

# Factsheet – Incoming Student Exchange Program Autumn Semester / First Semester 2026 Universidad Autónoma de Chile

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Academic Period	<ul> <li>Autumn Semester / First Semester 2026</li> <li>Tentative start date: Monday, March 2, 2026</li> <li>Tentative end date: Friday, July 3, 2026</li> <li>Students must ensure that the exchange period does not overlap with academic activities at their home institution.</li> </ul>



## **Nomination Process**

Students must be nominated by their home institution under an active bilateral exchange agreement with Universidad Autónoma de Chile. Nominations are accepted only from partner universities with a valid agreement at the time of nomination.

Nominations should be sent to internacional@uautonoma.cl and include:

- 1. Home University Name
- 2. Name and email of the outgoing mobility coordinator
- 3. Full name of the applicant
- 4. Field of study / degree / major
- 5. Exchange period (March–July 2026 or full year March 2026–December 2026)
- 6. Applicant's email address

Nomination period: October 6 – November 14, 2025.

# Requirements

The home university must verify that the nominated students:

- Are enrolled and active students, at least in their 5th semester.
- Understand the academic and financial implications of studying abroad.
- Have a minimum Spanish proficiency of B2 (no certificate required, but must be verified by home university).
- For Health Sciences programs, hold an up-to-date vaccination record as required by Chile's Ministry of Health.



### **Relevant information**

The Student Exchange Program allows students to take theoretical courses in any of our seven faculties. Practical courses (with places in clinical fields or professional practice) are managed as Special Mobility, through the outgoing mobility coordinator at the home university, by sending the application to internacional@uautonoma.cl.

Therefore, students from the Faculty of Health Sciences can only take theoretical subjects, unless there is a specific agreement for clinical practice:

- Universidad del País Vasco: Medicine and Nursing
- Universidad de Granada: Dentistry
- Other universities with agreements in force at the start of the call for applications

### **Application Process**

Nominated students will receive an application form to complete by **November 21**, **2025**. Required uploads (PDF format):

- 1. Passport copy
- 2. Academic transcript
- 3. Nomination letter
- 4. Student mobility commitment letter (Annex 1)
- 5. Medical insurance commitment letter (Annex 2)
- 6. Desired UA Faculty and career (Program)
- 7. Proposed courses and campus

Once the application is submitted, students will receive a confirmation email. Accepted applicants will receive an official acceptance letter within four weeks after the deadline.



### **Academic Information**

- Universidad Autónoma de Chile uses the Chilean Credit Transfer System (SCT-Chile). 1 SCT = 30 chronological hours.
- Recommended course load: up to 24 credits.
- Each subject of 6 credits represents around 10 weekly hours of study (including lectures and self-study).
- The International Relations Office will process the application and send the
  course programs only to students who have been duly nominated by their
  home university. It is recommended that you submit this application through
  your International Relations Office to facilitate and optimize the process.
- Students must indicate a primary UA degree program in which they will study during their exchange. You can review the academic offerings here.
- Students may take up to two courses in a secondary degree program, as long as it belongs to the same faculty. However, it should be noted that courses from different degree programs may have scheduling restrictions, so we recommend selecting courses from a single degree program and all at the same level.
- Students must indicate on the form the courses to be taken during their exchange in the following format:
  - Level (In this call, only odd-numbered level courses can be taken according to the curriculum of the chosen degree program. E.g.: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)
  - The name of the subject must be written in the box as it appears in the UA degree program curriculum.

#### Reference



Levels available for call 2026



- Students must indicate on their form the campus where they wish to study. Check <a href="here">here</a> to see which campus offers each UA degree program.
- Students who wish to study in the Faculty of Health Sciences must attach their up-to-date vaccination record to their application form, in accordance with the requirements of the Chilean Ministry of Health.
  - Hepatitis B vaccine Complete 3-dose schedule for adults (booster dose).
  - Annual influenza vaccine.
  - o COVID-19 vaccine: Annual booster.
- Once your letter of acceptance to the program has been issued, if you need
  to sign an academic agreement or Learning Agreement (or equivalent name
  for the document required for the validation of courses at your home
  university), university policy dictates that only the program director
  assigned in the student's letter of acceptance may sign such documents.
- It is expected that the academic agreement will **change** during **the first three weeks of the exchange** due to issues such as schedule limits, schedule changes, or other reasons. Students are responsible for informing their respective coordinators at their home university of any changes within that period. Therefore, **NO final academic agreements will be signed before the student joins the regular program.**
- The DRI is not authorized to sign academic documents. Therefore, once the semester has begun, the student must go in person to the program director's office to request the signature of this document (or request it via email).
- Once accepted into the program, each student will be enrolled as a regular student for the 2026-01 period and will be assigned an institutional email address and access to institutional platforms (Banner). Access credentials will be sent to the email address provided by each student at the time of application



- In consideration of possible changes in the student's academic load, courses
  will be registered by the Office of International Relations during the first three
  weeks of classes of the 2026-01 semester. Students accepted into the
  Program will be notified via email with step-by-step instructions for submitting
  their courses and their respective codes (NRC) within the deadlines defined
  according to the current academic calendar.
- Each degree program can accept a maximum of 4 exchange students. Places will be allocated by agreement, then in order of application and suitability of the candidate.
- Students may participate in workshops, webinars, volunteer programs, and other activities.

### **Visa and Consular Information**

The Office of International Relations (DRI) at the Universidad Autónoma de Chile does **not** handle visa applications, vaccine validation, or any other personal procedures for students.

The Chilean institution responsible for consular and immigration procedures is the National Migration Service (SERMIG) of the Government of Chile.

Applicants are advised to check the official information available on the Government of Chile's website to confirm if they need a visa to stay in the country during their exchange: Información sobre visas para ingresar a Chile | Consulado.gob.cl

Students <u>from countries with a current agreement</u> allowing entry via the <u>Temporary Stay Permit</u> do not need to carry out consular procedures before traveling. In these cases, they will receive a receipt at the border, which must be kept throughout their stay.

The Temporary Stay Permit (formerly called a tourist visa) allows staying in Chile for a maximum of **90 consecutive days**. This permit can be extended once, after payment on the National Migration Service platform, which allows a total stay of up to **180 days** in the country for a semester exchange.



In the case of students participating in a mobility program **longer than 180 days** (annual exchange, equivalent to two full semesters), they must apply for a <u>Temporary Residence Permit</u> before arriving in Chile, **as this procedure can only be done from abroad**. We recommend submitting this application immediately after receiving the applicant's acceptance letter.

Once the Temporary Residence Permit application has been submitted through the SERMIG portal, within the framework of the current agreement between SERMIG and CUP (an organization of which the Universidad Autónoma de Chile is part), students can notify the International Relations Office of the application via email (internacional@uautonoma.cl).

The information will be internally forwarded to the relevant parties to receive a response from SERMIG within less than 40 business days.

Incoming students can find information to prepare for their arrival in Chile at the following link: <u>Informativo sobre gestión de visados para ingreso de estudiantes</u> extranjeros a Chile - Universidad Autónoma de Chile

Each student duly accepted for exchange at the UA agrees to purchase **international medical insurance** that meets the following coverage requirements:

- 1. Emergency hospitalization coverage
- 2. Medications
- 3. Pre-existing conditions
- 4. Telemedicine
- 5. Repatriation.

The medical insurance policy must be sent to the mobility coordinator's email (eden.silva@uautonoma.cl) no later than Friday, March 13, 2026. Submission of medical insurance is a mandatory requirement for participation in the Exchange Program.



The DRI does not recommend any accommodation nor does it endorse any accommodation for accommodation purposes.

DRI does not have work programs for students on campus, nor does it offer funding for incoming students in this program.

The Autonomous University of Chile has a buddy partner program called "Partners UA" that can provide support to incoming students regarding university life during their exchange semester.

# APPENDIX 1: Letter of commitment for in-person student mobility (attach a copy to the application form)

# STUDENT COMMITMENT LETTER APPLICANT FOR IN-PERSON INCOMING MOBILITY

(CITY OF ORIGIN), on the (DAY) of (MONTH), 2025

I, (FULL NAME OF STUDENT), passport number (PASSPORT NUMBER), a regular student of the (NAME OF DEGREE/PROGRAM) at (NAME OF HOME UNIVERSITY), (COUNTRY), hereby declare that I have read and understood the information, duties, and obligations stated in the informational Factsheet of the call and in the Incoming In-Person International Mobility Guidelines, which I commit to respect and comply with.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the consular and immigration requirements established by the Chilean National Migration Service (Servicio Nacional de Migraciones) to carry out my mobility according to current legal regulations.

Full name of the student

Signature

# APPENDIX 2: Letter of commitment to purchase health insurance (attach a copy to the application form)

# COMMITMENT TO ACQUIRE MEDICAL INSURANCE APPLICANT FOR IN-PERSON INCOMING MOBILITY

(CITY OF ORIGIN), on the (DAY) of (MONTH), 2025

- I, (FULL NAME OF STUDENT), passport number (PASSPORT NUMBER), a regular student of the (NAME OF DEGREE/PROGRAM) at (NAME OF HOME UNIVERSITY), (COUNTRY), commit to purchasing an international medical insurance policy that provides coverage for:
  - i. Emergency hospitalization
  - ii. Medications
  - iii. Pre-existing conditions
  - iv. Telemedicine
  - v. Repatriation

Once I receive my letter of acceptance, I commit to sending a copy of my medical insurance policy to the Mobility Coordinator at <a href="mailto:eden.silva@uautonoma.cl">eden.silva@uautonoma.cl</a> no later than Friday, March 13, 2026.

I understand that if I do not submit my medical insurance policy, I will not be allowed to participate in the Exchange Program for which I am applying through this document.

Full name of the student
Signature