

## Exchange Programs with Universities in Ibero-America available for HCIAS students

HCIAS students can participate in our **specific programs** for academic exchange and can also apply for admission to the University's **general programs**\*.

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### Argentina

Universidad de Buenos Aires

### Brazil

Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais

Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná

Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul

Universidade de São Paulo

### Colombia

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

### Costa Rica

Universidad de Costa Rica

### Chile

Universidad de Chile

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso

### Mexico

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León

Universidad de Guadalajara

### Spain

Universidad de Salamanca



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## Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Exchange Program:** **HCIAS-specific**

**Potential focus areas:** Discourse Analysis | Cultural Studies

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Periods:** March – July | August – December

The Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA) is Argentina's largest and most prestigious public university, founded in 1821. With over 300,000 students across 13 faculties, UBA consistently ranks among the top universities in Latin America.

Through a cooperation agreement with the [Facultad de Filosofía y Letras \(FFyL\)](#), HCIAS exchange students can take deepen their knowledge in the areas of **discourse analysis** or **Latin American culture**. While selected candidates are exempt from tuition fees for international students, they will still be required to pay the regular administrative fees of the FFyL.



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## Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

### Exchange Program: **HCIAS-specific**

**Potential focus areas:** Communication | Sociology | Anthropology

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Periods:** March – June/July | August – December

The Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) is one of the leading federal public universities in Brazil. The main campus is located in Belo Horizonte, the capital of the state of Minas Gerais, with a population of over 2 million inhabitants.

For HCIAS Master's students applying for the exchange with the UFMG, we suggest to consider courses of the [Faculdade de Filosofia e Ciências Humanas](#) in the areas of **Social Communication, Anthropology, Sociology, and Political Science.**

As courses are generally taught in Portuguese, proficiency in the language is a prerequisite for participation in the exchange program. To help incoming students prepare, UFMG offers a preparatory Portuguese course at the start of their stay in Belo Horizonte.



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## Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná, Brazil

**Exchange Program:** **HCIAS-specific**

**Potential focus areas:** Human Rights & Public Policy |  
Urban Planning | Cooperative Management

**Benefits:** Support for internship placements

**Semester Period:** March – July | August – December

The [Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná \(PUCPR\)](#) is a private Catholic university located in the capital of Paraná, Curitiba. The city is widely known as a leader in sustainable urban planning.

For HCIAS Master's students interested in a stay at PUCPR, we recommend pursuing an **internship** at the university.

As knowledge of Portuguese is essential for a stay in Brazil, proficiency in the language is a prerequisite for participation in the program.



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## Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Exchange Program:** University-wide

**Potential focus areas:** Geography | Communication | Sociology | Development Studies

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Period:** March – July | August – December

The Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) is a leading public university in Brazil, located in Porto Alegre, the capital of the country's southernmost state, Rio Grande do Sul.

For HCIAS Master's students applying for an exchange with UFRGS, we recommend taking [courses](#) in areas such as **Geography, Communication, Sociology, or Regional Development Studies.**

As courses are generally taught in Portuguese, proficiency in the language is a prerequisite for participation in the exchange program.



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## Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

**Exchange Program:** University-wide

**Potential focus areas:** Environmental Studies | Anthropology  
| Political Science | Cultural Studies

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Period:** February – June/July | August – December

The Universidade de São Paulo (USP), with more than 90,000 students, is Brazil's largest public university and considered one of the most prestigious universities in Latin America. It has eleven campuses across the state of São Paulo, with four of them located in Brazil's biggest metropolis, São Paulo.

Through a general agreement between Heidelberg University and the Universidade de São Paulo, HCIAS students have the opportunity to participate in an exchange program, taking courses across a broad range of fields such as environmental studies, social anthropology, and political science.

As courses are generally taught in Portuguese, proficiency in the language is a prerequisite for participation in the exchange program.



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## Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia

**Exchange Program:** University-wide

**Potential focus areas:** Cultural Studies | Communication | International Relations

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Period:** January – June | July – November

The Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, founded in 1623, is one of Colombia's oldest and most respected private universities and is under the leadership of the Society of Jesus. It offers courses in their campuses in Bogotá and Cali.

For HCIAS Master's students applying for an exchange with the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, recommended fields include the programs offered at the [Facultad de Comunicación y Lenguaje](#), [Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Relaciones Internacionales](#), or at the [Facultad de Ciencias Sociales](#).



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## Universidad de Costa Rica, Costa Rica

**Exchange Program: HCIAS-specific**

**Potential focus areas:** Anthropology | Sociology | Political Science | Linguistics

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Periods:** March – July | August – November

As the oldest still existing university in the state of Costa Rica, the Universidad de Costa Rica is the largest institution of higher education in the country. The university's main campus, Ciudad Universitaria Rodrigo Facio, is located near San José, the capital of the country, with additional regional campuses throughout the country.

The UCR is the ideal choice for HCIAS students looking to deepen their knowledge in different social sciences such as **Anthropology**, **Sociology** or **Political Science** offered by the [Facultad de Ciencias Sociales](#), but also in **Linguistics** at the [Facultad de Artes y Letras](#).

To be eligible for the exchange program with the UCR, interested students must have completed the first year of the master's programs.



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## Universidad de Chile, Chile

**Exchange Program:** **HCIAS-specific**

**Focus Area:** Communication | Political Science

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Periods:** March – July | July / August – December

The Universidad de Chile, the oldest and one of the most prestigious universities of Chile, is located in the country's capital, Santiago. As one of Heidelberg University's closest partners, it offers multiple opportunities for master's students.

Through cooperation agreements with the [Facultad de Comunicación e Imagen](#) and the [Facultad de Gobierno](#), HCIAS students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in areas such as social or political communication, but also regional or public administration.



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## Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile

**Exchange Program:** University-wide

**Focus Area:** Communication | Geography | Political Science  
| Linguistics

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Periods:** March – July | July / August –  
December

The Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC) is one of the oldest universities in Chile. Like the Universidad de Chile, it is located in the country's capital, Santiago.

For HCIAS Master's students applying for the exchange with PUC, there are various options available, including courses at the [Facultad de Comunicaciones](#), the [Facultad de Historia, Geografía y Ciencia Política](#), or also in the field of [Linguistics](#).



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## Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile

**Exchange Program:** University-wide

**Potential focus areas:** Linguistics | Cultural Studies |  
Communication

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Periods:** March – July | July / August –  
December

Located in the historic coastal city of Valparaíso, known for its rich cultural scene, the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (PUCV) is a prestigious Chilean private university with over 18.000 students.

For HCIAS Master's students applying for the exchange with PUCV, we suggest to consider the areas of Communication offered by the [Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administrativas](#), or areas such as Applied Linguistics or Latin American Literary and Cultural Studies at the [Facultad de Filosofía y Educación](#)



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## Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico

**Exchange Program:** University-wide

**Potential focus areas:** Latin American Studies | International Relations | Communication | Linguistics

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Period:** January – May/June | August – November/December

The Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) is Mexico's largest university and one of the most prestigious institutions of higher education in Latin America. Its main campus, Ciudad Universitaria, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located in Mexico City.

For HCIAS Master's students applying for an exchange with UNAM, a wide range of [courses](#) is available, including options in Latin American Studies, International Relations, Communication, and Linguistics.



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## Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Mexico

### Exchange Program: **HC IAS-specific**

**Potential focus areas:** Political Science | International Relations

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Periods:** January/February – June | August – December

The Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León (UANL) is a public state university with campuses across Nuevo León. With over 200,000 students, it is the third-largest university in Mexico and a key center for higher education in the country. The Mederos Campus, home to most social science programs, is located in the south of Monterrey - a major industrial hub and Mexico's ninth-largest city.

Through an agreement with the [Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Relaciones Internacionales](#), HCIAS students have the opportunity to delve deeper into the areas of International Relations and Political Science.



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## Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico

**Exchange Program:** University-wide

**Potential focus areas:** Communication | Cultural Studies | Linguistics | Public Management

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution

**Semester Period:** January – May/June | August – December

The Universidad de Guadalajara (UDG) is one of Mexico's largest public universities. Its main campus is located in the city of Guadalajara, the capital of the state of Jalisco, but it also has a wide network of campuses throughout the region.

For HCIAS Master's students applying for an exchange with UDG, we recommend taking courses at the [Centro Universitario de Ciencias Económico Administrativas](#) with a focus on Public Management and Communication or at the [Centro Universitario de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades](#) specializing in Cultural Studies or Linguistics.



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## Universidad de Salamanca, Spain

### Exchange Program: **HC IAS-specific**

**Focus area:** Linguistics | Romance Language Studies | Ibero-American Studies

**Benefits:** No tuition fees at host institution & ERASMUS mobility grant

**Semester Period:** September – December | February – June

As one of the oldest European universities, the Universidad de Salamanca (USAL) is among the most prestigious universities in Spain. Located in the western part of the country near the Portuguese border, the city of Salamanca is a historical hub for Spanish language and culture and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The stay in Salamanca offers the opportunity to deepen knowledge in the linguistic field through courses on Linguistics or on Spanish Literature at the [Facultad de Filología](#) or the university's program in [Ibero-American Studies](#).

The exchange with USAL is part of the ERASMUS program, therefore students would not only be exempt from tuition fees but would also receive an ERASMUS mobility grant.



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