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## SCHOOL AND CITY INFORMATION - SANTIAGO, CHILE

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

**Santiago Language Institute** provides foreign language training to students from all over the globe. It has been a pioneer in the development and use of interactive video laserdiscs in the teaching of languages, and has produced instructional films in English, Spanish, and French. Conveniently located in Providencia, just four blocks from Santiago's efficient metro system, Santiago Language Institute's world-class facilities include 17 fully equipped classrooms with central air-conditioning and heating, plus student access to fax, phone, e-mail and the internet.

The capital of Chile, **Santiago**, is a bustling cosmopolitan city. At 1,800 feet above sea level and bordered by the Andes to the east, few world capitals have a more dramatic setting. First settled in 1541 by the Spanish, Santiago has grown into a prosperous metropolis with an interesting blend of Colonial and Modern architecture. Visitors to this city should be sure to go up to San Cristobal and Santa Lucia hills for exceptional views of Santiago. Forestal and O'Higgins parks provide relaxing breaks from the bustle of the city and there are many museums, churches, plazas and shops for those interested.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Santiago Language Institute uses its direct approach which means that the student and the teacher speaks only Spanish. There is never any translation in the classroom and this forces you to think in Spanish. Rotating teachers allows the student to be exposed to many types of speakers and ensures that students will understand all people who speak Spanish. The use of the direct conversational method as well as small class size, minimum of 3 and maximum of 8, allows students to receive the personal attention that they need. The Spanish language and culture program is made up of conversation, grammar, vocabulary and brief lectures on Chile and its culture. All classrooms are equipped with video laser discs and televisions to aid in the learning process and students also have access to a computer laboratory. Each class hour is 45 minutes.

**Group Course** 20 classes per week. Santiago Language Institute's method emphasizes conversation, so they want you to speak Spanish. That's why the school limits group size to never more than four people in a class. Santiago Language Institute also take pride in doing a great job of fine tuning the formation of groups based on the level of the students. Using the results of the oral exam, the school will place each student in a group within one of seven levels which helps reduce the differences in language proficiency between participants. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9.00 to 13.00 (1:00 PM) with one break  
**Note:** If there are only 1-2 students per class, the number of group class hours will be reduced from 20 to 15 hours per week.

**Semi-Intensive Tutor Course** 15 classes per week. Santiago Language Institute tailor designs a special curriculum based on

an assessment of the student's language needs, interests, and the written test and oral interview taken during the first day. Depending upon the intensity of the program students will be assigned two or three instructors during the course. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9.00 to 12.00.

**Group/Tutor Course** 30 hours per week: 20 hrs/wk Group + 10 hrs/wk Tutor. As an alternative to taking just a private or group course, Santiago Language Institute offers the option of the combo course, which many students take advantage of. This allows the student to combine the Group Program with a two hour per day private course, in order to improve not only general communication skills in the language, but also to tailor the course to meet specific needs or interest of the student. For example, if you are interested in learning specific vocabulary and expressions used in business, law, medicine, etc., you can focus on those topics during your afternoon private classes.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**Homestays** It is highly recommended that students take advantage of homestays in order to practice what they learn in class with their family at home, and to integrate themselves in the Chilean culture. For this reason, virtually all Santiago Language Institute students stay with one of their host families. Accommodation includes breakfast and dinner during the week and also lunch on the weekend. The school has many different types of host families and they try to select the best for each student.

### OTHER ACCOMMODATION

There are also numerous hotels available within a short distance of Santiago Language Institute. Hotels range greatly in price and the school can select one and reserve a room for the student according to his/her price range.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Santiago Language Institute periodically organizes weekend excursions which might include ski trips, visits to the coast and to some of Chile's beautiful national parks. These activities are subject to minimum sign-up and are at additional cost.

### TO REGISTER:

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# ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE\***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000    SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

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plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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