

The “new UC educational project” represents an innovation in the Chilean Higher Education System.

Academic Policy

The goals of the University are academic training, research, and the cultural enrichment of the community.

- It aims to educate the future professionals, scientists, and scholars required by the country, so that they may acquire the highest possible level of scientific, humanistic, and technological training at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- It attends to the country’s need for scientific and technological development by providing funding and infrastructure that permit a high level of research.
- Its publications and community-oriented activities aim to publicize the important achievements and latest advances in science and other fields of study so that the University’s presence may enrich the nation’s life and culture.

TEACHING POLICY

The UC has significantly improved its academic quality by clearly defining its priorities for undergraduate, graduate, and research activities, as well as its extension work.

At the undergraduate level, the UC strives to create graduates and professionals that are characterized by their well-rounded conception of humanity, a commitment to the subject

they have chosen, be it in the field of science, technology, art or philosophy, and by a Christian perception of humanity, life, and morality. In order to achieve this objective, the University sees the course work of the first years as an important stage for developing the study habits and academic discipline necessary for maximum progress in the student’s course of studies.

Furthermore, the University strives to provide all students with solid training that not only prepares them for a specific career, but also gives a broad understanding of other basic subjects, avoiding premature specialization. This broad preparation, leading at least to a four-year Licentiate’s degree (comparable to a Bachelor’s) and then a professional title, permits the student to further specialize and adapt to the evolving professional world.

GRADUATE POLICY

The UC has 21,000 students of which approximately 3,000 are graduate students. Over 628 of the latter are working toward a doctoral degree, nearly 530 of our graduate students are foreigners, and the number is increasing steadily. The University also has academic links with several academic institutions around the world, maintains a high international profile, and is



actively involved in collaborative projects within the Americas, Asia and Europe.

This institution, with over one hundred years of experience, has graduate programs in a wide range of areas. Eighty-seven master's programs and twenty-nine doctoral programs are currently available for national and foreign students. Several international agreements for double degree, especially with European universities, allow most of the Ph.D. program students to spend a research stay at prestigious universities.

The quality of its research, the standard of its teaching, its links with academic and professional activities and its established reputation, make the UC an ideal option to carry out graduate studies.

UC's policy encourages the development of graduate studies. This is to satisfy the country's need to carry out more research, which implies the training of researchers and high-level university instructors, as well as specialists capable of solving problems creatively.

Financial aid for graduate students is available in several forms. The division for Research and Graduate Studies offers awards and scholarships for doctoral students based on scholastic achievement, tenable for periods up to four years. Graduate programs offer fellowships for partial coverage of tuition fees, and scholarships for living expenses.

Both national and international institutions external to the University also offer scholarships. For the former, graduate student fellowships are offered by CONICYT, the Ford Foundation, and the latter include the OAS, the IDB and other international institutions.

RESEARCH POLICY

The faculty at UC is expected to conduct research as an essential part of its duties. This activity is mainly funded by external sources,

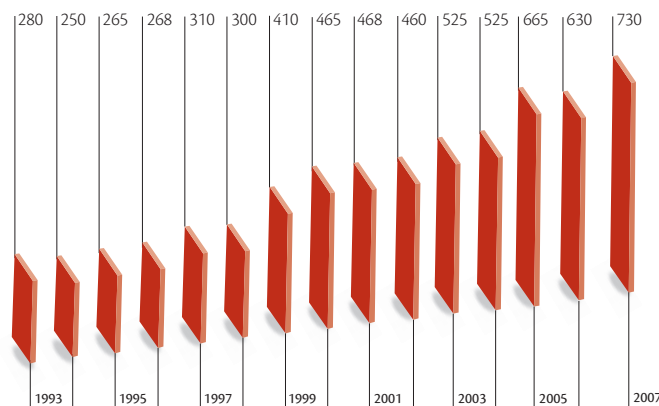
including public and private, with the number of research grants held every year by around 700 projects in all areas. External resources include FONDECYT, FONDER, FONDAP, CORFO, FDI, FIA, Copec Foundation, NIH, FAO, E.U., Fogart, etc. According to data provided by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI), UC published an average of 660 articles last year representing 25% of the country's output in scientific literature over the last five years. The total of scientific publications are 1,500 including 200 SciELO and 730 ICI.

The University has an adjoint Vicepresidency for Research and Ph.D. Programs with a budget used in support of new faculty members, and Ph.D. students in innovative proposals, joint ventures, seed money, publications in the best international journals and editorial houses, and other programs.

Multidisciplinary Centers and Programs where several academic departments work together in teaching, research, and continuing education, have become an important goal for the University.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS OF UC FACULTY MEMBERS
(According I.S.I.)

In the past five years international publications of UC Faculty members have increased by 30%.



UC International Publications represent 25% of the total Chilean International University Publications.

CENTERS:

- Center for the Study and Development of Talent- Penta UC
- Law and Applied Ethics Study Center
- Center for the Development of Indigenous Peoples
- Padre Hurtado Documentation and Study Center
- Center for Excellence in Production Management
- Gerontology and Geriatrics Center
- Medical Resonance Imaging (MRI) Center
- Wine Studies Center
- Center for International Studies
- Interdisciplinary Center for Education Studies
- Atacama Desert Study Center
- Molecular Nutrition and Chronic Illnesses Study Center
- Cultural Patrimony Study Center
- Center for Addiction Studies
- UC Family Center

PROGRAMS:

- Art and Faith Program
- Urban Environment Study Program
- Architectural, Urban and Landscape Patrimony Study Program
- Historical Musicology Study Program
- Research and Archives for Theater Program
- Public Policy Program
- Seismic Prevention Program
- Senior Citizen Program
- Preventive Health Care Program
- Social Doctrine of the Church Program
- Asian Studies Program
- Nutrition on the Job Program
- Latin American Art and Culture Study Program.