

Pro Seminar Fall 2024

Journal

Five journals will be submitted throughout the semester. These are individual reflections in Spanish about your experience in the country. The formal requirements are as follows. The journal should be approximately 1500 words in length (about 3 pages in Word), Arial font size 12, with 1.15 line spacing.

Topic	Due Date
Journal 1: My first impressions of Chile	Friday, August 9
Journal 2: My trip to San Pedro de Atacama	Friday, September 13
Journal 3: My academic experience	Friday, October 4
Journal 4: My trip to La Patagonia	Friday, October 25
Journal 5: My experience at CASA Chile	Friday, November 22

The fifth journal is the only one that must be submitted in English and may be uploaded to the CASA Chile blog for consideration. Photos can be added if desired (specifically in Journal 5).

Research

By the end of the semester, each student must write a final essay of between 8 and 10 pages. This essay will explore in depth a national topic based on their own observations, learning, and extensive research.

Final Research Project	
Project Proposal	Friday, October 25
Faculty Conferences	Regularly throughout semester
Final Presentation	Friday, December 6
Final Research Paper	Friday, November 29

This initial work should be between 500-700 words in Spanish. More details are provided in English for clarity, and I have attached an example proposal from a student last year.

Research Project

- Research project proposal

Students will present a written research project proposal of 500-700 words outlining their research question, the historical context, the connections to thematic modules and lectures, and 3-5 potential scholarly sources.

- Oral presentation

In a succinct manner, synthesizing their research question, methods, and findings, students will present their research to the class and professors. Students will be graded on presentation style and content. Visual aids are not required but suggested. Presentations should be no more than **15 minutes** in length.

- Final research essay

You need to write a final essay of no less than **10 pages, double-spaced**. This essay will explore one of the topics presented in a thematic module supported by research.

Pro Seminar Evaluation

Attendance and participation: 10%

Journals (5): 30%

Research proposal: 10%

Final presentation (research project): 20%

Final research project essay: 30%

The grades for the Pro Seminar will be available along with your university transcript, which will be sent out at the end of January 2025

Academic Calendar

Time	Date	Activity/Topic	Comments
11:00	August 9	Museum of Memory and Human Rights + Central Market	
	August 16	Free time	
11:00	August 23	U.S. Influence in the Chilean Dictatorship	Mauricio Paredes, Ph.D.
14:30	August 30	Mapuche Conflict	Claudio Fuentes, Ph.D.
	05/09 - 08/09	Trip to San Pedro de Atacama	
11:00	September 13	Chilean Folklore	Rocío Rojas, Music Director
	16/09 - 22/09	University Recess – National Holidays	
11:00	September 27	Social Inequalities	Macarena Orchard, Ph.D.
11:00	October 4	Migrations	Carol Chan, Ph.D.
	October 11	Free time	
	17/10 - 20/10	Trip to Patagonia	
11:00	October 25	Informal Settlements	Miguel Pérez, Ph.D.
	November 1	Free time	
11:00	November 8	Crimen organizado y seguridad	Lucía Dammert, Ph.D.
TBT	November 9	Daytrip to Huemul and Franklin neighbourhoods	
	November 15	Trip to Isla Negra	
11:00	November 22	TBT	
	November 29	Free time	Thanksgiving
11:00	December 6	Final Evaluations and Presentations	

This calendar is tentative, and some dates may change due to unforeseen events. The arrival time for each activity will be sent via email each week, along with a presenter introduction or a suggested reading to support the presentation.