



UANDES

**Latin American
Culture and History**



2025

About UANDES

Universidad de los Andes is a non-profit private research university located on the northeast side of Santiago, Chile, right below the Andes Mountains. It offers 29 undergraduate programs and 400+ graduate programs and continuing education. Founded in 1989, UANDES emphasizes innovation, development, and all-round education of the students, with a personal dedication. The university community enjoys a unique University campus with exceptional facilities to study, research, develop talents, practice sports and extracurricular activities. The 128-acre campus combines modern infrastructure with green areas. From modern clinical and research laboratories to soccer fields and an amphitheater for cultural performances, a state-of-the-art library building and academic center. UANDES has more than 200 agreements with institutions abroad and receives international students for semester-long courses in Spanish and English and short-term experiences.

Duration and Dates

The duration of the program is two weeks.
From July 21st to August 1st, 2025.

Language

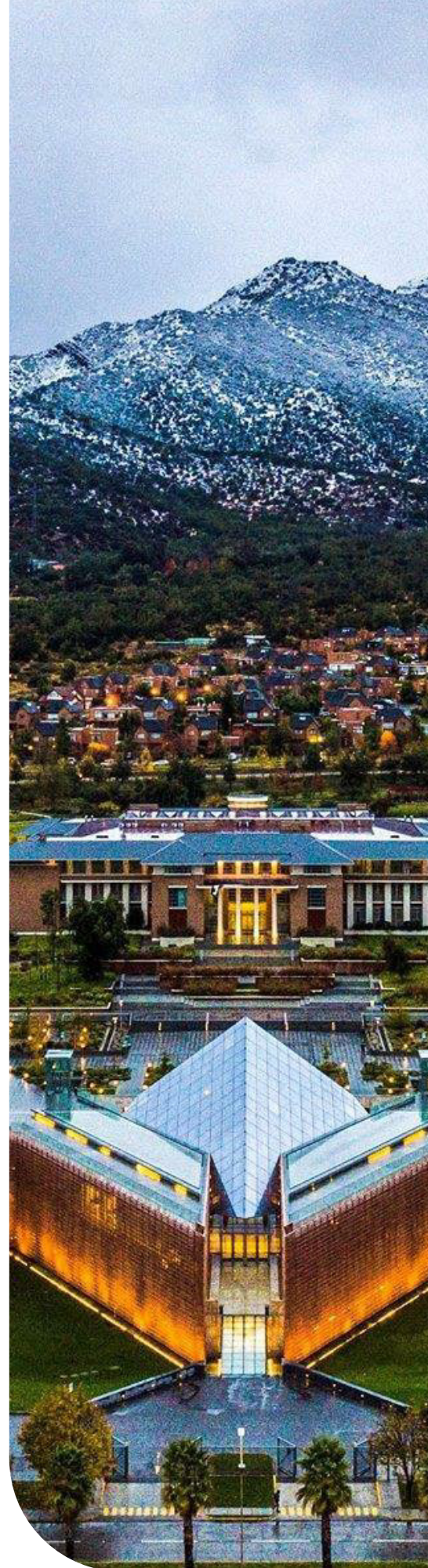
The program is completely taught in English.

Participants

All our international partners are invited to participate in this academic and cultural experience.

Goals of the program

This course main objective is to give students a deep understanding of Latin-American culture and its history through a sociological, historical and philosophical perspective. The course has three thematic units. The first unit covers the historical origins of Latin America from the Pre-Columbian Period until the process of Independence from the European Empires. The second unit presents the main characteristics of Latin-America's cultural identity in its artistic, religious, racial, and popular manifestations. Finally, the third unit covers the main political, social, and cultural challenges for the Region in the 21st Century in issues such as populism, massive migrations, poverty, security, and climate change.



Academic Program

Teaching and learning methodologies

This course will include lectures by different UANDES professors and external lecturers that will involve student interaction.

Students will have to choose a topic related to Latin-American Culture and History on which they will work through the duration of the program and will have to present it at the end of the course. They will be graded in accordance with the quality of the final paper, and its oral presentation.

Students must prepare for each class by reading the pages indicated from the class textbook and watch the videos assigned for each class.

Learning resources:

- Videos and textbook
- Regular course meetings
- Reading/video assignments evaluations
- Final written paper delivery and oral presentation

Evaluations

The following table indicates the types of evaluation that will be carried out during the course, their weighting and a brief description of each of them.

Evaluation	Weight (%)	Description
Midterm oral presentation	20	Midterm
Final oral presentation	30	Final 1
Final paper	30	Final 2
Class participation	20	Participation

Description of Evaluations

Midterm Evaluation: The Midterm Evaluation is a brief oral presentation (10 minutes) about the main topic and argument on the paper that the students will be working on during the whole program.

Final Oral Presentation: The Final Oral Presentation is a 20-minute oral presentation about the main topic and argument on the paper that the students will deliver on the last day of the program.

Final Paper: The Final Paper is a written essay of 10 to 15 pages analyzing any chosen topic of the program that will be submitted on the last day of the program.

Class Participation: Class Participation will be evaluated according to the student's attendance and active participation in the program lectures.

Cultural activities

The program may include some of the following activities organized by UANDES.

- Visit to Pueblo los Dominicos
- Visit to Palacio de la Moneda
- Visit to Cerro San Cristóbal
- Visit to Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos.
- Visit to Cerro Santa Lucía and Barrio Lastarrias.
- Visit to Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino

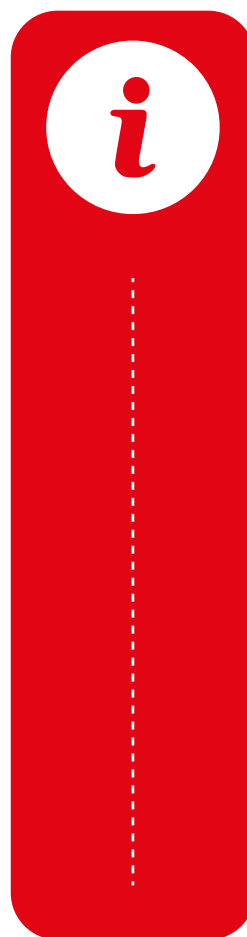
*Cultural trips are subject to change according to availability. Any changes in the schedule will be informed

Information about Professor Matías Quer:

Matías Quer is a research professor at the Universidad de los Andes, Chile. Matías holds a B.A. in Medicine (Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile), a Diplm. in Anthropology (Universidad San Pablo de Arequipa, Peru), a M.A. in Philosophy and another in Political Studies (both from the Universidad de los Andes) and is currently finishing his PhD in Philosophy (also from the U. de los Andes). He is a member of the Center for Bioethics and Signos Center for Social Studies and Research at the Universidad de los Andes. He has focused his teaching and research on various topics in political and moral philosophy, and in Latin America's cultural identity.



Schedule of activities



JULY 2025	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25
08:30-09:20					
09:30-10:20	Welcome	Unit 1	Unit 1	Unit 2	Midterm
10:30-11:20	Chile 101	Unit 1	Unit 1	Unit 2	
11:30-12:20					
12:30-13:20	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13:30-14:20	Unit 1	Unit 2	Visit to Palacio de la Moneda	Unit 2	Scavenger Hunt around campus
14:30-15:20		Unit 2			
15:30-16:20	Visit to Pueblo los Dominicos	Unit 2			
16:30-17:20					
17:30-18:20					
18:30-19:20					
JULY 2025	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 31	Friday 1
08:30-09:20					
09:30-10:20	Unit 3	Unit 3	Unit 3	Visit to Cerro Santa Lucía and Barrio Lastarrias	Final
10:30-11:20					
11:30-12:20	Unit 3	Unit 3	Lunch		
12:30-13:20	Lunch	Lunch			
13:30-14:20	Movie Night	Visit to Cerro San Cristóbal	Visit to Museo de la Memoria y los Derechos Humanos		Lunch
14:30-15:20					
15:30-16:20					Visit to Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino
16:30-17:20					
17:30-18:20					
18:30-19:20					



How to apply:

Students can apply through the following link.

[Apply here!](#)

Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in this program, however, we will guide students on where to stay, contact homestay companies and recommend hotels that we have used in other programs. The decision and purchase is entirely the responsibility of the student, Universidad de los Andes will only provide recommendations.

Student Coordinator

The group will count with an UANDES Student Coordinator who will accompany the student throughout the whole program and will be their main contact person for anything.

The program includes

- Program and materials. On-Campus facilities (v. gr. Library, Sports) at Universidad de los Andes in Santiago.
- Wi-Fi on Campus.
- Orientation at UANDES.
- Student coordinator and a Program Academic coordinator.
- Welcome and farewell activities.

Payment process

The payment for this program can be made via wire transfer or credit card. After applying, a payment link or transfer details will be sent to you. The fee can be paid directly by the student or through their home university.

Please ensure that any bank charges are covered when transferring the funds; we recommend consulting your bank representative to avoid any issues. Once the payment is made, please send the receipt to the following emails: jvicuna@uandes.cl, mduranp@uandes.cl, and ccinternational@uandes.cl. The student is not officially enrolled in the course until the payment is completed.

Cancellation policy

To ensure a smooth experience for all our participants, we have established the following cancellation policy:

Cancellation with more than 4 weeks notice:

If you cancel your participation with more than 4 weeks' notice before the program's start date, you will receive a 85% refund of the total program cost paid.



Cancellation between 4 weeks and 2 weeks notice:

If you cancel your participation with less than 4 weeks but more than 2 weeks' notice before the program's start date, you will receive a 25% refund of the total program cost paid.

Cancellation with less than 2 weeks notice or after the program has commenced:

No refunds will be issued if you cancel with less than 2 weeks' notice before the program's start date or if you choose to cancel once the program has commenced.

Cancellation procedure:

To cancel your participation in the program, please contact our administration team as soon as possible, at international@uandes.cl. All cancellation requests must be made in writing.

Refunds, if applicable, will be processed within a reasonable period after receiving your cancellation request.

Force majeure and refund clause:

In the unlikely event that the program must be canceled due to circumstances beyond our control, such as a "force majeure" event (e.g., natural disasters, war, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, etc.), the following shall apply:

Program cancellation:

If we are compelled to cancel the program due to force majeure or similar circumstances, we reserve the right to do so without any liability to the participants.

Refund of unincurred expenses:

In the event of program cancellation due to force majeure, participants will be entitled to a refund of unincurred expenses. This will include any portion of the program cost that has not been utilized to cover expenses already incurred in the planning and preparation of the program.

We commit to transparency in providing invoices and receipts detailing the breakdown of expenses covered by the refund.

Please note that these policies are designed to ensure fair distribution of resources and spaces available in our programs, as well as to allow adequate planning by our instructors and sta. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Minimum enrollment clause:**Program viability:**

The execution of the program is contingent upon reaching a minimum number of enrolled students (7) deemed necessary for its feasibility.



Cancellation due to insufficient enrollment:

If the minimum enrollment threshold is not met by the specified deadline, the program will be canceled.

Refund of payments:

In the event of program cancellation due to insufficient enrollment, all payments made by students will be promptly refunded in full.

Visa

Participants do not need a student visa in order to participate in short-term programs as long as their stay does not exceed three months. If a student needs an invitation letter in order to obtain a tourist visa, UANDES can provide it. It is the responsibility of the student to request for such a letter.

Health Insurance

It is a requirement to participate in this international program to have health insurance. This document will be requested prior to travel.

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