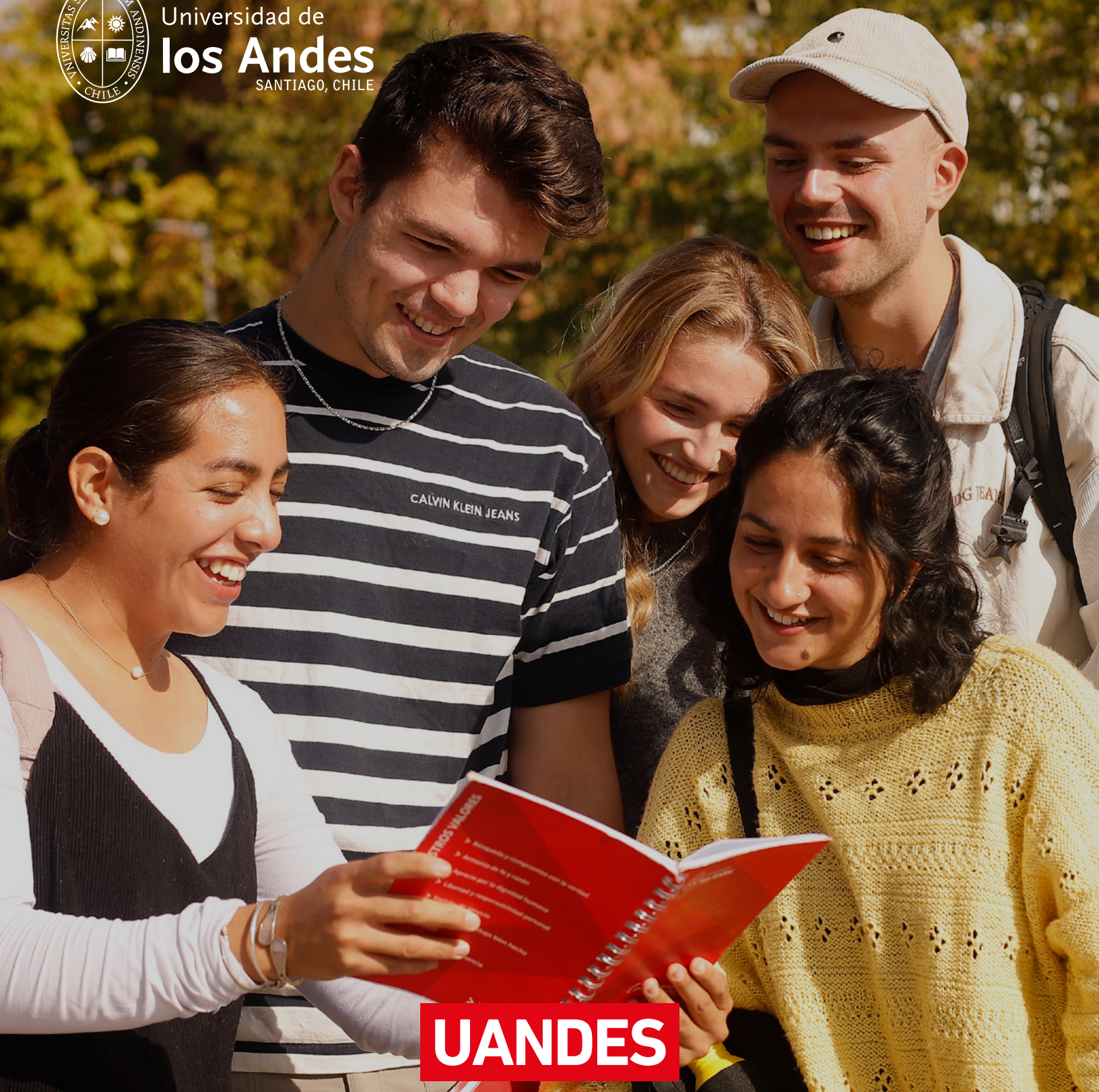




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SANTIAGO, CHILE



**UANDES**

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# Why Choose **UANDES** as Your Exchange Destination?

## About the University

Universidad de los Andes (UANDES) is a private, non-profit institution founded in 1989. It ranks second in the country for selectivity and has been accredited as a center of excellence by the Chilean National Accreditation Commission (CNA).

## About the City and the Campus

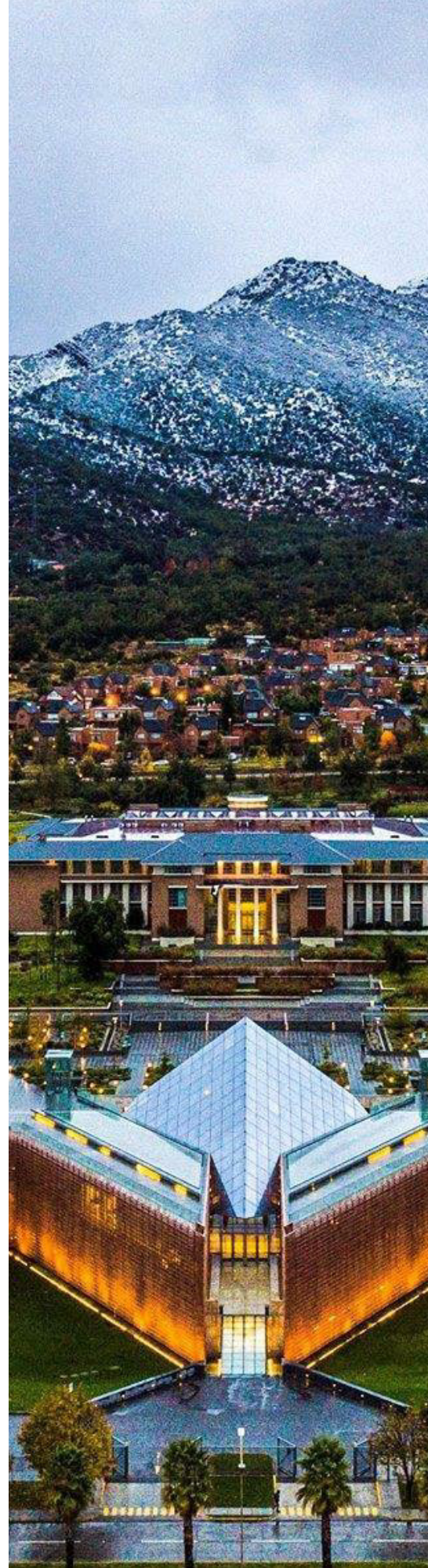
Our university has a single campus located in Santiago, the capital of Chile, specifically in the Las Condes district, San Carlos de Apoquindo neighborhood. This is a residential, safe area surrounded by green spaces with a privileged view of the Andes Mountain range. The campus is approximately 45 minutes from the city center and has good public transportation connections. In addition, UANDES provides shuttle buses, with schedules published monthly at: <https://www.uandes.cl/buses/>.

## Campus Facilities

As an exchange student, you will have access to all the campus facilities, including: a well-equipped library with a wide selection of academic resources, soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis and padel courts, a climbing wall, a barbecue area, multimedia classrooms, a Bloomberg Lab, a kinesiology care center, and more.

## Spanish as a Foreign Language Course

By choosing UANDES as your exchange destination, you will have the opportunity to learn or improve your Spanish with a free weekly course that provides 4 UANDES credits (4.8 ECTS). To take this course, you only need to take a test to determine your level (beginner, intermediate, or advanced).



## ICLUB

Our exchange program includes a welcoming committee made up of UANDES students who, before and during your stay, will assist you during the adaptation process, offering support and guidance. We will match you with an ICLUB member who will contact you directly and can help you with any questions you may have not only about the university but also about life in Santiago. The ICLUB also organizes various activities throughout the semester.

### Orientation Week

Exchange students must arrive at UANDES one week before the beginning of the classes to participate in the mandatory orientation week. Orientation week includes: a welcome ceremony, campus tour, lunch with ICLUB members, a training session on using UANDES platforms, and a cultural outing.

### Extracurricular Activities

Each month, ICLUB organizes around three extracurricular activities aimed at providing comprehensive exchange experience and giving you the chance to explore the city from a local perspective. Participation in these activities is voluntary, but they are a great opportunity to meet UANDES students and other exchange students.



## Useful Information

### Academic Calendar

The academic year at UANDES is divided into two semesters:

#### **First semester: March to July**

Mandatory orientation week: Last week of February

#### **Second semester: July to December**

Mandatory orientation week: Second-to-last week of July

The specific dates for orientation week, the start and end of classes will be provided in your acceptance letter.

The academic calendar is published annually at the following link: <https://www.uandes.cl/estudiantes/informacion-academica/calendario-academico/>, which includes scheduled breaks and national holidays.



## Course Selection

The primary language of instruction at UANDES is Spanish. If Spanish is not your native language and you wish to take courses in Spanish, you must demonstrate a B2 proficiency level.

For the Education and International Business programs, we offer courses in English, and to access these, you must also demonstrate a minimum of B2 proficiency in English.

The total number of credits you take during your exchange will depend on the courses you select, but the recommended academic load for exchange students is between 4 and 5 courses, equivalent to approximately 30 ECTS credits.

The credit system at UANDES is based on SCT. Please note the following equivalencies:

**1 SCT = 1.2 ECTS**  
**2 SCT = 1 US credit**

The courses available to you will depend on the semester in which you are on exchange:

If you are coming in the **first semester (March to July)**, you should select courses from odd-numbered semesters.

If you are coming in the **second semester (July to December)**, you should select courses from even-numbered semesters.

It is possible that courses from both semesters may be offered, but this will depend on the number of students enrolled, so we recommend initially selecting courses corresponding to the semester during which you will be at UANDES.

You can find the course offerings in the "Mallas Curriculares" for each program at <https://www.uandes.cl/carreras/>.

As an exchange student, you can mix courses from different programs as long as you meet the language requirements (if applicable), academic prerequisites, and the course schedules are compatible.

You may also choose courses from our General Studies Center (CEG), which offers general education courses worth 3 SCT credits.

**You can check the offerings each semester at**

<https://www.uandes.cl/nosotros/centro-de-estudios-generales/programas-de-estudios-generales/>.



## Visa

Under current Chilean legislation, there is no specific student visa. The regular way to enter the country is with a **Temporary Permit** (formerly a tourist visa), which allows you to study in Chile for up to 90 days, extendable for an additional 90 days, covering one academic semester.

There are two ways to extend your permit for an additional 90 days:

1. Pay USD 100 to the National Migration Service (SERMIG).
2. Leave the country and re-enter: This trip will not be considered as a justification for missing classes or exams, so if you choose this option, you must plan the trip during your days off.

For most nationalities, the Temporary Permit does not require any processing, but for certain nationalities, SERMIG may request a consular visa and/or payment of a fee. You can check the list of nationalities and their specific requirements at the following link:

[https://www.consulado.gob.cl/consulados/site/docs/20190220/20190220161313/cuadro\\_de\\_visas\\_resumido\\_\\_17\\_07\\_2024.pdf](https://www.consulado.gob.cl/consulados/site/docs/20190220/20190220161313/cuadro_de_visas_resumido__17_07_2024.pdf)

If you come to UANDES for a **full year**, you will need to apply for a **Temporary Residence Permit**, which must be done digitally at

<https://serviciomigraciones.cl/residencia-temporal/>.

You can start your application once you have your acceptance letter. If you apply for this permit, please send the application receipt to [incoming@uandes.cl](mailto:incoming@uandes.cl), as we have an agreement that allows us to help expedite the process so you can obtain your residence permit on time.

## Housing

Our university does not provide on-campus accommodation. Once you are accepted for your exchange at UANDES, we will send you a list of recommended housing options. However, choosing your accommodation is a personal decision, and the university is not responsible for it. We can guide your decision based on factors such as distance from the campus, security, and cost, but ultimately, it will depend on your budget and personal preferences.





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