Question: Must I get a visa to study in Chile?

Answer: Yes, all IFSA-Butler students must have a visa to study in Chile.

Question: Can I travel while applying for my student visa?

Answer: Do not plan to travel domestically or internationally in the months before you receive your visa since obstacles and bureaucratic details often arise during the process.

Question: How long does it usually take to get a student visa?

Answer: Some of the necessary documents are difficult to obtain, so be sure to allow at least three months to get your visa.

Question: I do not hold a US passport. Will this affect getting my student visa?

Answer: Non-U.S. passport holders often pay different fees and have different guidelines. Sometimes the visa process may be even longer since you may need to acquire documents from your home country.

Question: A requirement of the visa application is a letter of acceptance from the Chilean University. Where can I obtain this letter?

Answer: The IFSA-Butler office in Indianapolis receives the letters from Chile and then forwards them onto students. Your IFSA-Butler program advisor will contact you via e-mail as soon as your letter arrives asking where you would like the letter to be sent. The letters are usually available sometime in November or December for Semester 1 students and around May or June for Semester 2 students, but arrival times can vary.

Question: A requirement of the visa application is a financial solvency letter. Where can I obtain this?

Answer: IFSA-Butler issues a letter that states that your costs (tuition, etc.) are covered for your period abroad and that you will not be a financial burden to the Chilean State. This letter will be sent along with your acceptance letter from the Chilean university and usually serves as proof of financial solvency, but the consulate may also require a bank statement or an affidavit from your parents.
**Question:** How do I go about getting an FBI background check?

**Answer:** Visit the following Web site [http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cjisdpfrequest.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cjisdpfrequest.htm) and follow the instructions. Keep in mind that this process can take up to two months.

**Questions on the Application (and Appropriate Responses)**

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Universidad de Chile
For Valparaíso Chilean Universities Program Students:

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso
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For Valparaíso Intermediate Students:

Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María
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Estado Civil
Your marital status: single, married, divorced, widowed

Profesión
“Estudiante” (student)

Tipo y número de documento de viaje
“Pasaporte” and then your passport number

Who you will be living with
Because host family information most likely will not be available at the time you apply for your visa, please use the information for “Referencias en Chile” above if you are asked to name who you will be living with in Chile.