



ACADEMIC STUDIES ABROAD

Tourist Visa Information for Chile (for Summer programs only)

U.S. passport holders going to Chile on an ASA Summer program:

You may enter Chile on a Tourist Visa which is valid for 90 days.

Please note: students attending a **Semester program** can not enter on a *Tourist Visa*. Semester students must apply for a *Student Visa* 45-60 days prior to departure. Because it takes the FBI 13 weeks to process it (3 months + 1 week), and because your visa appointment must take place 45-60 days prior to departure, semester students will need to apply for their FBI Background Check 5 MONTHS prior to departure. *If you are going on a semester program, please visit this webpage for full details on how to apply:*

<http://www.academicstudies.com/informationlibrary.html>

Summer students: How to obtain your Tourist Visa

Tourist Visas are issued at the Immigration checkpoint after you arrive at the international airport in Santiago. **The cost is US\$140, paid in CRISP, NEW U.S. DOLLARS IN CASH at the airport in Santiago.** (Torn/old bills will NOT be accepted, no matter how small the tear. We recommend you go to a bank to get \$140 in new, uncirculated currency.) **The Tourist Visa is valid for 90 days.**

IMPORTANT: At the airport, you will be issued a **TOURIST CARD**, which may be a card OR a piece of paper. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR TOURIST CARD** because you will have to present this at the airport when you leave Chile!