

CHILE

A GVSU PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Chile: Universidad del Bio Bio Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Having earned a reputation for high academic standards, a supportive educational environment, and a vibrant student culture, UBB offers GV students an opportunity to fully immerse into Chilean life and culture. With two primary campuses, Concepción and Chillan, UBB offers a wide-range of curricular options including: business, engineering, education, English, psychology, social work, health sciences, social sciences, mathematics, physics, chemistry, statistics, Chilean culture and more. This program is most suitable for Spanish majors and minors, but it is also a great location for those interested in English education.

The city of Concepción, where UBB's main campus is located, offers a lively environment with bustling plazas, pedestrian streets packed with local shops, and restaurants serving a wide range of local and international cuisine. Concepcion is 20 minutes from the coast and is centrally located for those who have an interest in exploring other parts of Chile.

Chillan is an hour east of Concepción and is near the Andes Mountain range. While Chillan is a much smaller town, it offers a very friendly plaza where people of all ages meet to socialize. Just a few blocks from the plaza is one of the areas largest markets with everything from Chilean-made handicrafts to fresh produce, clothes and more. Chillan was described as a place that quickly feels like a home away from home.

Student Blog (Mary Hoekje): <http://maryhoekje.blogspot.com>

WHEN CAN I GO?

Summer 2018: May - July (11-weeks) For more information on the 11-week program [click here](#)

Fall 2018: July - January*

Non-traditional Academic Year: March - January* (Students who do well academically will be exempt from exams and can return home in December)

Winter 2019: March - July

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students studying at the UBB will have the option of living in home stays or shared houses that are off-campus. On the Concepcion campus, students have several housing options: home stay, shared house with other international students, or a pension (renting a room in a local home). In Chillan, students are limited to home stays only.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

2.5 GPA required. Students must be degree seeking and have completed a minimum of 5 semesters of college-level Spanish. All applicants must have completed at least 1 semester at GVSU at the time of

application.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Winter 2018:

September 10, 2017

Summer 2018:

February 1, 2018

Fall 2018:

February 1, 2018

Non-Traditional Academic Year 2018-19:

September 10, 2017

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

UBB offers courses in many areas of study including: business, Chilean culture, education, English, humanities, social sciences, sciences and Spanish language.

Students participating in a partnership program will either register for courses that have been pre-approved or will go through a [Course Approval Process](#).

List of course options: [Program Details](#)

Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor in the Spanish department to discuss course options available. Both Prof. Laura Fox and Prof. Michael Vrooman have been to UBB and can advise students on course options available.

Business students should meet with Claire Rose to discuss business course options.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Total Projected Cost: \$12,244 - \$13,766 (per semester).

FINANCIAL AID

Students typically pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships/grants and alternative loans. **Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.**

To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “**Study Abroad**” in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

[Financial Aid](#)

GRANTS

STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER GRANT: The average study abroad semester grant award is \$500 per semester. Students who complete an online study abroad application by the designated priority deadline, have a 2.5 GPA and a FAFSA on file, may be eligible for a study abroad grant ranging from \$500-\$1,750/semester. Due to limited funding, not all eligible students will receive a grant.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT: The Padnos International Center will be providing (2) \$500 Partnership grants for students spending a semester or year at this partner. If more than two applicants apply for this program, decisions on awards will be made based on the strength of a student's application and financial need. Students may be eligible for more than \$500, but two applicants will receive a minimum of \$500 in grant assistance. Decisions on awards will be made following the deadline for applications.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for additional information on grants and scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

Padnos International Center

130 Lake Ontario Hall

616-331-3898

studyabroad@gvsu.edu

Monday - Friday: 8am - 4pm

Hours extended on Wednesday until 7pm during Fall and Winter Semesters

11-Week Summer Program Applicants Contact: Prof. Michael Vrooman at vroomanm@gvsu.edu

Business Students Contact:

Claire Rose

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