



## UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DEL COMAHUE

### Institutional Information

#### Our History

On July 15 1971, the National Executive Power sanctioned and promulgated Law 19.117, by which the Universidad Nacional del Comahue - UNCo (National University of Comahue) was created. This was based on the experience of the Universidad Provincial de Neuquén (Neuquén Provincial University) and the educational institutes of the Province of Río Negro which had already trained several graduates

This fulfilled one of the most heartfelt aspirations of the regional community, culminating a long process that went through different paths.

On March 15 1972, the first school year began for the North Patagonia region.

#### Institutional identity

The name of our institution, "Comahue", comes from a word of Mapuche language origin, which in Mapudungun language means "place of wealth" or "place where water hurt", chosen for the geographical location of our university.

The visual identification, our logo, originates in an image found in a "Cultrum or drum of Machi"\* , whose formal outline represents the mythical division of the Mapuche space.

\* elderly doctor and counselor in the traditional culture of the Mapuche people



Human schemes of individuals or archetypes found in Mapuche crafts and cave paintings have been incorporated in the extremes. They are harmonized graphically, thus generating a circular image that, as a continent figure, has a strong visual impact.

#### Institutional principles

The UNCo is a public entity whose purpose is to be in permanent direct contact with national and universal thinking and pay special attention to regional problems. It contributes to the development of studies, scientific and technological research, and artistic creation. Through education and various media, it disseminates ideas, science achievements and artistic performances.

It is a university community that seeks the integral and harmonious formation of its members and maintains the full relevance of human rights. It trains original researchers, qualified professionals and university professors who are socially effective and willing to serve the country and the region. The UNCo encourages graduates into teaching and into research tasks, and through them it strengthens their relationship with society.

Within its campus, the broadest freedom of research and expression is ensured without ignoring social, political and ideological problems, since the university studies them scientifically. It studies and objectively exposes its conclusions on national problems, provides technical advice to private and public institutions of public interest and participates in the activities of companies of general interest, promotes social progress and tends to raise the standard of living within such concept of freedom.

### Governing Bodies

UNCo Statute establishes that its governing bodies are the University Assembly, the Superior Council and the Rector. Both the Assembly and the Superior Council are made up of teachers, administrative staff, students and graduates. The Rector, elected by the entire university community, has various secretariats under his administration: Academic, Science and Technology, University Extension, University Welfare, Undersecretary of International Relations, Undersecretary of Postgraduate, among others.

### Geographic location

The Argentine Republic is located in South America, it borders Bolivia and Paraguay (to the N); Brazil (to the NE); Uruguay (to the E); Atlantic Ocean (to the E and SE); Chile (to the W and SW). It has a population of more than 44 million inhabitants.

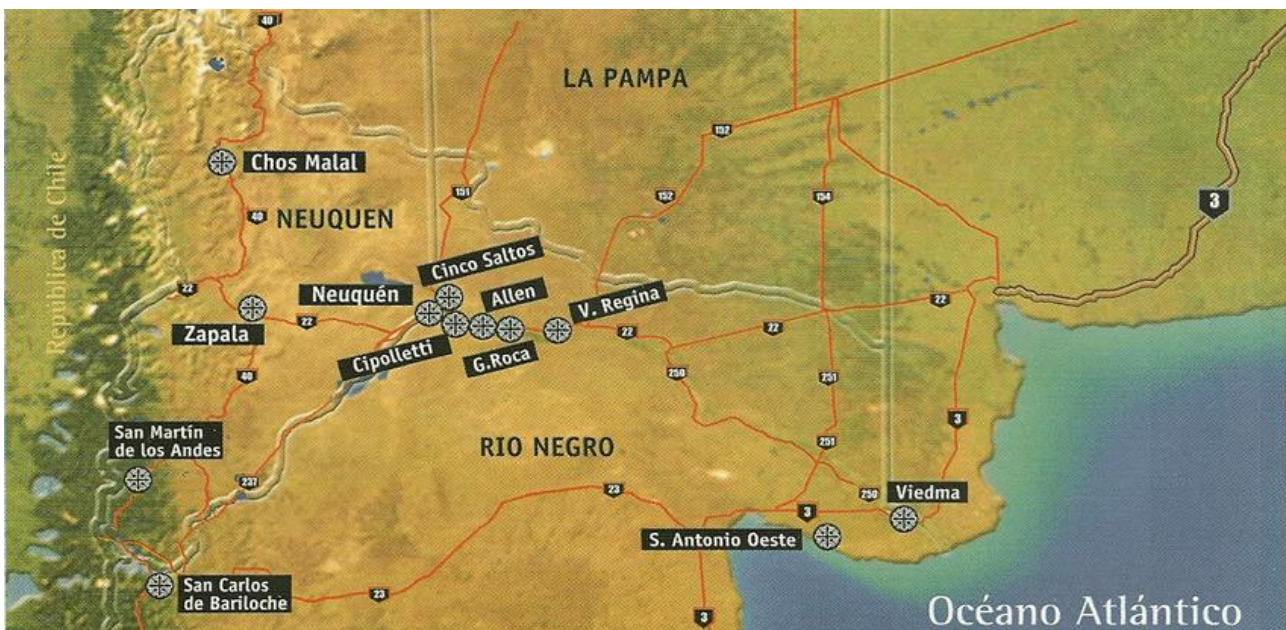
The Universidad Nacional del Comahue is based in the Patagonian provinces of Río Negro and Neuquén, with equivalent histories, configured in a single human, social and cultural unit called Comahue.

Both provinces of the North Patagonian region have important cities that have an active social, cultural and productive life, where their tourist centers stand out, with activities that promote skiing, mountain sports and agro-tourism. In addition this region is headquarters of the main exploitations of hydrocarbons, fruit production, marine research and paleontological deposits of the country.



### University Seats

The University has its main headquarters in the city of Neuquén Capital and Branches distributed in the two provinces, according to regional particularities. It has twelve Faculties, two Regional Centre, two Settlements and one School, offering undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate careers.





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### University life

The university has an enrollment of more than 32,000 undergraduate and graduate students and about 1,200 postgraduate students who seek to be trained in the excellent academic level offered by the Institution.

### Libraries System

The Information and Libraries System of the National University of Comahue -SISBUNC- created in 1991 organizes the different libraries that cover the specialized information needs of the Branches with a disciplinary scope linked to the regional problems. It is integrated by:

- Central Library Francisco P Moreno
- Library of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (Cinco Saltos)
- Library of the Sciences of the Education (Cipolletti)
- Library of Law and Social Sciences (General Roca)
- Library of the Regional University Center Atlantic Zone (Viedma)
- Library of the Bariloche Regional University Centre
- Library of the San Martín de los Andes University Settlement
- Library of Villa Regina
- Zapala Library
- Library of the Institute of Marine Biology and Fishing "Almirante Storni"

The Patagónica Library is located in the main headquarters, which offers more than 3,000 titles related to the Patagonian region (Argentina).

In 2014, the Digital Institutional Repository was created. It is a dissemination sites that provides free access to scientific and academic information, as a result of research, teaching and institutional management activities, in order to guarantee free availability and open access to scientific knowledge

### Accessibility Commission

In 1999, the University Commission on Accessibility to the Physical and Social Environment was approved by the Superior Council. The objective of its creation was to achieve equality of possibilities in all areas for people with disabilities that develop activities within the University.

### Sports

The sporting practice must adapt as a way of life and have a social, moral and ethical content that allows the achieving of an integral development of the person. In this framework, the University Sports Plan is developed, which consists of providing sports equipment to the different faculties and regional centres, training sports volunteers, so that they support their partners in the development of activities and the organization of the Inter-Faculties Tournaments and of different sports disciplines, including:

- Football
- Soccer 5
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Handball
- Swimming
- Free Chess practice
- Table tennis
- Indoor Tennis
- Badminton

### University Extension

Through the Secretariat of University Extension, the collective participation of university actors and society is promoted from a perspective of dialogue and construction of knowledge, social inclusion and the political, cultural, social, economic development of all citizens of the region and the country.

### University Choir

Created in 1980, it is made up of students, professors, administrators and members of the regional community (Neuquén, Centenario, Cutral Có, Cinco Saltos, General Roca and Cipolletti) who, in a vocational way, participate in the activity, contributing many hours of their lives to arrive at the artistic product they offer. Because it is a university choir, the educational-formative function is added to the quality and artistic excellence, both for the choristers and for the regional audience that accompanies the presentations of the Choir, and who, in this way, have access to the possibility of listening to live presentations of the universal choral repertoire.

### Editorial

The University has a publishing house, Educo, that publishes and prints university books and provides advice to the entire community. On its web page you can find different titles that account for the diversified scientific and academic production developed by the professionals of the institution.

<http://editorialuniversitariaeduco.blogspot.com.ar>

### UNCo CALF Radio

In 1987 the agreement between the National University of Comahue and the Provincial Cooperative of Public and Community Services was signed for the creation of the radio. The station integrates the Association of Argentine National Radio Broadcasters (ARUNA). Today it transmits 24 hours a day, with more than 90% of its own production.

The commitment of its programming is based on criteria of social and cultural participation, being its editorial line in the defense of Human Rights throughout its history a highlighting characteristic. Over time it became a channel of expression and participation of the entire community of the region.