Universidad de Alicante
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The University Of Alicante

The University of Alicante was established in 1979 on the basis of the Center for University Studies (CEU), which was founded in 1968. The University main campus is located in San Vicente del Raspeig/Sant Vicent del Raspeig, bordering the city of Alicante to the north.

The University of Alicante, after more than twenty years of existence has more than fifty degrees, more than seventy University departments and units and research groups in areas of social sciences and law, experimental, technology, humanities, education and health sciences and five University research centres.

University of Alicante is the first company in the province of Alicante with more 2,000 workers (teachers and services). It is a required reference for many companies with which it has contracts for technical assistance, technology transfer, trainees, postgraduate, continuing education... It is also a point of reference in international relations: conventions, venues, mobility and exchanges, cooperation between various innovative in various parts of the world projects.

University of Alicante is considered one of the best campuses in Europe: one million square meters with the best urban design, the most innovative architecture in a framework of environmental excellence (large green areas, landscape design, pedestrian, cultural, sporting, educational areas...) and a wide variety of services.
Contact Information

The Students Mobility Office of International Relations is the equivalent to UCC’s International Education Office. Their job is to help international students with any enquiries they may have. Please go there if you need any assistance.

Students Mobility of International Relations

Students Mobility Office
University of Alicante.
Campus de Sant Vicenr del Raspeig

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Tel: +34 96590 9558, Fax: +34 96590 9441

You are welcome to come and meet any of the staff at the Student Mobility Office located at the building "Pabellón de Alumnado" (Building number 21 on the map of the Campus).

Link for Map of Campus:
The city of Alicante is the capital of its own province and it is also the second most important city in the Valencia district of Spain. The province of Alicante comprises of two main areas, the Upper Marina and Lower marina. The Upper marina includes towns such as Calpe, Teulada and Javea. The Lower Marina which centres round Benidorm includes towns such as Altea and Villajoyosa. Towns in the inland area include Elche, Movelda and Aspe and the maritime towns in the southern area include Torreveija and Guardamar.

For more information on the city of Alicante follow the link available:

http://www.alicante.es/ingles/
Travel

Arrival
Alicante Airport is very well serviced by a number of airlines for both national and international travel. Students have a number of options to fly from Ireland to Alicante. Aer Lingus travel from Cork and Dublin to Alicante. Ryanair travels from Shannon and Dublin to Alicante.

From the airport (travel options):

There is a bus called the C6 that will take you straight into Alicante City for €2.65 one way.

The TAM is a system of transport of Alicante and metropolitan area. This business group has of several lines of transport to the University of Alicante, some of which only operate in the school period, transporting students to much of Alicante and the metropolitan area and other areas of the province.

For bus numbers and information follow link: http://web.ua.es/en/oia/transporte-universitario/urban-lines.html
Accommodation

The students coming to the University of Alicante can either look for accommodation through the Accommodation Office of the UA, or do it by themselves.

If you want the Accommodation Office to arrange your accommodation you should check the information available on its website and you should follow the procedure established by them.

If you want to look for accommodation by yourself you can check the information at the Student Information Office where you will find information on residences and other options.

Accommodation Office: http://www.csidiomas.ua.es/en/accommodation

Email: aloj@csidiomas.ua.ie

Tel: +34 96 590 3792

Student Information Office:

Many students opt to go into private accommodation, and share a rented apartment with other students.

Cost of Living

As a rough guide, the monthly cost of living for a student in Alicante is as follows:

**Accommodation**: As many students opt for private accommodation, accommodation can be from €300-€500 a month.

**Transport**: approximately €60 (dependent on the amount of travelling you intend to do)

**Food**: approximately €150-€200

**Other (socialising, textbooks)**: €50- €200 depending on the individual.
Application Procedures

Steps to follow:

Step 1: (to be done by home institutions)
Nomination on the part of the home institution of students selected to come to the University of Alicante. The information required by the UA is the following.

- Name and Surname
- Subject Area (according to the Bilateral Agreement)
- Period of stay:
  1st Semester (September-January)
  Whole academic year (September –June)
  2nd Semester (January- June)

Deadlines for the reception of nominations

- **June 1st** - For students attending the 1st semester or full academic year
- **November 1st** – For students coming for the 2nd semester

Step 2 (to be done by home institutions):
The University of Alicante provides the home institution with both a USERNAME and a PASSWORD for their students to apply on-line.
The UA uses the institutional e-mail addresses to contact their partners.
Please note that students are not sent any information until their acceptance (July or December 2011, see below), since it is available on the Mobility Office web page.

Step 3 (to be done by students)
The student must fill in the Application Form on-line before the deadline, using the personal Username and Password.

Step 4 (to be done by students)
The student must also send by postal mail, before the application deadline, the following documents:

- Proposal of the Learning Agreement, which contains the choice of courses, duly signed and stamped by the Departmental Coordinator of home institutions,
- Copy of the Identity Document or the Passport, and
- 2 Original photographs: 30 x 35 mm (please write your name on the back)

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Notification to the students of the provisional acceptance:

The University of Alicante will e-mail the students' **provisional acceptance:**

- during July, for those students coming for the 1st semester or full academic year, and
- during December, for those students coming for the 2nd semester

They will be **definitely accepted** when they join the University of Alicante during the **Orientation Week** or, at the latest, during the first week of classes; otherwise they will not be able to study at UA.

Students are required to provide an e-mail address when they fill in the on-line application. Please, note that this will be the e-mail used to get in touch with them. It is the students’ responsibility to check it frequently.

Only non-EU students will be sent an Acceptance Letter by postal mail, for them to apply for the visa.

If any of the required documents are missing, the students will be asked to submit it before being accepted.
Academics

Grading System
Grades are awarded on a scale from 1-10, as follows:

- 10 *Matrícula de Honor* (Distinction) (limited to 5%)
- 9-10 *Sobresaliente* (outstanding)
- 7-8.5 *Notable* (credit)
- 5-6.5 *Aprobado* (pass)
- 0-4.5 *Suspenso* (fail)

Furthermore, for the recognition of credits, you must take into account the following:

The University of Alicante is currently in the process of adapting their official studies to the European Higher Education, so there are now two different programmes of studies: the new degrees and the former official qualifications (Licenciado, Diplomado, Engineer, Technical Engineer, Education).

- Credits in the new Degrees are in ECTS.
- **In former undergraduate degrees still being taught**, 1 credit from the University of Alicante stands for 1.25 ECTS credits

Libraries
The University of Alcalá has a variety of libraries to offer, since each study centre has its own library. It is also possible to order books from other Spanish universities. For further information on library services please go to: http://biblio.uah.es

Computer Labs
The University of Alicante, is aware of the exchange students lack of -in most cases-both personal computers and internet access at home, and is therefore trying to solve the situation by creating free entrance to computer labs on campus, fully equipped with the best technology, Internet access and further transmission data services. The University also offers a wireless network which is available in 99% of the Campus of San Vicente.
Practical Matters

Health and Insurance
Foreign students in Alicante University must have health care cover. For this reason, it is essential for them to have the European Health Insurance Card. The card gives the holder the right to medical treatment, taking into account the duration of their planned stay and the type of treatment needed, while they are in any EU country. Make sure your European Health Insurance Card is current before you leave Ireland. The health care received will be the same as that received by nationals of the country visited.

Incoming Students
Every student must have medical insurance during their stay at the University of Alicante, and it is the students’ responsibility to provide themselves with this medical cover.

In order to obtain medical care, students belonging to the countries within the European Union, the Economic European Area and Switzerland, can apply for the European Health Card in their country of origin (EHC). For further information, you can consult the Erasmus Office at your home Institution.

The EHC is individual and certifies the right of his/her holder to receive medical care in a public centre during his/her stay in any of the countries previously mentioned. Foreign and native people will receive medical care on equal terms.

Those students who can’t get the EHC, must provide themselves with private health insurance.

Once in Alicante, students that have the EHC must register with the Department of Health and Social Security near their home address in Alicante.

In the Campus of the University of Alicante there is a surgery for emergencies taking place within the Campus. For any other case, students must address the corresponding Health Centre.

Click on the following link for the list of the Health Centres:

If you urgently need to see a Doctor, you can go to the "Urgencias" department at these two hospitals:

- Hospital General de Alicante C/ Pintor Baeza 12. Telf 965938500
Student Matters

Orientation

ATTENTION: Exchange students must join the University of Alicante during the Orientation Week or, at the latest, during the first week of classes; otherwise students will not be accepted.

On Arrival at the University of Alicante, the students should immediately present to the Mobility Office, located at the building "Pabellón de Alumnado" (Building number 21 on the map of the Campus). The arrival date will be noted, they will be given a Registration Sheet and be assigned one of the Information Meetings.

The Students Orientation includes two different meetings:

General Information Meetings (1st Meeting), that take place the week before the semester starts:

1st semester: First week September
2nd semester: Last week of January

Meeting with the Academic Coordinators (2nd Meeting), the week in which the semester starts:

1st semester: Second week of September
2nd semester: First week of February

Registration in the regular courses:

There are also two more meetings (which take place during the stay of the students in the UA) for them to get properly registered in the subjects of the UA.

Course Registration Meeting (3rd Meeting):
1st semester: (the specific appointment/date is on the Registration Sheet)
2nd semester: (the specific appointment is on the Registration Sheet)

Validation of Course Registration Meeting (4th Meeting):
1st semester: (the specific appointment is on the Registration Sheet)
2nd semester: (the specific appointment is on the Registration Sheet)
Student Cards
Each Erasmus student must do an application process to get there student card. To find out more please follow:

Cultural
The University of Alicante offers a number of extracurricular activities for different cultures. For more information please go to:

Spanish Language and Cultural Courses
All Erasmus students are welcome to take part in a special Spanish language tuition course which is financed by the University of Alicante Budget. For this reason, the University of Alicante can only subsidize one Spanish as a foreign language course for each student (either the intensive course or the semester course, to the choice of the student). On the other hand any Erasmus students who may wish to do Spanish courses outside these Spanish Language tuition agreement courses, may apply to do them on a paying basis. To find out more about the Language tuition, Spanish courses please follow:
http://sri.ua.es/en/movilidad/erasmus/11-12/spanish-course.html

Sports Facilities
To support health, fitness, and enjoyment, the University has an array of sports complexes both on and off campus that all exchange students may make use of, as well as sports teams, clubs, and events. For more information please go to:
The University also offers a shopping centre where students can get all their basic needs such as a book shop, post office and a bank.

Bank Account
Many students find opening a bank account in Spain one of the hardest things to get used to, as the service industry can be quite slow. It usually takes around two weeks to be cleared in Madrid. Be prepared for this, so have a sufficient amount of money with you going over in case of an emergency. There is a bank on campus in the shopping centre which Erasmus students may avail of to open their bank accounts.
Student Tips

Erasmus is full of excitement and adventure, but also uncertainty and nerves. Although the International Education Office in UCC and the Student Mobility Office in Alicante will help you as much as possible, nothing can beat the experience of being in your shoes. So here are some tips and tricks from UCC students who have studied in Alicante.

Academic Matters:
- Take the chance to learn new things.
- Try and take some courses that allow you to learn more about Spanish life, culture, history, or literature. You’ll never have quite the same opportunity in Ireland.
- Contact the Erasmus officers in your subject area if you have any questions about academics.
- Be aware that you are entering a new education system with different administration, course, and exam structures.
- Keep up with your reading.

Accommodation:
- Be aware that university residences are located outside the city centre. It’s a good idea to find the location of your faculty before securing accommodation.
- Find out whether bed linen is included or if you have to buy it on arrival.
- When booking accommodation, ask about the times you will be able to collect your keys and access your residence so you can either arrive during these times or make alternative accommodation arrangements for the first night.
- Bring pictures of home to put on the walls.
- Bring a 2-pin plug for your Irish electrical products.

Travel:
- Remember generally the earlier you book the flights, the cheaper they are.
- Some clubs organise really cheap day and overnight trips.
- If you are coming home for Christmas, it is a good time to bring back excess luggage.

Bureaucracy:
- Bring multiple photocopies of any documentation you might need.
- EU citizens do not need a Residence Permit.
- It is a good idea to carry some sort of ID with you at all times.

Social:
- Buy local newspapers and magazine, and listen to local TV, radio, and music.
- Immerse yourself in the culture.
- Try to interact with Spanish students and the local community.
General:

- Bring a good Spanish dictionary
- Unlock your mobile phone before you leave Ireland if you want to put a Spanish SIM card in it.
- Brings some books in English. Although you can buy some English-language books in Spain, they can be expensive, and it is handy to have some for travelling and for when you first arrive.
- Look into phone cards – they are one of the cheapest ways to phone home.
- If you have a laptop and internet access in your accommodation, look into getting Skype or other internet phone packages.