

# EDUCATION IN CHILE



## QUICK FACTS

- Population 17.2 million (CIA World Factbook 2013)
- Language of Instruction: Spanish
- Compulsory Education: 12 years
- Academic Year: March to Dec (3 terms for schools, 2 semesters for tertiary)
- Number of Universities 60 (35 private)
- Number of Students: 1,528,000 (secondary, 12-17); 1,033,886 (tertiary)
- Youth (15-24) Literacy Rate: 98.9%

### Chile: Diagram of Educational System

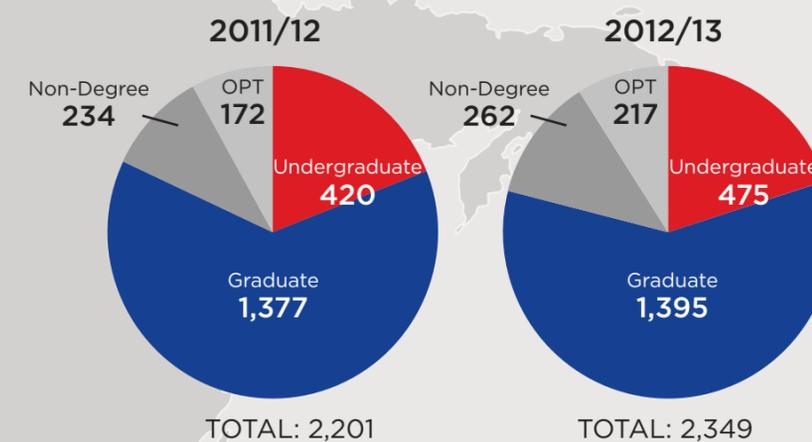


### Higher Education Grading Scale & Suggested WES (U.S.) Equivalency

All HEIs use a 7-point grading scale

Chile	WES
6.0-7.0	A
5.0-5.9	B
4.0-4.9	C
0-3.9	F

### Number of Chilean Students in the United States



Source: IIE, Open Doors, OPT: Optional Practical Training



### Document Requirements for Credential Evaluation

#### HIGHER EDUCATION:

Clear, legible photocopies of all degree certificates or diplomas must be sent by the institutions attended. Academic transcripts issued by the institutions attended must be sent directly for all postsecondary programs. For doctoral programs a letter confirming the awarding of the degree must be sent directly from the awarding institution.

#### SECONDARY EDUCATION:

Applicants must send a photocopy of their graduation certificate or diploma issued by the *Ministerio de Educación*. Academic transcripts indicating all subjects taken and grades obtained must be sent directly by the institution attended.

Photocopies of precise, word-for-word, English translations are required for all foreign language documents.

