



Valid for the year	2023-2024
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	www.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	http://www.oai.usm.cl
Website for course offering	Link
Is it possible to take courses from different schools?	Yes, as long as students meet entry requirements, they may take classes from any department.
Spanish courses	<p>A two-week intensive Spanish course is offered before the beginning of each semester. An additional fee applies as this course is not part of the regular academic offering.</p> <p>Multiple levels of Spanish courses for foreign students part of the regular academic offering are also offered during each semester.</p> <p>Courses in other languages are also offered; see academic offering for details.</p>
Full time studies per semester	Exchange students must take a minimum of 15 SCT per semester and a recommended maximum of 30 SCT.
Grading scale	1 – 100. Passing mark is 55.
Website for application process	Link
Semester Dates	Semester 2-2023: 31/07/23 – 01/12/23 Semester 1-2024: 01/03/24 – 12/07/24
Application deadline(s) for admission	Applications for the first semester are open from September 1st to October 15 of the previous year. Applications for the second semester are open from March 1st to April 15 of the same year.
Language requirements	Spanish B1 is mandatory for all students. Students on A2 level can be also accepted with the condition of joining the Intensive Spanish Course before the semester start date, plus a recommendation of joining the semester Spanish course.
Housing assistance	Link



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Website for housing	http://www.oai.usm.cl/en/international-students/exchange-at-the-usm/accommodation/
Visa	Details.
Insurance information	Students must provide proof of international medical insurance valid for the duration of their stay at the university in their application.