



# WUR Goes Abroad

## 1. Student information

<b>Study programme WU</b>	Bsc Economie en Beleid
<b>Exchange semester (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	06/03/2024 until 19/07/2024
<b>Exchange destination: University</b>	Universidad de Chile
<b>Faculty</b>	Facultad de Economia y Negocios
<b>Country</b>	Chile
<b>City</b>	Santiago

## 2. Motivation for exchange

### a. Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

Explore new countries, new people

### b. What is the reason you chose for this country?

Because of its wide range of travelling destinations.

### c. What is the reason you chose for this university?

No particular choice of university.

## 3. Accessibility to reach destination

### a. Do you have any advice about reaching your exchange destination?

Don't live in a SantiagoExchange or LivinX appartement housing. Live close to Barrio Italia. Save some money to travel to other countries in South America. Save some money to live in Santiago, it's quite expensive.

## 4. University and studying

### a. Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	Introduction to International Relations	6	Theory and history on the international relations	2	
2	Human Rights and Gender	6	Theory and history in human rights and gender	3	

3	BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYTICS	6	Data analytics and machine learning	4	
4	Latin América In World's Affairs	10	Discussion on history and relations of Latin America inter / intra with other continents.	2	
5	Chilean History through Literature and Film	5	In depth dive into Chile's history through the analysis of different movies and books	5	
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**b. I had sufficient possibilities to select suitable courses that were taught in English (Yes, No - Explain):** Yes

**c. I had sufficient possibilities to select suitable courses in my field of interest (Yes, No - Explain):** No, not a lot focused on sustainability or field specific topics

**d. I am satisfied with the level of the courses that I followed (Yes, No - Explain):** Yes

**e. I am satisfied, in the end, with the selection of courses I followed (Yes, No - Explain):** No, I had a misunderstanding at the beginning which led to me entering at another faculty than I thought a few days later, meaning I had a smaller selection of courses to choose from.

**f. What is it like to study there?**

*E.g. Study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material?*

Lectures, followed by 2 midterms, some are exams, others are only group projects. Lesson material has good amount of information. Workload is just right.

**g. What is the culture of the university?**

*E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with WU?*

Lecturers are approachable, local students are very open. Different mentality than at WUR. In the faculty of economics and business is designed to make white collar/corporate workers which might be different than in NL.

**h. What does the university offer students additionally?**

*E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?*

Catering, gym, wide variety of team-sports, library, some open areas.

## 5. Housing-traveling-living

**a. What are the possibilities for housing?**

*E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?*

Private rooms, no on campus rooms. Rent rates 200-450 euros.

**b. What is the culture like?**

*E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?*

They deep fry everything, lots of public display of affection, visible classism, fear mentality imposed by media so many Chileans don't go out because they fear being robbed. Often not as safe as in Dutch cities.

**c. Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure?**

*E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?*

Metro and bus system are of world-class. 2 hours of travel for .75cents

The people I knew who had bikes loved it and were super happy with it. Advisable.

## 6. Expenses

**a. Can you give an indication of your expenses for/during your exchange?**

Category	Expenses
Travelling there	1000
Visa - if applicable	NA
Vaccinations - if applicable	NA
Insurances (extra) - if applicable	NA
Daytrips/sight-seeing	Depending, 30-40euros
Housing costs per month & type of housing/accommodation	350, shared house
Grocery costs per month	270
Public transport costs per month	30-40
Restaurant/going out for dinner costs per month	A good restaurant 25euros, main dish and wine

**b. The price levels were in general [higher; lower; equal] in comparison to in the Netherlands:**

Equal

**c. Additional remarks regarding expenses?**

It's not as cheap as you think

## 7. Free time

**a. What are must-sees in the area?**

*E.g. Nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?*

Cajon del Maipo

Pichilemu

The bus system is very good to longer destinations, often night busses so super handy.

**b. What does not appear in a travel guide, but is definitely worth seeing/doing?**

Punta de Lobos

## 8. Challenges & best moment abroad

**a. Any challenges? How did you deal with them?**

**IMPORTANT:** Health insurance misunderstandings, had a treatment at a specialized doctor without going first to a general doctor so my health insurance didn't cover my treatment.

So, always go first to a general doctor that can treat you or refer you to a specialized doctor/clinic.

"Bij uw declaratie ontbreekt een actieve vooraf opgestelde verwijzing van de (Nederlandse) huisarts of medisch specialist. Net als in Nederland is een verwijzing wettelijk verplicht als u niet-spoedeisende hulp nodig hebt."

This meant I had to pay the treatment with my own money, no Torres del Paine for me☹

**b. Best memory?**

Camping in the Andes mountains with housemates.

## 9. Contact details

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