

Requirements

A minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA is required for the program, with a B average in Spanish. The program is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors in good academic and social standing. Two years of college level Spanish is required. Participants must take or audit the appropriate level of Spanish in the semester preceding study abroad.

There are multiple opportunities for students to participate in local community service.



Universidad del Bío Bío campus

Costs

The cost of studying in Chile is similar to spending an equivalent period of time on the McMinnville campus. Linfield College pays the cost of round-trip airfare from the Portland International Airport to an international destination for the student's first study abroad experience. Students pay regular tuition, technology fee and a program fee. Out-of-pocket expenses, passport and visa fees, and local or regional travel are the responsibility of the students. Linfield students may use their financial aid while abroad.

Housing

Students live with local host families to gain exposure to daily life and improve their Spanish skills. Matched with students based on mutual interests, the families are carefully selected and are in frequent communication with the Resident Director.

Additional Information

Chile extends down the west coast of South America, with over 4,000 miles of coastline. The region has many different types of natural life, and is made up of three climate zones: the northern desert, the central Mediterranean, and southern Chile, which is affected by the polar front. Once ruled by the Inca, Chile was colonized by Spain in the 16th century, and in 1818, gained independence. The economy is one of the highest in South America. Chile's population of 18 million is majority mixture of indigenous and Spanish peoples.

It is highly recommended that all students take COMM 230, "Intercultural Communication: Global Perspectives." Courses in Latin American history, politics, culture, and thought also provide excellent preparation. Applicants are encouraged to attend programs sponsored by the International Programs Office.

Applications are available only online:

https://inside.linfield.edu/_files/ipo/application-study-abroad.pdf

Cost Information:

<https://inside.linfield.edu/ipo/study-abroad/costs-and-aid.html>

Share students' daily lives abroad through their journals by visiting:

<https://inside.linfield.edu/ipo/study-abroad/blogs-and-photos.html>

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Semester Abroad Program



Mercado de Chillán

Linfield offers an academic program through the Universidad del Bío-Bío. The program is at the Chillán campus, and offers two departments: Humanities and History. There are a wide variety of Spanish language classes for students studying the language. This program features organized field trips, cultural activities and supplement coursework. Students stay with local host families to further immerse in the culture.



Catedral de Chillán, Chile



Universidad del Bío-Bío
www.ubiobio.cl/

Universidad del Bío Bío is a public institution whose roots trace to the creation of the Technical University of the State on April 9, 1947. Students will take courses in the Humanities and History, as well as Spanish language and culture. Courses are taught in Spanish. Students in a wide variety of disciplines will likely find coursework to fit their interests and degree plans. Student services include counseling and other health and wellness amenities.

Orientation

Students in the program must attend a mandatory pre-departure orientation organized by Linfield in March.



Universidad del Bío Bío, Chillán

Activities

Universidad del Bío Bío has a gymnasium, a library, and a student area on campus. Chillán is close to winter sport venues, outdoor activities, and hot springs. Chillán is a city with rich history and incredible food.



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The tutors and international students in Concepcion, Chile

Chillán

Chillán is located in Chile's Bío Bío region, about 250 miles South of Chile's capital city, Santiago. Chillán was founded in 1850 and is home to approximately 180,000 people. Chillán has a Mediterranean climate, meaning winters are cool and mild. May, June, and July are the wettest months, with about 8 inches of precipitation falling over these three months. Chillán is near the popular Nevados de Chillan ski resort, where one can ski the longest ski trail in Latin America. Nearby is the also popular Chillán Hot Springs, which are one of the most visited attractions in the area.



Valparaíso, Chile

Chillán itself features shopping and open air markets. Chillán also has a great food and wine scene with affordable food available.

Chillán is a city of approximately 180,000 people with an excellent public transportation system.



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