The Stone Center for Latin American Studies invites students interested in the complex issues of development, economy, and society to participate in this exciting opportunity in the Southern Cone. The program is based out of Valparaíso, Chile, the country’s most important port city, located in the Fifth Region on the coast due west of the capital city of Santiago. Valparaíso is linked by rail, road, and seawall to the city of Viña del Mar, an important tourist and residential area. Together, these two cities form the second-largest metropolitan complex in Chile, and provide students from around the country and the world an up-close look at the successes, failures, and ambiguities of Chile’s “economic miracle.”

Chilean faculty at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (PUCV) teach all program courses which include field trips to local community centers, workplaces, and other venues to explore the interaction of economic policy with society and daily life. Participating students have the unique opportunity to live with Chilean families thereby are in daily contact with people with whom to explore the concepts studied in class and to practice Spanish.

Courses
All students enroll in two courses (for six or seven Tulane University credits) at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, one of Chile’s most prestigious institutions of higher education. Tulane classes are held at or near the Casa Central, the university’s signature building and home of the International Student Programs Office (PIIE). A variety of courses are offered including: Economic Development in Latin America, Spanish on different levels, Latin American Film and Literature, Sociology.

Cost of the Program
The cost of the five-week program is $4,500, which includes:
- Six or seven Tulane University undergraduate credits
- Housing accommodations with a Chilean family
- Three meals daily while in Valparaíso
- Medical insurance
- Tulane-sponsored outings and events, including two longer trips outside the Valparaíso/Viña area

Applying to the Program
Knowledge of Spanish is not required although encouraged. Applying students must be in good academic standing and have at least a current cumulative grade point average of 2.5. The application requires two letters of recommendation and a transcript. Please note that non-Tulane students are also welcome to apply to this program. Complete applications (including application form, transcript, and recommendations) and a $300 non-refundable deposit are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2012. Please bring or send applications to the Stone Center in Jones Hall of the uptown campus.

For More Information
Please consult the “International Programs” page of the Stone Center’s web site at http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/. Or, contact Natalia Porto at 504.862.8629 or nporto@tulane.edu