



# UCEAP LATIN AMERICA & the Caribbean

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# Programs

**15** Programs

Across all of Latin  
America/Caribbean

**7** Countries

Mexico, Chile, Brazil,  
Argentina, Costa Rica,  
Barbados, & D.R



**Different areas of  
focus** Mostly themed  
programs, but some  
immersion as well

Immersion versus Themed

# Programs in Chile



## Human Rights & Cultural Memory

Buenos Aires & Santiago



## Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

Santiago, Chile



## Social-Ecological Sustainability

Santiago, Villarrica



## University of Chile

Santiago

### Chile PUC:

- Amazing ILP improves confidence in taking courses in Spanish
- Students requiring structure and routine choose PUC
- Majority of students on this program take advantage of internship or service learning opportunities
- Students are really immersed in Spanish—little/no English in the city
- Both universities are spread out in various locations around the city

### Socio-Ecological Sustainability in Southern Chile, Santiago & Villarrica, Chile

- Two-week intensive Spanish for Environmentalists in Santiago then south to Villarrica for coursework in English
- Upper-division coursework in related majors
- Field work and courses prepare student teams to develop and present environmental planning projects
- Forested lakeside campus. Indoor/outdoor classes
- Interaction with local indigenous Mapuche community

### Human Rights and Cultural Memory, Buenos Aires, Argentina & Santiago, Chile

- Explore 2 exciting capitals, compare reconstruction of 2 societies following their eras of state terror
- Some knowledge of topics related to human rights is helpful
- Excellent way to acquire deep understanding of Latin America from more Eurocentric Buenos Aires to more diverse Santiago.



# Programs in Mexico



## UNAM:

- Enormous array of faculties—courses for everyone in one part of Mexico City!
- Great for Film & Media
- Small class sizes — your opinion will matter
- Total immersion into Mexican academic and cultural life
- Immense campus, but made very accessible via internal PumaBús system

## Contemporary Mexico, UC Center, Mexico City

- Language courses at several levels and English- instructed program course
- All courses taught in the Casa de California
- Cultural reflection project and excursions throughout amazing Mexico City makes this short program more meaningful

## Global Health in Mexico, Oaxaca City, Mexico

- Practical experience in Oaxaca interacting with community service organizations
- Invaluable opportunity for future family health practitioners
- Frequent excursions to surrounding areas to experience a range of community settings
- Extensive practice in medical Spanish
- Popular program-will fill quickly

## Leadership in Social Justice and Public Policy, Mexico City & Sacramento

- Begins at UNAM: many course options available

- Custom internship arranged with UCCSac with government or other relevant organization during second half of program
- Great for Political Science
- Unique opportunity for all students interested in Latino issues in California or bi-national issues between California and Mexico

Field Research in Mexico, Mexico City + Research in Mexico City, Queretaro, Oaxaca, Chiapas, or Yucatan

- Unique graduate-style field research for undergrads
- Get settled in Mexico City with other Mexico program participants to learn about culture, improve language skills, and refine research project, prior to going to research site where mentors provide student support.
- Highly reviewed research projects that may open doors for students to obtain research assistantships back at the UC campuses

# Programs in Brazil



## Brazilian Seminars

This program includes a multidisciplinary seminar taught in English along with Portuguese language study for beginners.  
(Summer only)



## P.U.C of Rio De Janeiro

At PUC-Rio you can learn at any language level and qualify for appropriate coursework by taking a language placement test. English offerings are more limited. Lang Pre-req

### PUC Rio:

- Fall Sem, Spring Sem, Year
- At PUC-Rio you'll get to experience Brazilian academic life. You can learn at any language level and qualify for appropriate coursework by taking a language placement test. In Portuguese, you can access courses in a full-range of majors. Although English-language offerings are more limited, you can access courses across various disciplines including business, design, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, international relations, mechanical engineering, and sociology.
- [Video](#)
- [Campus Tour Video](#)
- Selected English-taught courses available for those without much Portuguese
- Single campus unit in a tropical setting – study in Portuguese!
- Social life primarily off campus

**Brazilian Seminars:** This program includes a multidisciplinary seminar taught in English along with Portuguese language study for beginners. The seminar covers a range of topics in a compact series of lectures by professors and other specialists. By the end of the program, you'll have an understanding of many aspects of Brazilian politics, culture, business and race relations.

- More for beginner language levels
- Brazilian Seminars, Pontifical Catholic Univ. of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- One-month Brazilian seminar in English. Portuguese language course offered at beginning through advanced levels
- Study with international students and administrators
- Visits to professional settings and excursions around the city
- Single campus unit in a tropical setting. Social life primarily off campus
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# Programs in Argentina



## Human Rights & Cultural Memory

Argentina & Chile. Courses taught in English with 1 week of intensive language practice.



## Immigration & Identity: Asia in South America

Buenos Aires, Argentina. In addition to a short Spanish language course, you will take 4 specially designed courses at UBA to learn about the history of migration and identity-formation in Argentina

- Both Fall Semester options only
- UBA (Argentina):

Immigration and Identity: Asia in South America, Univ. of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina

- Study in the excitement of the University of Buenos Aires
- Pathbreaking classes consider immigration and its role in national identity in new ways
- questions of race and gender, and international political and economic relations between East Asia and South America. Asian communities in Latin America are the focus of this course, but you will also learn about the experiences of multiple migrant communities that settled in Buenos Aires, including European, Jewish, and African peoples. These seminar-like courses provide opportunities for rich discussion.
- Enjoy the European feel of one of Latin America's great cities
- Explore the multiple cultural opportunities Buenos Aires has to offer

# Costa Rica

## Tropical Biology and Conservation

- Monteverde, Costa Rica
- For lovers of the Outdoor/adventure
- Research

**Fall:**

- **Weather:**
  - Generally a rainier start to the program, gets drier as the program continues
  - Air temperatures can get cold in Monteverde (55°F in December)
  - Can experience hurricanes
- **Field Trip:**
  - 16 nights (5 in tents, 10 in a bed and indoors)
  - All within Guanacaste Conservation Area (ACG) and Northwest Costa Rica.
  - 5 nights camping in tents are on Isla San Jose in protected marine area
  - 5 of the nights in a bed and indoors are in a homestay in a fishing village
  - More time in marine habitats
- **Biological Highlights**
  - Sea turtles nesting
  - Major bird migrations for North America

**Spring:**

- **Weather:**
  - Generally a drier start to the program, gets rainier as the program continues
  - Air temperatures can get hot in Santa Rosa (95°F in April)
  - Can experience intense thunder and lightning storms
- **Field Trip:**
  - 12 nights (all in tents)
  - Half in Osa Conservation Area (ACOSA), half in Guanacaste Conservation Area (ACG)
  - 6 of the nights in tents are on Isla Violin (wet forest near Osa Peninsula)
  - 6 of the nights in tents are in the Santa Rosa Sector (dry forest, ACG)
  - Observe fire control by fire crew in restoration areas and discuss logistics and biology of fire control
- **Biological Highlights**
  - Many species of birds breeding (including resplendent quetzals)
  - Much insect activity with onset of rains
  - Many amphibians breeding

-Statement of Purpose

-Students together 24/7; can become a close knit group

Critters, long walks on dirt roads, muddy, explore diverse climates during field trip.

Meal cooks can accommodate dietary restrictions

# Barbados

## University of West Indies in Bridgetown, Barbados

- Courses are in English
  - Very involved campus culture—hall events
- Unique opportunities to enjoy Afro-Caribbean culture
  - Learn about diversity/inclusion in a majority Afro-Caribbean setting
    - Security of students is high priority
- Caribbean weather-Housing with sometimes no AC

Univ. of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados

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Security of students is high priority;

NO AC-hot



# Dominican Republic

## Community Public Health, Santiago

- Good practice for Spanish health and prevention-related vocabulary
- Combines traditional classroom instruction with field work in both urban and semi-rural communities
- CIEE study center very involved in local community and is able to find out where student help is most needed
- Language pre-requisite

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-Summer

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-Junior/senior

-Language pre-requisite

-All instruction is in Spanish. The curriculum also includes a course in advanced conversational Spanish with a focus on medical terminology.

-3 courses—15 quarter units

# Capacity Constraint

**Applications  
Open Nov. 1st**

**Must apply early since it's  
first come first served for  
ALL UCs.**

**Programs With  
Limited Capacity:**

**Human Rights & Cultural Memory (Argentina & Chile),  
Social-Ecological Sustainability (Chile), Tropical Biology  
and Conservation (Costa Rica), and Global Health in  
Mexico (Mexico City)**

1. Human rights and cultural memory: Capacity Constraint- Pilot
2. Social-Ecological Sustainability: capacity constraint- pilot
3. Costa Rica: Capacity Constraint Pilot
4. Mexico, Global health: Capacity constraint-pilot

# Language Requirement

## ◆ SPANISH

### Language

6 quarters of university level Spanish is equivalent to LTSP 2C

## ◆ PORTUGUESE

### Language

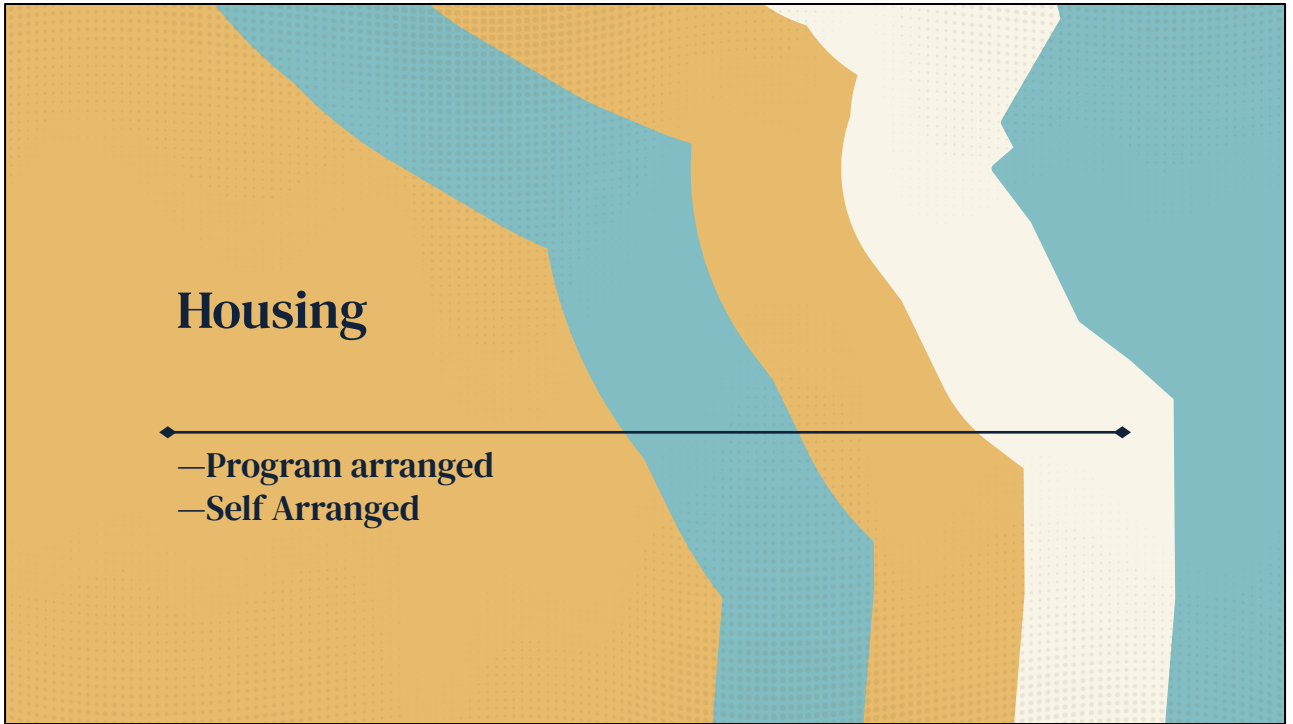
Mars is actually a cold place



## UCEAP Spanish and Portuguese Language Prerequisite Guide

-native Spanish speaker with some formal training: Show proof of having completed (or a plan to complete prior to the program start) at least the intermediate level courses (second year) or equivalent. This could be high school courses, a UC placement, AP, IB, or SATII exam score, or language evaluation equivalent to the completion of the intermediate level (second year) or above; or high-intermediate, advanced, or upper-division Spanish courses on my transcript.

-Heritage Speaker with no formal training: Show proof of a plan to complete a minimum of one university-level Spanish course for Native/Heritage speakers prior to the program start to strengthen my knowledge in the four basic language skills necessary for the courses I will take in the program.



-Program arranged= The program takes care of finding housing for you. These programs may cost a little more than self-arranged, but it's less work for you

-Self-arranged= UCEAP might provide some links/resources of where you could look for housing, but you will arrange everything yourself (reach out to the house listings contact and set it up)



## Things to Consider:

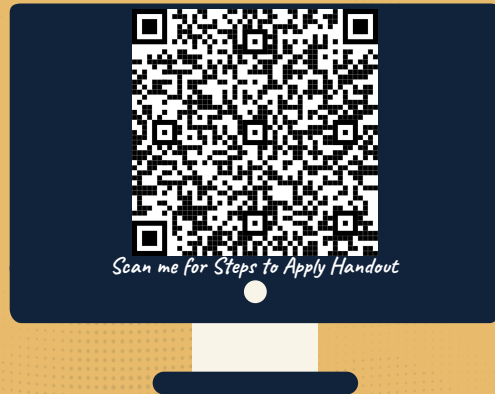
### Weather:

- **Fall: March-May**
- **Winter: June-Sept.**
- **Spring: Sept-Dec**
- **Summer: Dec-March**



# Application Steps

- Academic Planning Form
- Submit on both portals
- Check deadlines



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# Questions?

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