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SCHOOL AND CITY INFORMATION - SANTIAGO, CHILE

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Santiago Language Institute provides foreign language training to students from all over the globe. It has been a pioneer in the development and use of interactive video laserdiscs in the teaching of languages, and has produced instructional films in English, Spanish, and French. Conveniently located in Providencia, just four blocks from Santiago's efficient metro system, Santiago Language Institute's world-class facilities include 17 fully equipped classrooms with central air-conditioning and heating, plus student access to fax, phone, e-mail and the internet.

The capital of Chile, **Santiago**, is a bustling cosmopolitan city. At 1,800 feet above sea level and bordered by the Andes to the east, few world capitals have a more dramatic setting. First settled in 1541 by the Spanish, Santiago has grown into a prosperous metropolis with an interesting blend of Colonial and Modern architecture. Visitors to this city should be sure to go up to San Cristobal and Santa Lucia hills for exceptional views of Santiago. Forestal and O'Higgins parks provide relaxing breaks from the bustle of the city and there are many museums, churches, plazas and shops for those interested.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Santiago Language Institute uses its direct approach which means that the student and the teacher speaks only Spanish. There is never any translation in the classroom and this forces you to think in Spanish. Rotating teachers allows the student to be exposed to many types of speakers and ensures that students will understand all people who speak Spanish. The use of the direct conversational method as well as small class size, minimum of 3 and maximum of 8, allows students to receive the personal attention that they need. The Spanish language and culture program is made up of conversation, grammar, vocabulary and brief lectures on Chile and its culture. All classrooms are equipped with video laser discs and televisions to aid in the learning process and students also have access to a computer laboratory. Each class hour is 45 minutes.

Group Course 20 classes per week. Santiago Language Institute's method emphasizes conversation, so they want you to speak Spanish. That's why the school limits group size to never more than four people in a class. Santiago Language Institute also take pride in doing a great job of fine tuning the formation of groups based on the level of the students. Using the results of the oral exam, the school will place each student in a group within one of seven levels which helps reduce the differences in language proficiency between participants. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9.00 to 13.00 (1:00 PM) with one break
Note: If there are only 1-2 students per class, the number of group class hours will be reduced from 20 to 15 hours per week.

Semi-Intensive Tutor Course 15 classes per week. Santiago Language Institute tailor designs a special curriculum based on

an assessment of the student's language needs, interests, and the written test and oral interview taken during the first day. Depending upon the intensity of the program students will be assigned two or three instructors during the course. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9.00 to 12.00.

Group/Tutor Course 30 hours per week: 20 hrs/wk Group + 10 hrs/wk Tutor. As an alternative to taking just a private or group course, Santiago Language Institute offers the option of the combo course, which many students take advantage of. This allows the student to combine the Group Program with a two hour per day private course, in order to improve not only general communication skills in the language, but also to tailor the course to meet specific needs or interest of the student. For example, if you are interested in learning specific vocabulary and expressions used in business, law, medicine, etc., you can focus on those topics during your afternoon private classes.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays It is highly recommended that students take advantage of homestays in order to practice what they learn in class with their family at home, and to integrate themselves in the Chilean culture. For this reason, virtually all Santiago Language Institute students stay with one of their host families. Accommodation includes breakfast and dinner during the week and also lunch on the weekend. The school has many different types of host families and they try to select the best for each student.

OTHER ACCOMMODATION

There are also numerous hotels available within a short distance of Santiago Language Institute. Hotels range greatly in price and the school can select one and reserve a room for the student according to his/her price range.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Santiago Language Institute periodically organizes weekend excursions which might include ski trips, visits to the coast and to some of Chile's beautiful national parks. These activities are subject to minimum sign-up and are at additional cost.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrcsa.com>
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Program & Admission Information - Santiago, Chile

Programs

Course Overview: We use an immersion approach to Spanish language instruction, meaning that the student and the teacher speaks only Spanish. There is never any translation in the classroom, which forces the student to think in Spanish. Students are often surprised at how easily they learn. Rotating teachers allows the student to be exposed to many types of speakers and ensures that students will understand different spoken forms of Spanish. Teacher rotation also keeps class fresh and interesting.

The use of the direct conversational method as well as small class size, minimum of 3 and maximum of 8, allows students to receive the personal attention that they need. The Spanish language and culture program is made up of conversation, grammar, vocabulary and brief lectures on Chile and its culture. All classrooms are equipped with televisions to aid in the learning process and students also have access to a computer laboratory. Each class hour is 45 minutes.

Methodology is focused on speaking and listening. Grammar is very important and teachers will teach the student how to use it through a very practical approach without being tedious, boring and repetitive. Students will speak Spanish, not analyze it. The key to learning a new language is communication. Because communication includes reading and writing, they are included throughout the school's programs.

Group Course 20 classes per week. Classroom exercises emphasize conversation, so you should plan on speaking Spanish. That is why the school limits group size to never more than four people in a class. The school and teachers take pride in doing a great job of fine tuning the formation of groups based on the level of the students. Using the results of the oral exam, the school will place each student in a group within one of seven levels which helps reduce the differences in language proficiency between participants. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9.00 to 13.00 (1:00 PM) with one break.

Note: If there are only 1-2 students per class, the number of group class hours will be reduced from 20 to 15 hours per week.



Semi-Intensive Tutor Course 20 classes per week. A special curriculum is designed for each student based on an assessment of the student's language needs, interests, and the written test and oral interview taken during the first day. Depending upon the intensity of the program students will be assigned two or three instructors during the course. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9.00 to 13.00.

The advantage of private instruction:

- Students learn at their own pace, not that of the slowest student in a group class.
- The students can cancel and reschedule classes at no extra cost provided he/she notifies the SLI office by 17:00 the day prior to classes.
- Because he/she is the only student, they will be speaking and thinking more in Spanish. Consequently the student will learn faster.

Group/Tutor Course 30 hours per week: 20 hrs/wk Group + 10 hrs/wk Tutor. As an alternative to taking just a private or group course, students have the option of taking the combo course, which many take advantage of. This allows the student to combine the Group Program with a two hour per day private course, in order to improve not only general communication skills in the language, but also to tailor the course to meet specific needs or interests of the student. For example, if a student is interested in learning specific vocabulary and expressions used in business, law, medicine, etc., he or she can focus on those topics during your afternoon private classes.

Programs
Group Course
Semi-Intensive Tutor
Group/Tutor Course

Admissions &
Academic Credit

Activities
Excursions & Cultural
Activities

Comments

"I enjoyed running with senior and meeting his friends and going south for a night with the family."
Student, Chino, CA

"The whole experience was good."
Student, Washington, DC



Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study program should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For more information about academic credit in Spanish speaking countries, [please click here](#).

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrcca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

Check Preferences.
 Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

PREFER: Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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For More Info: <http://www.nrcca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.