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Tourist Visa Information for Chile (for Summer programs only)

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

No prior visa is necessary for U.S. passport holders attending the ASA summer program in Chile. 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 at the Chilean Consulate representing your state's jurisdiction. One of the documents required to get a Student Visa is an FBI Background Check. Because it takes the FBI up to 13 weeks to process this (3 months + 1 week), and because your visa appointment must take place 45 days prior to departure, semester students will ideally 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:* <http://www.academicstudies.com/helpful-info/information-library>*

Summer Students: How to Get Your Tourist Visa

Tourist Visas are issued at the Immigration checkpoint after you arrive at Santiago international airport and are valid for 90 days. **You will get a stamp in your passport showing your date of entry, as well as 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!**

Chile is now part of the United States' visa waiver program, so U.S. citizens no longer have to pay \$160 to enter the country.

However, U.S. passport holders will have to pay an Airport Exit Tax of approximately US\$18 or equivalent in Chilean pesos. (For domestic flights within Chile, this is included in the plane ticket fare.)