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General information about the university (Location, Number of students, Faculties)	<p>Founded in 1931, the USM is recognized as one of Latin America's best universities for its scientific and technological excellence. The USM is a Nonprofit Private Foundation, with the character of private university, belonging to the Chilean Universities President Council (CRUCH).</p> <p>In the latest Times Higher Education (THE), the USM was ranked in the range 251-300 (1st in Latin America and Chile).</p> <p>Its professionals are as valued for their leadership as they are for their broad knowledge in science and the humanities. To study at USM is a unique and unforgettable opportunity, for international students and Chilean students alike.</p> <p>The USM offers 84 programs at Undergraduate (17.000 students) and Postgraduate level (3.000 students). Its institutional accreditation given by CNA-Chile is for 6 years (2022-2028).</p> <p>Areas of study: engineering, architecture, business, sciences.</p>
Website	Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María (usm.cl)
Our Campuses	<p><u>Main Campus - Valparaíso:</u> Architecture, Electronics, Industrial Eng., Informatics, Business, Mechanical Eng., Metal and Materials Eng., Chemical and Environmental Eng., Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Chemistry and Physics.</p> <p><u>Santiago-Vitacura:</u> Aeronautics and Business.</p> <p><u>Santiago-San Joaquín:</u> Electronics, Industrial Eng., Informatics, Business, Mechanical Eng., Metal and Materials Eng., Chemical and Environmental Eng., Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Chemistry and Physics.</p> <p><u>Viña del Mar:</u> Technical Programs</p> <p><u>Concepción:</u> Technical Programs</p>
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Website for exchange students	Exchange at the USM Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales
Website for course offering	Academic Offer Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales (usm.cl) Note: while a very small selection of courses may be offered in English, our official language of instruction is Spanish
Is it possible to take courses from different areas of study?	Yes, as long as students meet any relevant prerequisites for the course, they may take classes from any department. They should, however, concentrate their studies on one campus. Note: Exceptions permitted only in case of combining classes between Viña del Mar and Valparaiso campuses, or between both Santiago Campuses (San Joaquin and Vitacura), for which local transportation time should be considered.
Course offering: Language courses	A two-week (50 hours) Spanish intensive course is offered before the beginning of each semester. An additional fee applies as this course is not part of the regular academic offer. Multiple levels of Spanish courses are offered for foreign students as part of the regular academic offer during each semester. Courses in other languages are also offered; see academic offer for details.
Full time studies per semester	Exchange students taking courses must take a minimum of 15 SCT credits per semester, with a recommended maximum of 30 SCT credits.
Website for application process	Application for exchange - OAI USM
Semester Date	Semester 1-2025: March – July Semester 2-2025: August – December
Application deadline(s) for admission	Applications for the first semester would be open until October 15 of the previous year (extended until October 31 for this year only), Applications for the second semester are open from March 1st to April 15 of the same year.
Language requirements for undergraduate and graduate students.	Every non-native Spanish speaker should have a minimum of 3 semesters of college-level Spanish before beginning regular classes at the USM. A Language Requirement Form is requested to non-native Spanish speakers, which must be signed by the student and the coordinator. Alternatively, you have the option to document your Spanish skills by attaching a proficiency certificate in Spanish indicating a minimum of B1 (CEFR). Applicants with A2 level of Spanish at the time of application will be exceptionally admitted only if participating in the pre-semester Spanish intensive course.
Housing assistance	Students must find their own housing. We have some suggestions on our website, and student tutors are available to assist in this search.
Website for housing	About Chile Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales (usm.cl) Check in Accommodation.



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Insurance information	Students must provide proof of international medical insurance, valid for the duration of their stay at the university, in their application.
Visa information	Visa requirement Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales (usm.cl)