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NOMINATION PROCESS

Please contact the International Relations Office on your university for specific requirements and to start the nomination process.

Universities with which UCB has an agreement must send by email (pzapata@ucb.edu.bo) all nominations to the **Office of International Affairs**, attaching the following documentation for each student within the application deadlines:

1. UCB Application Form
2. Copy of Passport
3. Transcript, containing all the subjects and their corresponding grades.

Nomination Deadlines:

October 31 for the 1st semester (February to June)
May 31 for the 2nd semester (August-December)
October 31 for Summer Courses (January)
May 31 for Winter Courses (July)

Acceptance

Nominee's acceptance as an exchange student will be sent around 1 or 2 weeks after the application deadline.

STUDIES

Courses

Subjects offered by the UCB can be found at the following link:

https://www.ucb.edu.bo/Alumnos/SALU_REP_ProgramacionMaterias01.aspx

UCB offers, through the Department of Culture, courses of cultural immersion (including trips to other cities in Bolivia), extracurricular activities (artistic expression workshops, folk ballet, Tuna, choir and sports) and subjects taught in English (only on this majors : International Business, Financial Engineering and Business Creation and Development).

UCB CREDITS

Regular Student (UCB) Full Time = 30 credits / semester = 900 hours per semester
(6 subjects of 5 credits each semester, on average)

UCB 1 credit = 30 hours of work (classroom and distance learning) for 20 weeks (one semester).

5 credits course: One semester includes 60 hours of classroom work and 90 hours of non-classroom work (total 150 hours / semester).

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Exchange students are required to have an intermediate level of Spanish and an intermediate level of English, only if they want to take classes in that language.

Spanish language courses for international students are free of charge.

GRADING SYSTEM

UCB grades its students with grades from 1 to a 100.

This grade is obtained by averaging: the system of continuous assessment during the semester (in which they must accumulate a minimum of 60/100) and final exam (rated out of 100). The average of both must be 51 for the classes to be approved.

Class attendance is mandatory at UCB and in many cases attendance has a qualifying score.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT UCB

When the student completes the exchange program, UCB will send the Official Transcript Grades directly to their home university.

STUDENT LIFE

Academic Year

1st semester

First day of classes: First week of February

Last day of classes: Third week of June

Holidays with suspension of academic activities:

Día del Estado Plurinacional: January 22

Carnaval: (2 days in February or March)

Semana Santa: (40 days after carnaval)

Día del Trabajo: May 1

Aniversario UCB: May 14

Corpus Christi: June 4

Año Nuevo Andino Amazónico: June 21

2nd semester

First day of classes: First week of August

Last day of school: Third week of December

Holidays with suspension of academic activities:

Aniversario Departamental: July 16

Fiesta Patria: August 6

Día del Estudiante: September 21

Día de Difuntos: November 2

HEALTH INSURANCE

All foreign students must provide a prove of a valid personal worldwide coverage of medical and life insurance for the period of his/her stay in Bolivia.

VISA

The student visa is a prerequisite for enrollment of foreign students at Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo", it can be processed directly in Bolivia.

ACCOMMODATION

UCB does not have dorms, however it provides counseling and student support in finding accommodation for the duration of their stay, according to your budget and requirements (room,

department, Bolivian host family).

LIVING COSTS

- Housing: Room = US \$ 250, Apartment (2-3 people) = US \$ 500- US \$ 600 , Host Family = US \$ 350 - US \$ 380 (includes food)
- Food: US \$ 120 / month
- Transportation: US \$ 50 / month

BOLIVIA IN GENERAL

Bolivia

The Plurinational State of Bolivia is located in the heart of South America. Geographically, Bolivia has a total area of 1,098,581 km² and three very distinct geographic zones: mountains, valleys and plains.

The constitutional capital of Bolivia is Sucre; however, the seat of government is located in La Paz.

The Bolivian population is 10,118,683 inhabitants, of which 56% are indigenous, 22% white and 22% mestizos. According to the Constitution of the State, Bolivia has been recognized as a "Multiethnic and Multicultural" country.

The city of La Paz

La Paz is located at 3,610 meters above sea level at the foot of the Illimani, in the highlands. As the seat of government, is the largest city in the country, centralizing much of the public administration and at the same time, financial and commercial activities of the nation. The International Airport of El Alto (half an hour from the city of La Paz) is 4,061 meters above sea level, is one of the highest airports in the world.

Weather

The climate in Bolivia varies depending on the area and city, it can vary of tropical and humid to cold and dry.

The climate in La Paz is mild and dry, with an average temperature of approximately 14 °C and maximum 27 °C.

Sorojchi (altitude sickness)

Altitude sickness, known locally as "sorojchi" affects some people in the highlands of western Bolivia. To combat altitude sickness its recommended to rest, it is advisable to reduce the amount of food and liquids that you consume and drink coca tea.

Local time

The official time in relation to Greenwich Mean Time is 4 hours less (GMT-4). Bolivia does not make schedule changes, so there is no summer time or winter time, it stays the same all year and does not vary from one geographical area to another.

Currency

The Bolivian currency is "boliviano" and its symbol is "Bs". This is issued in bills of 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 bolivianos and in coins of 1, 2 and 5 bolivianos and 10, 20 and 50 centavos bolivianos.

Exchange rate:

1 US \$ = 6.96 Bs.

Foreign currency in cash and traveler's checks can be exchanged at banks, exchange houses and hotels.

Voltage

220 volts across the country; in La Paz 110 volts is used in very few places. In the UCB voltage is 220.