



**PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE VALPARAÍSO**  
**International Program of Student Exchange**  
**Short term programs**

**Conversation and Chilean Culture (advanced level)**

NAME OF COURSE	Conversation and Chilean Culture (advanced level)
HOURS	45 contact hours
CREDITS	03
COURSE CODE	PIIE 3245

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**Course description**

The course Conversation and Chilean Culture, advanced level, integrates language and culture through different types of texts: Chilean films, documentaries, press articles, short stories by Chilean authors, in order to strengthen the total immersion program in which the student is inserted.

**Main objective**

Improve the student's intercultural communicative competence based on the four linguistic skills: oral and written comprehension and oral and written expression.

**Specific objectives**

- Develop the skill of expressing thoughts and feelings through oral word.
- Develop the skill of oral comprehension through authentic audiovisual material.
- Develop the skill of understanding written texts of various difficulty levels.
- Develop the skill of expressing thoughts and feelings through written word in narrative and argumentative texts.
- Involve the student with the language and culture through fieldworks

## **Contents**

Chile. Sociocultural aspects, conversation, commonplaces, stereotypes. Characteristics of Chilean idiosyncrasy and identity. Collective imaginaries. Idiomatic expressions and Chilean slang. Sociocultural approach.

Chilean movies: *El Chacotero Sentimental*, *Machuca*, *La Nana*, *Historias de Fútbol*, pre-selected scenes, subtitles in Spanish.

Documentaries: Chilean sociopolitical history (last 40 years)

Short stories by Chilean authors.

## **Activities**

Theoretical and expository lessons

Individual oral presentations

Conversation and debates.

Pair work

Fieldworks

## **Evaluation**

Participation	: 10%
Attendance	: 10%
Compositions	: 25%
Oral presentations 1- 2 (15% each)	: 30%
Final presentation + discussion	: 25%

## **Bibliography**

Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD). Desarrollo Humano en Chile 2002. Santiago, Chile, 2002.

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