



Tips on Studying Abroad at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile in Chile

Want to know what it's like to study abroad? Want to know what your peers think? Your fellow Georgia Tech students who have previously gone on this exchange program gave their opinions so that future participants have the inside scoop on their host institution and host country.

Classes

- My Spanish language skills improved greatly. At the beginning, I knew basic verbs and minimal vocabulary, and it was very hard to communicate (listen and speak). I found it very hard to understand Chilean Spanish. I believe my speaking skills improved more than my listening skills, and I still find it difficult to understand native Spanish speakers. I was pleased to be able to sit down for a few hours and take actual engineering tests in Spanish (questions and answers).
- (Another view): I spoke Spanish well before going to Chile, but my level of Spanish is still significantly higher than when I arrived there.
- I gained some knowledge of Chilean business practices through my materials science course as we had projects that required contact with some of the local businesses.
- There are a variety of classes offered at PUC exchange including for example management, technology, political science, mathematics and engineering classes.
- It is possible to do an internship while studying at PUC exchange as well.



Lifestyle

- Just being down there I believe I got exposure to Chilean business practices and such. The marketing and Management classes I took also gave me a tremendous amount of exposure.
- I spent time everyday at a Christian Campus Fellowship Organization our very own CCF here at Tech has been running down there since 2004. Here I was emerged into Chilean culture and made over 50 Chilean friends. I had so much fun just helping running the ministry and hanging out with the Chilean students who were apart of it (they took me around Santiago, I went to their homes, played sports, etc.)

Transportation & Travel

- I traveled with fellow Georgia Tech students who were down there with me. We visited San Pedro de Atacama, Picon, Torres de Piane, Mendoza, and a few other cities. We also went to various beaches. I had such a fun time.
- (Another view): I traveled a lot while in Chile from as far south as Puerto Montt to Arica domestically, as well as a significant amount in Argentina, Uruguay, and Peru. In Santiago, I went out, played soccer, and did many of the touristy things of the city.
- (Another student view): I went mountaineering and backpacking around central and southern Chile.



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