Chillán, Chile
Study Abroad Program

**Application**

Apply online at [http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/school-language-culture-and-society/world-languages-and-cultures/students/international-opportunities/chile](http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/school-language-culture-and-society/world-languages-and-cultures/students/international-opportunities/chile) and follow the application checklist. An application fee of $50 will be billed to your account. Once the application is complete, an interview will be arranged. Upon notification of acceptance to the program a non-refundable $200 deposit (applied to program fee) will be billed. See the important dates on this brochure.

**Chillán**

Chillán, Chile is a midsize town with a population of about 150,000 located in central Chile, about 5 hours south of Santiago. The climate and topography of the area are similar to those of the Willamette Valley. Many are attracted to Chillán because of the great outdoor opportunities that it offers such as skiing (season June - September), hot springs, and its many hiking possibilities. This university town is also located about an hour from the coast. The region is named after the Bio-Bio river that runs through it.

The Universidad del Bio-Bio (UBB) was founded on September 29, 1988, from the merger of the Instituto Profesional de Chillán and the Universidad de Bio-Bio. The university contains two campuses: the Concepción campus, in the region’s capital, and the Chillán Campus, in the capital of the province of Ñuble. The university is a strong regional center for undergraduate and graduate degree programs in wood technology and its byproducts, health science and food technology, teacher education, architecture and building design, engineering, and business administration.

**Important Dates:**

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**Academic Program**
The program offers students the opportunity to complete second year Spanish (211-213) in 3 months. Students will take four separate courses, each lasting 4 hours per week (4 credits), for a total of 16 credits. Each course will focus on one of four different skill areas with each one supporting the other. Intensive courses in reading/writing, listening/speaking, grammar, and the culture and history of Chile and Latin America will also be taken. Students also have the option of taking Spanish 311 in Chillán for an additional cost (3 credits) of $400.

**Eligibility**
There is a minimum GPA requirement of 2.75 to apply to the Chillán program. Applicants must successfully complete Spanish 113 (or its equivalent) with a minimum grade of C prior to departure. All qualified applicants will be interviewed, and selection will be based on academic preparation, scholarship, motivation, and adaptability.

**Orientation**
Prior to departing, students will sign up for a one-credit orientation course at OSU. The course is offered spring term and will be designed to help prepare students to be in a new and different culture. Aside from the orientation course at OSU, students will have a welcoming reception when they arrive and then an orientation week to get to know the college, their “compañeros”, and surroundings in Chillán. A one credit Post-Chillán course is also required.

**Housing**
Students will live with host families chosen personally by the site Director in Chillán. Room and three meals a day at the host family’s residence will be included in the cost of the program.

**Program Cost**
The program fee will be approximately $5,800 for residents and $7,000 for non-resident students. This includes tuition, books, health insurance, orientation, 12 weeks room and board with a host family in Chillán, and two excursions.

The cost does not include airfare from Portland to Santiago ($1,600), Entrance tax ($168), and personal expenses for food outside of host family, laundry, recreation, clothing, personal supplies and incidental expenses (900-$2,000). Excursions planned are to Termas de Chillán, Viña del Mar, Valparaíso, and Isla Negra.

**Financial Aid**
Most forms of financial aid, such as grants and loans for which students are eligible at OSU, may be applied to the program. Veterans’ benefits may also be applied. In many cases, financial aid will only be available at the beginning of fall term.