Universidad de Cádiz
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The University

The Provence of Cadiz

Cadiz province takes its name from the city of Cadiz, its capital, whose name is of Phoenician origin. Since its origin it has always been an important crossroad: a bridge between Europe and Africa, and door between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. This crossroad character has characterized its history. It lies in southern Europe, being the southernmost province of Spain. It comprises a total of 44 municipalities, 16 of them bathed in beaches of white sand and crystal clear waters.

History

Both the capital of Cadiz and the province have a wide history starting with the Tartans more than 3,000 years ago and continuing with the successive colonization by the Phoenicians, the Carthaginians, the Romans, the Visigoths, the Byzantines, the Muslims (whose victory at the battle of Guadalete meant the end of the Visigoth Kingdom) and the Christians (Alfonso XI, victor at the battle of the Salado against the North African Benemerine dynasty). It was also the location of other battles that happened later, such as that of Trafalgar in 1805, and many which took place during the war of Spanish independence. During this conflict it hosted the Courts that passed the Constitution of 1812, the first of the magna laws that Spain adopted.
Contact Information

**International Relations Office**
The International Relations Office 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.

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The Campuses

The UCA is the University of the South of Europe. Since its creation it has become consolidated as one of the universities of reference for its quality, being pioneering in the process of adaptation to the model of the European Higher Education Area. At the moment it consists of four campuses: Cadiz, Puerto Real, Jerez and Algeciras, where it is possible to study masters and degrees in the branches of knowledge of Arts and Humanities, Health Sciences, Social and Legal Sciences, Sciences and Engineering and Architecture.

There are four main Campuses in the UCA they are:

- **Bay of Algeciras**

Where is it?

The campus of the Bay of Algeciras provides a University and cultural bridge between two continents. It is situated in a town that due to its position in the Strait of Gibraltar is a strategic geographical enclave serving as a contact between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic Ocean. It possesses the seaport through which flows the largest number of people and goods between Europe and Africa and more specifically between Spain and Morocco.

What can you find?

Amongst its attractions, one finds the natural park of los Alcornocales, one of the biggest in Andalusia, highly valuable for its landscape, ecology and for hunting. It also has beaches of great interest as El Rinconcillo, San Garcia and Getares as well as the most important port of Spain, from where derives intense commercial labour.

What can you study?

The Campus of the Bay of Algeciras is characterized by offering degrees in Engineering in its Higher Polytechnic School, including all possible options in Technical Industrial Engineering and Public Works Engineering, as well as an Industrial Engineer certification. The offer of the UCA is complemented by the possibility of studying Nursing.
• **Cadiz**

**Where is it?**

The Cadiz campus is located in the capital of the province of Cadiz, considered the oldest city of the West, since it was founded around the year 1100 B.C. by the Phoenicians. The campus is moulded into the city, by spreading its centres and powers within it, giving it a significant University environment.

**What you can find?**

For its privileged geographical position (it is the southernmost city in Europe) it enjoys a climate with an average annual temperature of 18.1 °C, which makes it ideal to stroll around the parks and beaches. Among its festivals, Carnival is one of the most celebrated, a feast that has been celebrated since the 17th century record.

**What can you study?**

In the capital of Cadiz the primarily developed studies are the socio-humanistic and health-related ones. In addition, the campus currently counts on the College of Engineering, with a wide range of titles covering technical industrial engineering, I.T. and Industrial Organization.

• **Jerez de la Frontera**

**Where is it?**

The campus of Jerez, inaugurated in 2004, is situated in a town with an industrial tradition which originates from the importance of the wine sector, a tradition which marks an increasingly attractive environment, both for tourism and the realization of congresses as for the introduction of new industries.

**What you can find?**

Jerez, apart from being famous for the production of wine, is also known for the culture of horses, flamenco, its broad monumental catalogue with Muslim routes and Renaissance palaces, apart from being home to a motorcycling trophy on its speed circuit.

**What can you study?**

The Campus of Jerez is fully dedicated to social and legal studies while also having a delegated lecture room for nursing studies. Thus, it offers the second cycle of Advertising and Public Relations, as well as the double titles of Law and Business, and Tourism and Business.
- **Puerto Real**

**Where is it?**

The Puerto Real Campus is located in a privileged natural environment, in full contact with the Natural Park of the Bay of Cadiz and in the geographic centre of the municipalities constituting the Commonwealth of the Bay of Cadiz, with very important population nuclei around, such as Cadiz, Jerez, San Fernando, Chiclana, Puerto de Santa Maria and the municipality of Puerto Real itself.

**What can you find?**

Puerto Real is the so-called sack of the Bay of Cadiz, a place where the Romans had ovens for the construction of necessary ceramics for the transport of ‘garum’. It has become a city of university students, hosting one of largest university campuses of the province. The shipbuilding industry economically supports many families in the area. Puerto Real hosts cultural events throughout all the year. It is an ideal place to enjoy drama, literature and art.

**What can you study?**

This campus has the highest concentration of scientific-technological centres. The industrial environment includes big enterprises of the metallurgical, automotive, electronics, aviation, naval and agricultural engineering sectors. There is also an important industrial fabric of subsidiary businesses. Thus, in the campus are located scientific-technological disciplines relating to the sea, and science degrees including the title of Chemical Engineer. Moreover, in Puerto Real are the developed Educational Science studies and the double degree in Environmental and Marine Sciences.
Travel

Arrival

Presently you can only fly directly from Ireland to Madrid from Cork and Dublin. There are three airline carries that offer this service, Ryan Air, Aer Lingus and Easyjet.

The University of Cadiz is perfectly connected with the European continent and the rest of the world via airplane, train, car, bus or ship.

Air

At the Jerez airport, located just 8 kilometres from the town of Jerez de la Frontera, you can arrive from major cities Spanish and European cities as Madrid, Barcelona, Berlin, London, Brussels or Frankfurt, amongst others, to reach the four Campuses of the UCA.

Train

The National Network of Spanish railways (RENFE) offers a complete network of routes, with all campuses having a railway station from where you can travel in just a few hours to cities such as Madrid, Malaga, or Seville and even other European countries.

Bus

The province of Cadiz bus has numerous regular lines covering road transport to different campuses of the University and much of the national territory.

Boat

The port of the Bay of Cadiz is an important stop point for cruises and transatlantic ships, and connects the province with the rest of the world.

In addition to connections on cruises, one can navigate to these ports regularly from Ceuta, Melilla, the Canary Islands and villages as El Puerto de Santa Maria and Rota.

Car

The University of Cadiz car also has good road communications. The Motorway A-4 Cadiz-Seville, the N-IV (E-5) Cadiz-Seville-Cordoba-Madrid, the N-340 (E-15) Cadiz-Barcelona and the eco highway A-381 Jerez-Los Barrios, which passes through the Natural Park of los Alcornocales, are part of the most important road networks of the province.
Distances from Cadiz to:

- Puerto Real: 13 km
- Jerez: 37 km
- Algeciras: 127 km
- Seville: 132.8 km
- Málaga: 265 Km
- Madrid: 673.9 km
Accommodation

The Cadiz University offers different forms of accommodation in a cultural, social and educational environment. University residences, Colleges, shared apartments, hostels and housing with adults are preferred by young people during their stay at the UCA forms. In addition, the University of Cadiz has an Accommodation Office where one can request all the information needed.

**On the Campus of Cadiz:** The Accommodation Office is located in the Vice President for Student (w / Dr. Marañón 3),
**Phone:** (956015619),
**Email:** (alojamiento@uca.es).

**In Jerez Campus:** The Accommodation Office is located next to the Office of University Extension and Sports Campus of UCA in Jerez (Assumption, University Avenue s / n, ancient Arcos Avenue)
**Phone:** (956 037 025)
**Email:** (alojamiento.jerez @ uca.es).

**On the Campus of Puerto Real:** This office is temporarily closed, but you can reach them by:
**Phone:** (956037025)
**Email:** (alojamiento.puertoreal @ uca.es).

**In Algeciras Bay Campus:** This office is also temporarily closed, but you can reach them, by:
**Phone:** (956037025)
**Email:** (alojamiento.algeciras @ uca.es).

Cost of Living

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

**Accommodation:** between about €150 and €250
**Transport:** approximately €60 (dependent on the amount of travelling you tend to do)
**Other** (food, other bills, socialising, incidentals, etc.): €200
Admissions Procedures

Registration

On arrival in Cadiz, exchange students must report to the International Relations Office (address as above).

You are required to be able to produce a certificate of attendance from your home university, showing arrival and departure dates at/from the University of Cadiz and signed and sealed by the coordinator of your home University, as well as your EHI card, student ID, birth cert and 4 passport-sized pictures.

For more information on Admission Procedures please follow the link provided: http://www.uca.es/recursos/doc/Unidades/Oficina_RRII/Erasmus/Erasmus_in_coming/1674733952_175201111932.pdf

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)

Practical Matters

Health and Insurance

Foreign students in Cadiz 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.
E-mail account

The student will have an institutional e-mail account that can be used and to which will be sent e-mails of the information services of the University of Cadiz.

University card

The University card is a smart card, conducted in collaboration with the Santander Central Hispano bank, credited to students, professors and staff of administration and services as members of the University community.

This card makes a whole range of possibilities available to the user:

1. University accreditation

   It is the university card of University of Cadiz distributed to the entire university community and crediting to any person belonging to it the UCA membership.

   - Name and surname.
   - Photograph.
   - Number of ID card.
   - Collective to which it belongs.

2. Access to halls and computers

   To use the informatics equipment of the free access computer room the University card is required.

3. Books on loan in University library

   It is used as an identifying document for the loan of books in a quick and easy way in the University of Cadiz libraries.

4. Sports Card

   Enables access to sports facilities and the application of established University fees. These fees can be paid with the card itself.
5. **Discounts in shops**

Presenting the University card in certain shops in Cadiz and the province one can get discounts and special benefits. The UCA makes available to its University Community a business guide listing all the shops that offer these advantages.

**Counselling**

The Counselling service (SAP) aims to address the personal and academic needs of students advising them on issues that can improve the quality of their stay and learning. This is a free service for students.

**International student identity card**

If you are a student who moves around the world, and would like to do so without compromising your pocket too much, what you need is the ISIC, the only universal document of identity for travelling students that will help you enjoy special benefits and services worldwide. More than 40 million students have already discovered great advantages of savings, firsthand travel advice and new opportunities that the ISIC network provides, both at home and abroad.

**Requirements**

Minimum age is 12 years. There is no maximum age. Proof that one is a full-time student enrolled in an officially recognized academic course. A passport photograph.

**Bike Rental**

The bicycle lending system TU BICI aims to promote the use of the bicycle as a means of sustainable transport in the city. To be able to use it you need to enlist yourself in the users management system, in the office authorized for this. After the necessary formalities, the University card is activated to be used each time you want to use a bicycle.

**Activities**

The UCA takes a step further in its training offer. Sports and cultural activities, seminars, seasonal courses, conferences, volunteering activities... An alternative to the academic life permitting you to meet your needs and make the best of your free time at any of the four campuses. For more Information on University activities please follow the link provided: [http://inter.uca.es/en/university-life/activities](http://inter.uca.es/en/university-life/activities)
Student Tips

Erasmus is full of excitement and adventure, but also uncertainty and nerves. Although the International Education Office in UCC and the International Relations Office in Cadiz 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 Cadiz.

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.