Notre Dame Law School- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC)  
2013-2014 Student Exchange  
Basic Questions and Answers

1. How many students will be able to participate?

The Notre Dame Law School-UC student exchange program will allow up to four NDLS students to study at the Facultad de Derecho of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (in Santiago) in the 2013-2014 academic year.

2. How will the students be selected?

Interested students should submit the following to the Law School Registrar, Anne Hamilton, by email at Hamilton.4@nd.edu, and no later than **Friday, March 22**: (a) a personal statement of no more than one page that explains why you are interested in going to UC and how you anticipate it contributing to your academic and professional development; (b) a transcript of all of your courses and grades at NDLS to date; and (c) the name of one NDLS faculty member who is willing to recommend your participation in the exchange program. A selection will be made from among the interested students based on an assessment of the suitability of the program to the student’s professional and educational goals and capacities.

3. Can 3Ls go too?

**Both 2Ls and 3Ls can participate.** Third-year students must be able to demonstrate that they have satisfied all of their graduation requirements (other than the total credits needed) before going, or that they will be able to satisfy their remaining requirements in the second semester of their 3L year if they seek to go in the fall 2013 semester. 3L students who choose to be at UC in the spring 2014 semester should be aware that their courses and exams in Chile will not end in time for them to receive their degrees at the May 2014 Notre Dame commencement. Although they can, at their own expense, return from Chile to participate in the Commencement ceremonies, they will not formally receive their degrees until August 2014, which could prevent those students from sitting for bar exams in the summer of 2014.

4. Can I go for a whole year or only for a semester?

A single-semester exchange is preferred but in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons we can consider a student request to attend for an entire year.

5. What are the dates of the semesters at the UC?

The “fall” term typically begins in late July and runs to the end of November, with exams at the beginning of December; the “spring” term typically begins at the end of February and runs until the beginning of July, with exams immediately thereafter.
6. **Do I have to know Spanish?**

Yes. Note that a 2-3 week intensive orientation on language and culture is available for Notre Dame students in Chile, prior to each term of study. These courses are optional for law students, but highly recommended (and available at no additional cost).

7. **What kinds of courses would I be able to take at UC?**

For details of the curricular offerings, see [http://derecho.uc.cl/alumnos/programacion-de-cursos-2013/](http://derecho.uc.cl/alumnos/programacion-de-cursos-2013/). Each ND student’s program of study at UC will need to be approved in advance by the NDLS Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The UC exchange program is intended to be of particular benefit to those students who have a strong interest in international, comparative, and foreign law studies.

8. **Would my UC grades count at Notre Dame?**

Credits earned at UC will transfer to Notre Dame and will count toward your degree requirements, but any grades earned in UC courses will not count in a student’s overall GPA calculation at Notre Dame.

9. **How does tuition work?**

Participating students will continue to pay their regular tuition to Notre Dame; no tuition will be due to UC.

10. **What housing accommodations are available in Santiago?**

Home stays with Chilean families are available and arranged through the University of Notre Dame’s representative office in Chile. Students may choose to seek their own independent housing instead.

11. **Is there financial aid available?**

The financial aid that is available to you in South Bend will also be available to you while you are in Chile, but your available student loan amounts will be adjusted to account for travel expenses and cost of living differences.

12. **Are there any scholarships associated with the program?**

There is **no scholarship funding available** to support participation in the exchange program.

For any further questions, please contact Anne Hamilton, Registrar, at [Hamilton.4@nd.edu](mailto:Hamilton.4@nd.edu), or Associate Dean Mayer at [lmayer@nd.edu](mailto:lmayer@nd.edu).