



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

Conversation and Chilean Culture (beginner level)

NAME OF COURSE	Conversation and Chilean Culture (beginner level)
HOURS	45 contact hours
CREDITS	03
COURSE CODE	PIIE 1245

Course description

The course Conversation and Chilean Culture, beginner level, integrates language and culture through short fragments of Chilean films, documentaries, Chilean and foreign TV shows, short local press articles, 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 low difficulty level.
- Develop the skill of expressing thoughts and feelings through written word in descriptive texts.

Contents

Chile. Sociocultural aspects. Sociocultural manifestations rooted in Chilean culture.
Valparaíso-Viña del Mar

Two cities. Viña del Mar- Valparaíso: influence of popular culture of United States.
Fieldworks from an ethnographic perspective.

Chilean movies: *Machuca*. *La Nana*. Preselected scenes with subtitles in Spanish (and/or English)

American sitcom dubbed into Spanish: The Simpsons. Selected episodes.

Activities

- Theoretical and expository lessons.
- Conversation and debates.
- Role play. Simulation.
- Through simple readings, encourage participation in association activities, interpretation and analysis of themes/subjects that have an influence in society
- Fieldworks

Evaluation

Attendance and participation (10%)

2 oral presentations (20% each, 40% in total)

Homework, interaction and participation in fieldworks (20%)

Fieldworks (cultural exploration) + final presentation. (30%)

Bibliography

PIIE's language and culture activities manual.