS, etc.) for undergraduate and graduate students.	The student must have a good level of Spanish (at least B1). A letter from the Spanish teacher of the home institution or Spanish course will be required.

Educational System in Chile

The workload of a year of study is 60 ECTS. The educational system in our faculty has 2 first years of common plan (120 ECTS). Another 2 years to obtain a "*Licenciatura*", which is for most equivalent to a bachelor's degree. Thereafter, students take 2 more years to do their specialization in the field of engineering, where they get their professional Diploma.

It is important to know that after the 4 years of Bachelor, students are ready to apply for graduate school.

Additional Information

1. Visa application process

Residence Permit applications for foreigners outside of Chile are processed through the [National Migration Service](#) (SERMIG) of the Chilean Ministry of the Interior.

Students who have received their letter of acceptance to participate in the incoming exchange program must apply for Temporary Residence through the website of the National Migration Service.



We invite you to follow the steps in this [instructions document](#) to carry out this procedure and speed up the response time of the National Immigration Service.

2. Accomodation

UChile and /or the faculty does not have on-campus housing or student residences. We can share some suggestions for finding housing, which will be sent in our International Student Handbook.

3. Medical Insurance

Students in the exchange program are required to purchase health insurance for the entire duration of their stay in Chile prior to their arrival in Chile. This insurance must include coverage for illness, accidents, and repatriation.

4. Buddy program “Beauchef International community- CIF”

The FCFM has a Buddy program: “*Comunidad Internacional Beauchef- CIF*” who are students from the faculty who can provide support to incoming students regarding university life and their adaptation to life in Chile during their exchange semester.