

Bachelor of Science in International Business

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the difference between International Business UANDES and Ingeniería Comercial?

- 4 + 1: obtain the Bachelor of Science in International Business (BSIB) degree in four years. Study 2 semesters more and obtain the Ingeniería Comercial professional degree.
- Bilingual program (courses in English and Spanish).
- Study 1 semester (or year) in another country.
- Multicultural learning experiences.
- The BSIB is an internationally recognized degree, and allows you to work in another country, or study an MBA or another master's degree in Chile or abroad.

The BSIB graduate is bilingual, has ample knowledge of International Business management, and is well prepared to work in multinational companies, abroad or in local companies with close links to other companies in other countries.

2. What School offers the program?

The Bachelor of Science in International Business is offered by the UANDES School of Business and Economics.

3. How long is the program?

International Business UANDES is an 8-semester program leading to a Bachelor of Science in International Business degree. Students may continue studying two more semesters and obtain the Ingeniería Comercial professional degree.

4. What does it mean that International Business is oriented towards international businesses?

The fast-paced development of communication technologies has increased globalization, which in turn has fostered the internationalization of businesses. The latter through the development of multinational conglomerates, or through the interaction with companies in other countries. In this scenario, future professionals that see themselves working in an international environment require different skills and knowledge compared to those offered by traditional Ingeniería Comercial programs.

5. What is a bachelor's degree?

A bachelor's degree is the equivalent to a *licenciatura* in Chile and is obtained after completing an 8-semester program. This degree allows graduates to continue studying master's programs in Chile or abroad. Graduates may also continue studying two more semesters and obtain the Ingeniería Comercial professional degree.

6. What are the requisites to apply to the International Business UANDES program?

- Applicants must demonstrate a B2 (CEFR) equivalent or better English language proficiency.
- Obtain a minimum PAES average score of 600 points (reading comprehension and mathematics), and a PAES weighted score of 610 points or more (if applying through centralized admissions).



7. What does the application process look like?

There are two ways to apply to the program:

- Centralized admission process managed by DEMRE: applicants take the PAES test and apply using their PAES and NEM/Rank scores.
- Special admission: Universidad de los Andes offers several direct admission programs.

In both cases applicants must demonstrate a B2 (CEFR) English language proficiency before applying.

8. How many seats does the International Business UANDES program have?

The program has 85 seats available.

9. What is the enrollment cutoff score in the International Business UANDES program?

The program's cutoff score in the 2023 admission process was 814.3 points.

10. How many internships does International Business UANDES have?

The program considers two internships, a basic and a professional one. The professional internship lasts for 6 months and may be completed at a company in another country or at a local company with international operations.

11. Which are the PAES loadings to apply to International Business UANDES?

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| • NEM: | 10% |
| • Ranking: | 30% |
| • Mathematics 1 (M1): | 35% |
| • Mathematics 2 (M2): | 5% |
| • Language: | 10% |
| • Science or History (optional): | 10% |

12. What English level do I need to apply to the International Business UANDES program?

Applicants must demonstrate a B2 (CEFR) equivalent or better English language proficiency.

13. How can I demonstrate my English language proficiency?

- Applicants may demonstrate their English language proficiency by either:
 - a. Pass the English Language Test offered by the UANDES School of Business and Economics during the months of July, August, September and October. Applicants may sign up for the test [here](#); or,
 - b. Submit one of the following international English language certifications: IELTS, TOEFL, FCE, CAE or PEIC. Applicants may upload their certificates [here](#).

14. Are all courses in the International Business UANDES program in English?

The program is bilingual. Approximately half of the courses are taught in English.

15. Are faculty bilingual?

Yes. All faculty are bilingual.

16. Are there any scholarships or grants available?

Information about scholarships and grants offered by Universidad de los Andes is available at www.admision.uandes.cl/becas.

17. Is the international semester mandatory?

The international semester is part of the Plan of Study, and you'll have slots in one of our partner universities.

18. In which countries can I do the international semester?

The UANDES School of Business and Economics has partnered with over 60 universities in 16 different countries, such as Germany, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, South Korea, United States, Philippines, France, India, Italy, Kenya, Poland, United Kingdom, Sweden, and Switzerland.

For more information on our partner universities visit www.uandes.cl/internacional/convenios-carreras/.

19. Can I transfer internally from Ingeniería Comercial UANDES to International Business UANDES?

Students admitted to Ingeniería Comercial UANDES may apply to International Business UANDES in the second semester of 2024, if they fulfill the following requirements:

- Pass all courses during the first semester.
- Achieve a GPA of 5.0 or above.
- Pass the English Language Test taken by all new students of Ingeniería Comercial UANDES in March or have certified their English language proficiency through one of the alternatives described in question 13.

There are limited spaces, so not all applicants can be accepted.

Also, a special request must be submitted to the Board of the UANDES School of Business and Economics.

20. If I have obtained the Bachelor of Science in International Business degree, can I also obtain the Ingeniería Comercial professional degree?

Yes. BSIB graduates must complete additional coursework for two semesters, totaling 10 semesters to obtain the Ingeniería Comercial professional degree.

21. After obtaining the Bachelor of Science in International Business degree, can I take an MBA or other master's program?

Yes. BSIB graduates may continue studying and MBA or other master's program, in Chile or abroad.

22. Is the Bachelor of Science in International Business an accredited program?

No. The program was offered for the first time in 2022. Also, under Chilean current accreditation rules, specific programs are not accredited. The UANDES School of Business and Economics is working to get the AACSB international accreditation.

23. How much are yearly tuition and enrollment fees?

- Enrollment fee is UF 18, approximately US\$ 800.
- Yearly tuition is UF 218, approximately US\$ 9,800.

Enrollment fee and tuition are subject to change for the admission 2024 process.



24. Can I apply to International Business UANDES with my IELTS, TOEFL or other English language proficiency test?

Yes. Applicants may submit their IELTS, TOEFL, FCE, CAE or PEIC certificates to demonstrate English language proficiency.

25. How much does it cost to take the English language test?

Taking the English test is free for students interested in applying to the BSIB program.

26. Can I take the English language test online?

The English language test must be taken in person at the Universidad de los Andes. Applicants living in regions or abroad will be able to take the test online.

27. Can I retake the English language test if I did not pass the first time?

Yes. You may take the test up to three times.

28. Where can I find the BSIB's Plan of Study?

The Plan of Study is available online at admission.uandes.cl/carreras/area-ingenieria-y-administracion/international-business.