

**PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE CHILE  
DIRECCION DEL SISTEMA DE BIBLIOTECAS**

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Estimado Dr. Fuenzalida:

Me es grato enviar adjunto descripción general del Sistema de Bibliotecas para ser presentado a quien Ud. estime conveniente en el Sistema de Bibliotecas de la Universidad de Standford.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterarle nuestro profundo interés de formalizar un convenio entre ambas instituciones y desearle el mejor éxito en su gestión.

Le saluda atentamente,

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THE LIBRARY SYSTEM OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE.  
(Sistema de Bibliotecas de la Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile)

WHO WE ARE

The Library System of the Catholic University of Chile (SIFUC), belongs to the Vicerrectorate of Academic Affairs, and has the mission of supporting teaching, research and extension activities, by providing documentation, information dissemination, reference, user instruction and circulating bibliographic material to students, faculty and researchers of the University.

The management of SIBUC is centralized as to policy formulation, activity coordination, management of human, financial and physical resources; it is decentralized in its services, which are offered through 10 libraries spread within the 4 Campuses of the University, in Santiago.

SIBUC has the following units within its organizational structure:

-The Direction: made up of the Director, the Assistant Director, and the Executive Department. The Executive Department, in charge of a Commercial Engineer, manages human, physical and financial resources.

-The Acquisition and the Cataloguing Departments are also centralized for the purchasing and processing of the bibliographic material of SIBUC.

-The Libraries:

The BIBLIOTECA CENTRAL (Central Library) is the largest library of SIBUC, servicing the faculties of Agriculture, Engineering, Civil Construction, Chemistry, Social Sciences (Sociology, Psychology). It is the best equipped library of the System, in a 7200 sq. mt. building, in three levels. It has an important reference and periodicals collection; it holds the University's rare book collection, has an audiovisual center and a language lab. The Library allows for 1000 seated users, and has an average of 3000 daily users.

The BIBLIOTECA BIOMEDICA (Biomedical Library) is located in the Casa Central (Main or Central Campus), serving the areas of Medicine and Biology. It is member of the Latinamerican Health Science Network,

coordinated by EIREME. It has specialized CD-ROM data bases, which are widely used by the faculty and the students.

The BIBLIOTECA GENERAL CAMPUS ORIENTE (Campus Oriente, General Library), serves the areas of Education, Philosophy, History and Humanities. It is part of the Latinamerican Network of Children's Literature, and is the national coordinating center for this network. It offers access to CD-ROM data bases in Education.

The Theatre and Music Libraries, also within Campus Oriente, are two small, highly specialized collections that serve the Theatre and Music areas respectively.

The BIBLIOTECA DE DERECHO (Law Library), serves the Law School and has one of the best collections in country on this subject.

The BIBLIOTECA DE TEOLOGIA (Theology Library), within the Campus Oriente, has a Documentation Center on Latin american Theology, and holds a regionally important collection on the subject.

The BIBLIOTECA LO CONTADOR (Lo Contador Campus Library), serves Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies areas.

The BIBLIOTECA DE CIENCIA POLITICA, (Political Science Library), situated in the Central Campus area, has a Documentation Center on politics which processes the press information on this subject since 1971.

THE BIBLIOTECA DE ASTROFISICA Y FISICA (Astrophysics and physics library), is highly specialized and the smallest library of SIBUC.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RESOURCES (Dec.1989) : 1.219.634 items

Books	393.593	vols.		
Periodicals	3.850	Titles		
Audiovisuals	45.823	items		
Theses	30.133	vols		
Others	125.343	(maps,	music	scores,
handouts, etc.)			leaflets,	

#### PERSONNEL

The staff of SIBUC is made up of 152 people. Of these, 53 are librarians, 3 belong to other professions, 96 library assistants,

secretarial and auxiliary staff.

#### AUTOMATION

SIBUC has an in-house developed software, which follows international standards. The following systems are presently in operation: OPAC, Cataloguing, Circulation and Acquisitions.

SIBUC is member of, and connected to, RENIB, the National Information Network, as well as the National Library, the Chilean Library of Congress and 10 University libraries of the country.

The Central and Biomedical libraries have satellite access to Dialog.

There is also an experimental self-instruction system for bibliographic searches, developed on HyperCard.

#### SERVICES(1989)

Loans	1.503.619
Queries	141.172
Bibliographies	584
Bulletins and S.D.I.	26.273
User instruction	14.526

On the national level, SIBUC has leadership for the technological development achieved, the holdings (specially periodicals), its services and level of expertise of its personnel.

#### AREAS OF INTEREST WITH THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM

-Technical assistance, such as consultancies, professional exchange visits, on the following topics:

Management: strategic planning and control, budget distribution, personnel development and training, relationship of the Library System and the Faculties.

Collections: Collection development (policies, selection, disposal, conservation); establishment of core collections, establishment of standards, contact with bibliographic material vendors and jobbers.

Services: Access and provision of documentation, user instruction in an automated environment, for-fee-services and relationship of the Library with industry and business, and the impact of electronic publishing on services and budgets.

Automation: authority processing for cataloguing and network participation.

-Access to data bases and provision of documents

-Exchange of publications

-Donations of bibliographic material.

#### WHAT WE CAN OFFER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF STANFORD LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Library System of the Catholic University has developed a collection that serves the need for specific and general information of the University community. It can offer access to its collections on:

-Periodicals and monographies edited by the University;

-Access to research projects and theses developed by the Catholic University;

-Access to rare and curious books (1000 volumes), among which the "Historia fisica y politica de Chile, by Claudio Gay", can be found, as well as the Pedro Prado Archives.;

-Book collection on Chilean and Latinamerican literature for children;

-Collection of Latinamerican Theology;

-Access to the audiovisual production of the University. Among it, "Garcahue", a diaporama which is an audiovisual memory of the Chilean architectural patrimony, can be cited.

Related to services; with its present infrastructure, the Library System can offer services such as:

Acquisition of documents at a national and latinamerican level;  
Bibliographies in answer to specific requests for information;  
Location of documents within the country;  
Contacts to specialists in different areas within the University and the national academic community.

Among the products it can offer are:

The Union catalogue of serials in all university libraries in Chile, in microfiche;

Guide to information resources in the Chilean Constitution of 1980.

Video and tape-slide presentations for user instruction.

The management of SIEUC is developed in an environment of cooperation and exchange with higher education institutions, both state and private. This network of contacts permits access to the following collections:

-National Library Collection, with valuable collections such as President Santa Maria Archives;

-Access to 3000 periodical titles and Chilean newspapers. For example,

El Araucano, 1830 - 1877

La Aurora de Chile, 1812 - 1813

El Mercurio de Valparaiso, 1827 - 1900

El Ferrocarril, 1855 - 1911

-Collections available in the Libraries of the 24 higher education institutions, members of the Consejo de Rectores de Universidades Chilenas;

-Collection of theses of all Chilean Universities;

-Collections of private and state institutions with interlending agreements;

-Access to critical references of Chilean and Latinamerican authors.