

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
PUBLIC DIPLOMACY SECTION, IN CHILE
AND
THE AUSTRAL DE CHILE UNIVERSITY

The Embassy of the United States of America, Public Diplomacy Section, in Santiago, Chile and the Austral de Chile University (hereinafter the “Participants”), intend to jointly operate an American Space, a public information and engagement venue, during the period 2025-2026.

Affirming their intention to participate jointly in the American Spaces program, the Participants have reached the following understanding:

Section 1

The name of the American Space is American Corner UCh.

The Austral de Chile University plans to provide support for the maintenance and operation of the American Space. In carrying out this function, the Austral de Chile University intends to take program and policy guidance from the Embassy’s Public Affairs Officer or designated point of contact, in accordance with the American Spaces Standards.

Section 2

The Austral de Chile University plans to:

1. Be guided by the American Spaces Standards.
2. Offer programs and resources that align with the American Spaces Programming Pillars.
3. Allow the Embassy, or its designees, to organize regular public activities in the American Space. Public activities in the American Space by entities, representatives, or designees

of governments other than Chile and the United States should be held only with the concurrence of the Embassy. In the event that the audience for an activity is too large to fit in the American Space, the Austral de Chile University should provide alternative space for that activity, when possible.

4. Allow the distribution of promotional and informational materials provided by the Embassy or its designees to the public to enhance mutual understanding between the people of Chile and the people of the United States of America, as well as to inform the public about the American Space's activities.
5. Coordinate with the Embassy to publicize events at the American Space in compliance with applicable laws and policies, including relating to privacy.
6. Provide and maintain accessible, secure space free of charge that is satisfactory to the Embassy in the building located at Central Library, Isla Teja Campus, Valdivia, to house the American Space, including its equipment and resources, and allow free public access to the same as well as to any other American Space-provided services and program. In particular, the Austral de Chile University plans to provide:
 - ☐ Appropriate furnishings, including tables, seating, and bookshelves;
 - ☐ Area(s) for engagement, including program space, 3D printing lab (if available), gaming activities (if available);
 - ☐ Exterior and interior signage identifying the American Space;
 - ☐ Equipment for staff use, such as computers;
 - ☐ Internet service, including necessary infrastructure;
 - ☐ Safety equipment, in accordance with local law, including fire extinguishers, first aid kits; and
 - ☐ Social media or website account(s) dedicated to the American Space.
7. Provide maintenance and utilities for the American Space.
8. Open the American Space to the general public a minimum average of 20 hours per week.

9. Designate a coordinator responsible for American Space operations, with input from the Embassy. The coordinator should speak English and be dedicated to the American Space during opening hours.
10. Employ reasonable measures to safeguard the equipment and materials provided to the American Space. U.S. Embassy-funded equipment and materials should remain in the American Space until disposition is mutually decided upon by the Participants.
11. Submit statistics and reports about the American Space in accordance with Embassy guidance.
12. Reserve revenues generated from the use of Embassy-provided equipment and services, such as photocopying and printing, to provide for maintenance and supply of said equipment and services.
13. Wherever possible, facilitate access to the American Space for persons with disabilities, such as by providing facilities for wheelchair access and similar accommodations.

Section 3

Subject to the availability of funding, the Embassy, Public Diplomacy Section plans to:

1. Conduct, at the Embassy's discretion, events or activities at the American Space that are aligned with the American Spaces Programming Pillars.
2. Provide the American Space with informational resources related to bilateral interests and target audiences.
3. Provide the following, in consultation with the Austral de Chile University:
 - ☐ Materials on topics of shared interest;
 - ☐ Access to eLibraryUSA, and/or other electronic resources;
 - ☐ Information about U.S. Department of State exchange programs and funding opportunities that are open for competitive application;

- ☐ Resources about U.S. study opportunities;
 - ☐ Information sessions about U.S. study opportunities;
 - ☐ Online content related to American Spaces and U.S. government activities and priorities;
4. Provide the Austral de Chile University, at the Embassy's discretion, with resources to create a modern space with an American look and feel, including:
- ☐ Graphics depicting the United States;
 - ☐ American Spaces branding;
 - ☐ Exterior and interior signage identifying the American Space;
 - ☐ Furniture;
 - ☐ Equipment for public use, including computers
5. Provide, at the Embassy's discretion, and with the Austral de Chile University's concurrence, regular training and consultations for American Space staff, either in-person or virtual.
6. Designate one Embassy's employee to serve as liaison to the Austral de Chile University.
7. Wherever possible, provide support to the Austral de Chile University in its endeavors to facilitate access to the American Space for persons with disabilities, such as by providing facilities for wheelchair access and similar accommodations.

Section 4

8. For all activities within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding, the participants intend to safeguard personal data and/or databases containing personal information to which they may have access, including by following applicable measures to protect the security of the data and avoid the change or loss of such data or unauthorized access.

9. The participants intend to take measures as appropriate to prevent the commission of acts of corruption in relation to the activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding.
10. The Austral de Chile University confirms that:
 - a. It is implementing a crime prevention model in accordance with Chilean Law No. 20,393.
 - b. Its actions comply with Chilean Law No. 21,369.

Section 5

11. Participation in cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding commences on the date of signature by both Participants.
12. This Memorandum of Understanding is not legally binding.
13. Either Participant may cease participation in this Memorandum of Understanding at any time by giving written notice to the other Participant. A Participant should endeavor to provide three months' notification to the other Participant of its intention to cease participation in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed at Valdivia, this 19th day of March 2025 in the English and Spanish languages.

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