

Summer Break 2020

Outdoor Educator & Environmental Sustainability Backcountry Ski / Snowboard

***Register 6 months in advance and get 10% off tuition**

Eligible for up to 6 college credit hours

- 3 credit hours – Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification
- 1 credit hour – Leave No Trace (LNT) trainer certification
- 2 credit hours – Environmental Sustainability or Outdoor Leadership

Explore Chile! UNCW and The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education (NCOAE) invite you to kick off your summer with a backcountry adventure. Earn credit, while skiing South America's best powder and learning how to explore backcountry like a pro.

“Volcan Villarrica was the single best day of backcountry skiing I’ve done. We hiked to the top, peered down at lava, checked out the 360 degree vista of volcanos, lakes and valleys, and skied for the day.”

***—Anneka Door,
Exum Mountain Guide/Bridger Bowl Ski Patrol***

For complete itinerary details, see reverse side ▶

CHILE & ANDES MOUNTAINS 25-DAY

TUITION: \$5,280

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ Become certified as a Leave No Trace (LNT) Trainer
- ▶ Become certified in Avalanche and Snow Science
- ▶ Receive a Wilderness First Responder certification
- ▶ NCOAE Curriculum for outdoor educators, teachers, and trip leaders
- ▶ Gain experience in expedition planning, wilderness risk management, environmental studies, backcountry navigation, teaching in the wilderness, outdoor technology skills, and more

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

- ▶ Ski or snowboard South America's best powder, while gaining backcountry skills
- ▶ Advance your knowledge of outdoor education curriculum
- ▶ Enjoy living and learning Chile's wild, beautiful places
- ▶ Discover areas of outdoor and wilderness education that are best suited to your strengths
- ▶ Acquire the career skills needed to teach and travel in pristine destinations around the world!

WHERE YOU'LL BE:

- ▶ Chile and the Andes Mountains
- ▶ Pucón Base
- ▶ Volcan Villarrica and Volcan Lanín
- ▶ Nevados de Chillán

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- ▶ **Days 1–5: Orientation and Wilderness First Responder training.** The first 5 days of your training are spent at The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education’s (NCOAE) main campus in Wilmington, North Carolina where you will complete the Wilderness First Responder training portion of your course. In the evenings, there will be time to complete final logistics for your trip.
- ▶ **Day 6: After a morning airport pickup, we’ll drive 90 minutes to Pucón Chile — one of South America’s most renowned adventure epi-centers.** NCAOE’s chosen destination for our Patagonia operations base is located on the shores of Lake Villarica and at the foot of Volcán Villarica. The small town of Pucón is a year-round, popular, outdoor adventure destination! Stop along the way at a choice café for one of Chile’s classic dishes: Empanadas from a mud oven.
- ▶ **Days 7 – 8: Settle in at Pucón base for orientation and classes.** Lessons include introduction to the backcountry, basic camp craft, NCOAE core curriculum, environmental sustainability, Leave No Trace (LNT) training, as well as expedition planning and preparation. Enjoy post class ski or snowboard options — backcountry explore Pucón to Chile’s Volcan Villarrica. As you hike to the volcano rim you’ll see lava and vistas of the surrounding Andes lakes and volcanos.
- ▶ **Days 9 – 13: Multi-day backcountry trekking to Volcan Lanín.** Learn to plan logistics for your Volcan Lanín trip in class. After gear checks, mapping, and trip pack you’re off! Travel with your new support team to the Andean backcountry along the Chile — Argentina border. This will be your first multi-day experience in the rugged Andes offering views that you cannot imagine. Remember forever the 360-degree vistas and a remote high-altitude land where the people are as rugged as the mountains. On the trail, you’ll practice camp craft and backpacking skills during your multi-day trek.
- ▶ **Days 14 – 15: Resupply.** Return to Pucón base for lessons, held in a geodesic dome built for outdoor educators and more opportunities to hit the slopes!
- ▶ **Days 16 – 18: Nevados de Chillán — ranked amongst the top 10 best skiing destinations in South America.** NCOAE realizes that avid skiers want to sometimes just charge the slopes and ride lifts during this fun, reenergize leg between expeditions. We chose Chillán for its geographical location, world class skiing, and the fact that the slopes are often not overcrowded. Are you ready for an early morning charge to the top?
- ▶ **Days 19 – 22: Your backcountry adventure will culminate with a multi-day Maipo Valley backcountry expedition.** What if every course finale could be like this? By now, you’re conditioned and ready for your biggest test yet. Lying just 90 minutes from Chile’s capital Santiago, is the Maipo Valley and river. As you drive toward the Argentina border you begin to gain a sense of the power and energy of the Andes. The road winds, bends and switches back as it continues to go up and up. At high altitude, the air cools and condors and mountain goats appear from thin air. Be careful. This is chupacabra country... Map your course, then plan logistics, coordinate trip food, and lead various legs of the multi-day backcountry experience. Of course, the fun part will be the rewards of the summits and vistas you’ll encounter. Enjoy soaking in high Andes hot springs, with your bodies senses fully alive. This is Chilean backcountry.
- ▶ **Day 23: De-issue, gear cleanup, and Closing Circle** — where we will celebrate our individual and group accomplishments and hold a one-of-a-kind graduation before departing.
- ▶ **Day 24 – 25: Flight from Santiago, Chile to home.**
- ▶ **Trip Extension Option:** Do you want to ski more of the Chile’s best powder? Yes, then request our 4-day trip extension package. We’ll take you direct to Santiago’s best skiing and rip the slopes for 4 days.