

## Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

**Program Title:** Chile

**Locations:** Santiago, Chile

**Dates:** August 10-December 3, 2024

**Program Description:** For over five decades, study-away has been an integral part of the Spanish major and has served non-majors who present sufficient linguistic proficiency to justify their participation. Students experience full immersion in Spanish language and culture through host family residence in Santiago. Three of the four courses will be taught by faculty residing in Chile: an intensive language course, a course on ancient and present expressions of Chilean native cultures, and a course on the social and political role of the arts in Chile and Latin America. The fourth course, taught by the Furman faculty, will also meet a major requirement. Our program incorporates weekly interactive activities in the city of Santiago, weekend outings to nearby towns of interest (e.g., Valparaíso, Viña del Mar), and three major excursions to other regions of Chile as well as Peru and Argentina. While study abroad is not required of majors in Modern Languages, it is strongly recommended. An immersive educational experience in a Spanish-speaking country accelerates language and cultural-learning objectives and helps students to achieve the proficiency they will need in order to use Spanish in their professional careers and with native speakers.

### Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Always
Course work in English	Never
Laptop Required	Required
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required for communication purposes
Traditional Classroom	Always
Group Work	Sometimes
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Similar academic environment as Furman
Interactions with local residents	Always
Field Work/Research	Sometimes

STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Foreign Language Environment	Always
Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Santiago is generally flat; excursions will be in hilly terrain and higher elevations
Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban; rural and remote for excursions
Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	High altitude sometimes; seasonal air pollution in Santiago. Mild temperatures.
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	Low risk
Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink in Chile; not safe to drink in Peru.
Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing risk in tourist areas.
Cultural Dress Code	None
Curfew	None

Internship/ Volunteer Work	Sometimes
Other	

Motion Sickness	Transportation by bus; windy roads
Other	

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never
Standing 60+ minutes	During excursions
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Possible stairs in homestays and during excursions
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	City hiking and strenuous hiking on excursions
Walking 3+ miles per day	Depends on housing; public transportation is available.
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Most will use daily.
Other	

HEALTH & DIET	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Can accommodate if known in advance.
Food Allergy Accommodations	Can accommodate if known in advance.
Group Meals	Sometimes
Cooking for oneself	Never
Host family prepares meals	Always
Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
Other	

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	Always
Roommate	During excursions
Shared Apartment	Never
Dormitory	Never
Camping	Never
Hotel	During excursions
Cell phone signal available	May be limited on excursions
Internet signal available	May be limited on excursions
Refrigerator Access	Always
Air Conditioning / Heating	No central A/C or heat

WATER ACTIVITIES	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Swimming	Never
Snorkeling	Never
SCUBA	Never
Boat, canoes or other water activities	Ferry ride and boat ride
Sea sickness	Possibly on boat ride
Other	

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/chile>

Laundry	Available in homestays
Other	