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Syracuse Abroad

# Santiago Center Pre-Departure Webinar: Spring 2020

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# About Syracuse Abroad

Syracuse Abroad provides study abroad opportunities for approximately 2000 students each year



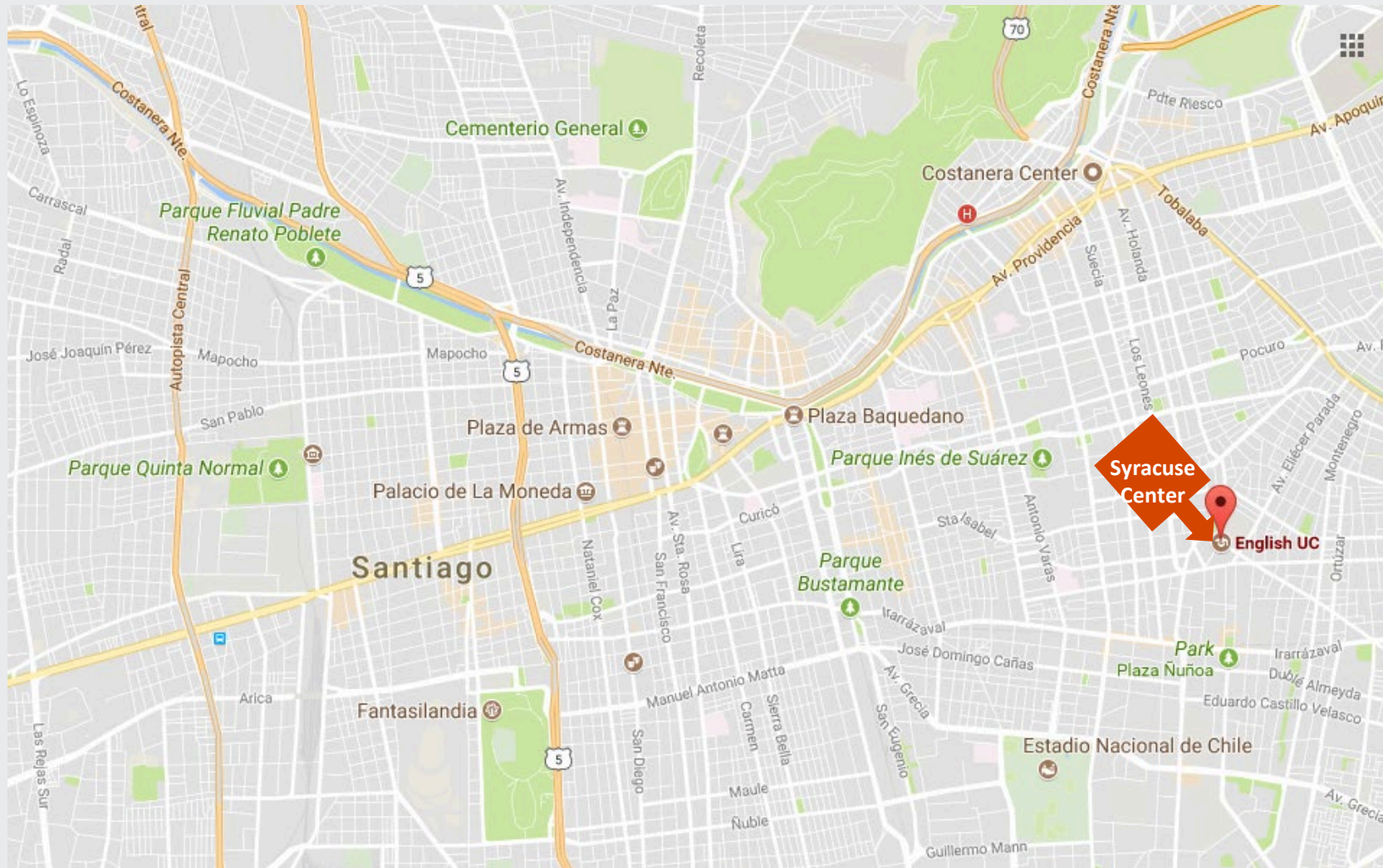
# About Syracuse Santiago

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Where: Santiago, Chile

- *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*
- *Universidad de Chile*

When: February 17 - July 8, 2020

*Cuenca Immersion Program:*

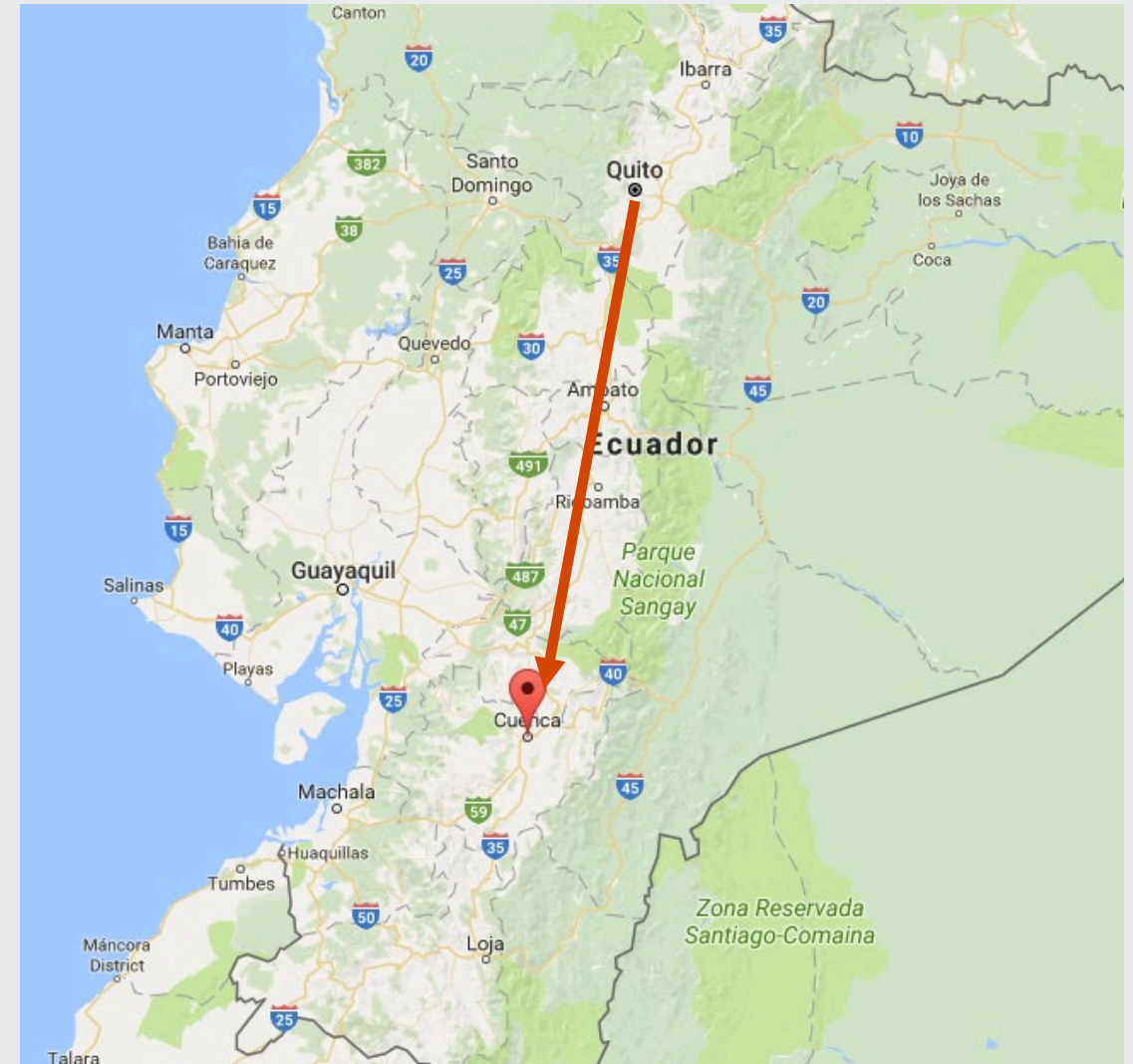
*January 17 - February 17*





# Cuenca, Ecuador Immersion Program

- 4 week prequel program
- Orientation in Quito
- Spanish immersion in Cuenca
- Departure from Guayaquil
- SPA 202, SPA 380, SPA 480



# Flights - Cuenca Immersion

Recommended Flights sent in October

- January 17, 2020: USA → Quito, Ecuador
- July 8, 2020: Santiago, Chile → USA

**Required Flight: Guayaquil → Santiago**

- February 17, 2020, 1:50 PM - 8:41 PM
- Latam Airlines (LA 1457)

All students must complete the *Travel Information* questionnaire in the OrangeAbroad portal



# Arrival procedures & Orientation

- Group Arrival from Ecuador: February 17, 2020 at 8:41 PM
- Independent Arrivals: Anytime on February 17
- Orientation: February 18-20
- Signature Seminar begins February 21



# Orientation & Signature Seminar

## Contemporary Issues in Chile and Latin America: Chile, Argentina, Uruguay

Luggage will be stored in Santiago

Housing begins following the Signature Seminars



# Academics

- Course registration
- Program requirements
- Grading & attendance policies
- Internships & Service-learning



# Housing in Santiago

- Homestay dinner prior to Signature Seminar
- Bed and bath linens provided, laundered weekly
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily
- Bring your host family a gift



# Urban transportation in Santiago

- Santiago metro card
- Metro, Buses
- Your commute: < 30 minutes





# Santiago Center activities & field trips

- San Pedro de Atacama
- Cultural Workshops
- Museum visits

## Personal travel to consider:

- Hiking
- Skiing
- Patagonia
- Mendoza, Argentina



# Visas

- No need for a Chilean student visa!
- You will receive a tourist permit upon arrival at the Santiago airport.
- The purpose of your travel? - “turismo educativo”
- Two options:
  - Tourist permit extension
  - Student visa application





# Packing & Weather

- Check with airlines and TSA for up-to-date restrictions and fees
- Keep valuables in carry-on luggage
- Leave room for souvenirs
- Pack layers for variable weather



# Health preparations

Check-ups: See your doctor, dentist, or other medical professional now

Plan for any medications you will need abroad

Questions:

Contact Assistant Director of Students Services,  
Bridget Demorest: [brhughes@syr.edu](mailto:brhughes@syr.edu)



# Insurance abroad

Review private insurance for international coverage

Syracuse Abroad's travel insurance provider - CHUBB:

- Students pay up front, submit claim for reimbursement
- Some personal property insurance
- For more info, see our website:  
*[suabroad.syr.edu/health-and-safety/insurance/](https://suabroad.syr.edu/health-and-safety/insurance/)*

# International SOS

- Medical and security advisory service
- Assistance while abroad
- Syracuse University Membership number: 11BCPA000177
- Download the free ISOS Assistance app



# Technology

Students must have a functioning phone

- Obtain an international plan now
- Purchase a SIM card abroad
- Cell phone assistance on-site



# Finances abroad

- Contact your bank & ask questions
- Create a budget
- Plan for exchange rates, ATM fees, international transaction fees, etc.





# Wellness abroad

- Be patient, flexible, and open-minded
- Take care of yourself: eat, rest, exercise
- Communicate with your friends & family
- Communicate with the Santiago Center staff





# Staying safe

## Day-to-day safety

- Constant vigilance for pickpocketing
- Avoid large clubs and crowded areas
- Consume responsibly

## Personal travel abroad

- Complete the required Travel Form



# Diversity & inclusion

## Research prior to departure

- Visit our Syracuse Abroad Diversity & Inclusion Guide
- Consult the Diversity Abroad website ([www.diversityabroad.com](http://www.diversityabroad.com))
- Chat with a Global Ambassador

## Get involved in Santiago

- Santiago Center student handbook recommendations
- Communicate with our Santiago Center staff

# Important contacts

- Syracuse Abroad Santiago Counselor – Rick Cieri
  - Give me a call: 315-443-9425
  - Send me an email: [fwcierii@syr.edu](mailto:fwcierii@syr.edu)

## In case of emergency:

- Syracuse Abroad: 1-800-235-3472
- Emergency numbers for students provided at orientation



# Final reminders

- **Complete** any remaining post-acceptance forms ASAP
- **Read & review** the online Preparing to Go guide
- **Contact** your bank about your travel plans
- **Unlock** your U.S. phone (optional - check with provider)
- **Make** health care arrangements (medication, insurance, etc.)
- **Research** baggage restrictions and luggage fees for your airline(s)
- **Connect** with a global ambassador





**Have an amazing  
semester in  
South America!**