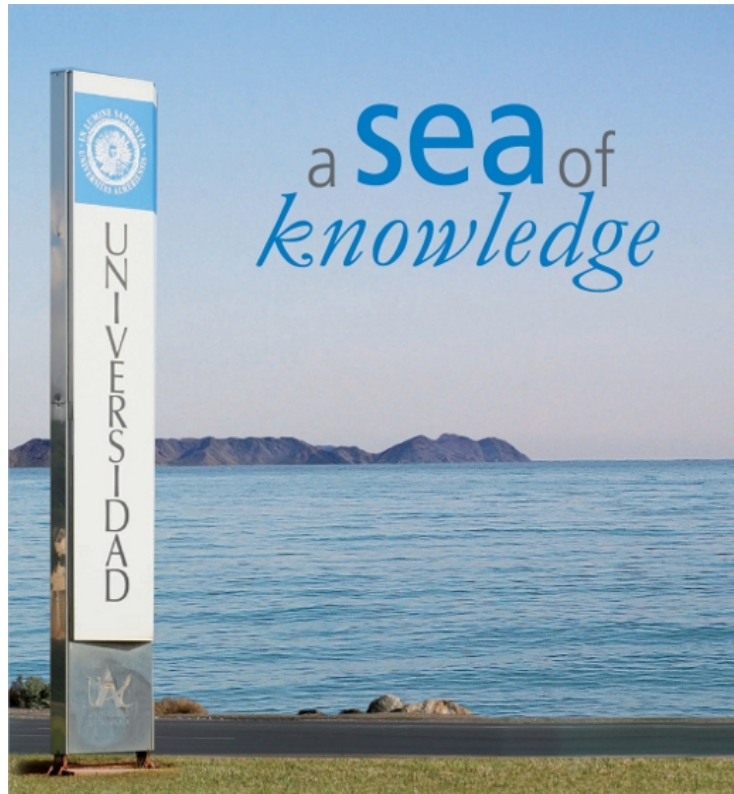




UNIVERSIDAD DE ALMERÍA
VICERRECTORADO DE INTERNACIONALIZACIÓN Y COOPERACIÓN



GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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1. THE UNIVERSITY OF ALMERÍA

Campus Location

Universidad de Almería
 Ctra. Sacramento s/n
 La Cañada de San Urbano
 04120 - Almería

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALMERÍA

The University of Almería, **one of the youngest and most dynamic universities of Spain**, was created by the Andalusia Parliament in 1993 at the behest of the Autonomous Government of Andalusia.

That was the beginning of a crucial period for the construction of the University and the planning of the future development. The following figures show the **spectacular growth** of the University of Almería during those years:

- The number of students has increased more than the double since the academic year 92/93 (6.600). Moreover, there are almost 600 doctorate students.
- The number of lecturers has risen from 374 in the academic year 92/93 to more than 800. They are organized in 13 departments.
- The administrative staff totaled 500 in 2012, compared to 130 in 1993.
- The number of research groups has increased from 17 in 93/94 to more than a hundred.

Nowadays the University of Almería offers the students the possibility of studying **34 degrees courses, 30 doctoral programmes, 57 official masters' programmes and 15 non-official masters' programmes**. It also proud of its modern facilities among which we can find four lecture theatres buildings, an auditorium, an indoor sport centre with a swimming pool and outdoors sport tracks and tennis courts. Apart from the degree courses, the student can avail of a **broad range of *Enseñanzas propias*** [non-official courses designed by the University] (courses, specialist courses, expert courses, masters programmes, etc.) and **a large offer of cultural and sport activities**, which intend to satisfy the academic and extra academic demands, coming not only from the university community but from the society in general. There are more than 20 summer courses every year, which are followed by more than 1300 students. The University of Almería has a solid commitment with research and investigation, featuring in the **third position in the Andalusia scientific production ranking**, with 300 research contracts signed with companies, 70 patents registered and 700 published works.

2. LIST OF OFFICIAL STUDY PROGRAMS

Graduate Study Programmes (4 years programmes)

✚ Health Sciences:

- Grade in Nursing Science
- Grade in Physiotherapy
- Grade in Psychology

✚ Science

- Grade in Mathematics
- Grade in Chemistry
- Grade in Environmental Studies
- Grade in Biotechnology

✚ Social and Legal Sciences

- Grade in Administration and Business Management
- Grade in Child Education
- Grade in Economy
- Grade in Finance and Accounting
- Grade in Labour Relations and Human Resources
- Grade in Law
- Grade in Marketing and Market Research
- Grade in Primary Education
- Grade in Public Management and Administration
- Grade in Social Education
- Grade in Social Work
- Grade in Tourism
- Grade in Physical Activity and Sport

✚ Engineering and Architecture

- Grade in Agricultural Engineering
- Grade in Computer Engineering
- Grade in Industrial Chemical Engineering
- Grade in Industrial Electronic Engineering
- Grade in Electronic Engineering
- Grade in Mechanical Engineering

✚ Arts and Humanities

- Grade in English Studies
- Grade in History
- Grade in Hispanic Philology
- Grade in Humanities

Official Master's Programmes

✚ Health Science:

- MA in Sexology
- MA in Regenerative Biomedicine
- MA in Psychological Intervention in Clinical and Social Environments
- MA in Nursing Sciences
- MA in Functional Analysis in Clinical and Health Context
- MA in Education Psychology
- MA in Mental Health

✚ Science

- MA in Water and Environment in Semi-arid areas
- MA in Mathematics
- MA in Follow up and Adapting to Global Change
- MA in Industrial and Agrifood Biotechnology
- MA in Genetics and Evolution
- MA in Applied Advanced Chemistry

✚ Social and Legan Science

- MA in Legal Profession
- MA in Migration Studies, Development and Social Intervention
- MA in Accounting and Corporate Finance
- MA in Business Management
- MA in Classroom Research and Didactic Evaluation for Teachers
- MA in Policies and Practices in Educational Innovation
- MA in Environmental Education
- MA in International Company Management and Languages
- MA in Intervention in School Cohabitation
- MA in Occupational Risk Prevention
- MA in Teacher Training for Secondary Education
- MA in Special Education

✚ Engineering and Architecture

- MA in Advanced and Industrial Computing
- MA in Advanced Computer Techniques
- MA in Greenhouse Innovation and Technology
- MA in Industrial Computer Science
- MA in Representation and Design in Engineering and Architecture
- MA in Vegetal Production in Protected Crops

✚ Arts and Humanities

- MA in English Studies: Professional Applications and Intercultural Communication
- MA in Gender Studies: Women, Culture and Society
- MA in Higher Studies of Classical Philology and Tradition
- MA in Social Communication

Doctoral Programmes

✦ Arts and Humanities

- Doctorate in Arts and Humanities

✦ Social and Legal Science

- Doctorate in Economy and Business Management
- Doctorate in Education Innovation
- Doctorate in Migration Studies, Development and Social Intervention
- Doctorate in Didactic Research

✦ Science

- Doctorate in Mathematics
- Doctorate in Advanced Chemistry
- Doctorate in Applied and Environmental Sciences
- Doctorate in Biotechnology and Industrial Bioprocesses

✦ Health Science

- Doctorate in Functional Analysis in Clinical and Health contexts
- Doctorate in Health Sciences: Nursing Science Profile and Physiotherapy
- Doctorate in Mental Health, Genetics and Environment
- Doctorate in Psychology

✦ Engineering and Architecture

- Doctorate in Computer Science
- Doctorate in Technology of Greenhouses and Industrial and Environmental Engineering
- Doctorate in Protected Agriculture

3. MOBILITY AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

The UAL participates in the following exchange and mobility programmes:

ERASMUS+: students from the 28 member states of the EU, the three countries of the European Economic Area (Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway) and Turkey, within the framework of bilateral agreements.

ANUIES-CRUE: Exchange Programm with Mexican Higher Education Institutions.

PIMA: Program for Academic Exchange and Mobility - The objective of this program is to strengthen inter-university cooperation and encourage the development of the Latin American

dimension of higher level education, through the development of multilateral higher level student exchange projects in the region.

ISEP: International Students Exchange Programme. It provides access to a wide range of institutions of higher education in USA, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and Oceania.

UALMUNDO: This programme comprises students from countries whose university has a valid agreement with UAL. We receive students from China, USA, Canada, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama and Uruguay among others.



4. ADMISIÓN TO BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDIES (GRADOS)

I. Admission to bachelor's degree studies for students who have completed pre-university studies in countries of the European Union (EU), Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or China

Students who have completed secondary education in a member state of the European Union (EU), Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or China, are not obliged to sit the Spanish university access examination (known as PAU, or "selectividad").

They must only meet the requirements laid down in their country of origin for gaining admission to university.

Procedure:

1- Candidates must apply to Spain's University of Distance Education (UNED): (UNED) for a "credencial de acceso", a certificate demonstrating that they meet the requirements for admission. For information on the documents to be presented, please consult the [UNED](#). The application can also be made [online](#).

For further information, applicants should contact the University of Distance Education (UNED) by phone (+34 91 398 60 00) or e-mail selectue@adm.uned.es

2- The university to which the student is applying is responsible for verifying that he/she meets the admission requirements.

3- Once the application has been verified and approved, the university will issue the certificate authorizing the student to pre-enrol for university studies.

4- The student matriculates at the university after obtaining a place via the pre-enrolment system.

II. Admission to bachelor's degree studies for students from countries outside the EU or countries other than Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or China, who have not started university studies.

For students who have completed secondary education in a country from outside the European Union (UE), Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or China the application procedure is as follows:

1- Applicants must have their studies officially accredited. To carry out this process, known in Spanish as "homologación", candidates should apply to the [Ministry of Education](#).

2- Applicants must sit the Spanish university admission examination (PAU, or "selectividad"). Spain's University of Distance Education (UNED) organizes this examination for students from abroad.

The entrance exam is structured as follows:

General part: four exercises (Text Commentary in Spanish Language and Literature, History of Philosophy or History of Spain (chosen by the student), Foreign Language (either German, French, English, Italian or Portuguese) and a subject to be chosen by the student related to the university degree that he/she wishes to study (artistic, social, technical, etc).

Specialist part: This part of the exam is voluntary. It includes at least two subjects and allows students to improve their university entrance mark.

Foreign students wishing to sit this examination will find information on venues, dates and registration periods at the website of Spain's University of Distance Education, UNED www.uned.es

For more information on obtaining official recognition of foreign academic qualifications ("homologación" and "convalidación") please consult the website of the [Ministry of Education](#)

3. Complete university pre-registration. The student applies for a university place usually via the website of the university where he/she wishes to study. Once accepted, the student registers directly at the university.

Pre-registration usually takes place in the second half of June and the start of July. The academic year starts in September.

III. Admission to bachelor's degree studies for students who have started university studies in another country and who wish to continue their studies in Spain.

Students who have started university studies in another country and who wish to continue their studies in Spain must apply for the partial recognition of the studies they have already completed abroad (in Spanish, "convalidación de estudios parciales"). This procedure will be carried out at the Spanish university where they wish to study.

The effect of the partial recognition of studies is solely academic, given that it allows students to pursue their studies inside the Spanish university system.

Applicants should present the following documentation:

- The standard form for the official recognition of previous studies called the "solicitud de convalidación", which should be duly completed with personal information, the studies completed specifying the subjects, and a list of the subjects that the applicant wishes to have recognized.
- An official certificate indicating the subjects passed, bearing the seal of the home university.
- The programme of each of the subjects the applicant wishes to have recognized, bearing the seal of the home university.
- The study plan of the degree initiated by the applicant indicating the duration in academic years and the subjects that comprise it, bearing the seal of the home university.
- A photocopy of the applicant's identity card or passport.

The documents must meet the following requirements:

- The documents issued abroad must be official and must be duly legalized either by an Embassy or Consulate or by the "apostille of the Hague" (with the exception of studies carried out in the European Union).
- The documents must be accompanied by a corresponding official translation into Spanish. The official translation may be carried out by:
 - A Sworn Translator duly authorized or registered in Spain.
 - Any diplomatic or consular representation of Spain abroad.
 - The diplomatic or consular representation of the applicant's country of origin in Spain, or, if appropriate, of the country in which the document was issued.
- Applicants who do not obtain partial recognition of the credits requested (the minimum being 60 credits) will be required to sit the [Spanish university admission examination](#)

IV. Admission to bachelor's degree studies for students who have completed bachelor's degrees abroad (either in the EU or elsewhere) and who wish to pursue further bachelor's degree studies in Spain

Students who have completed university studies at a foreign university or higher education centre and who wish to pursue their studies at a Spanish university may choose to:

- [Apply for official accreditation \("homologación"\) of their degree as an official Spanish university qualification](#)
- Apply for official partial recognition ("convalidación") of their university studies

Applicants should bear in mind that these two options cannot be applied for simultaneously.

For more information on obtaining official recognition of foreign academic qualifications (homologación and convalidación) please consult the website of the [Ministry of Education](#):

5. USEFUL INFORMATION

5.1. UNIVERSITY SERVICES

5.1.1. Vicerectorate of Internationalization

The Vicerectorato of Internationalization has the following functions:

- To foster international dimensions of UAL.
- To incite international mobility of students and teachers.
- To promote programs of cooperation with international centers.
- To improve the quality of teaching, the research and the formation.

Address: Central Building, ground floor. Office 0.199

Phone: +34 950 01 50 46

Fax: +34 950 01 53 84

E-mail: reiuual@ual.es

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 09:00 a 14:00

The International Office is in charge of the administrative management of the International Mobility and Exchange programmes. It is available for questions or problems that students may have concerning their stay in Almería.

5.1.2. Sports

According to the Article 202 of the statutes of Almería University, the University's Sport Services are in charge of encouraging University Sports, both collective and individual, as well as promoting the creation of new sport facilities. The members of the university community have the right to engage in sporting activities and to avail of the university facilities and those facilities for which the university has reached an agreement in the terms established in the rules and regulations". The sport service covers these objectives through the organization of sport activities in different formats and with great amplitude of modalities. It also deals with the management of the university sport facilities.

The university teams participate in tennis, paddleball, soccer, basketball and volleyball competition. There is also a place for swimming in an indoor pool, personal training in the fitness centre with sauna, spinning room, complete gym and specialized rooms to practice other activities requested by students.

Phone: +34 950 21 42 15

E-mail: deportes@ual.es

Sport Centre Opening hours:

From Monday to Friday: from 08:00 to 23:00

Saturday: from 09:00 to 14:00

Opening hour of the Covered Swimming Pool, Weight and Fitness Room and Outdoor Sport Tracks:

From Monday to Friday : From 09:00 h to 23:00
Saturday: From 09:00 to 14:00
Sunday: 09:00 to 14:00 (Outdoor Sport Tracks)

Opening Hours of the Sport Secretariat:

From Monday to Friday: From 09:00 to 21:00
Saturday: from 10:00 to 13:00h



5.1.3. Language Centre

Founded in 2000, the Language Centre at the University of Almería aims to promote foreign language and culture teaching and knowledge for the student community and the society surrounding it.

The Language Centre provides Spanish teaching courses as a way of language and cultural immersion in the vast Spanish speaking community. They provide, as a first action, customized Spanish courses according to your student's language training needs and preferences: Spanish Language and culture Course, Business Spanish, Spanish as a Foreign Language... As being specifically designed courses for your students, customized academic syllabus, dates and timetables are provided.

Language and Culture Courses

130 hours (six hours a week)

Short courses

One to four week courses that can be completed with an activity programme where the student can get familiar with the social and cultural environment of Almería.

Intensive Spanish Courses

Course is 40 hours for a minimum of 5 students or maximum of 10 students group.

DELE Preparatory courses

It is aimed to those students who want to take the DELE official exams. 15 hours course.

Annual Spanish for Foreigners Course

Seven month course (two hours, 3 days a week). Prepares the students for the DELE exams.

Spanish for Foreigners with Academic Purposes

Aimed at those people who want to follow academic studies at the University of Almería.

For further information go to the website of [Centro de Lenguas](#).

5.1.4. Students and Employment

✚ University Employment Service

The employment university service and the Mediterranean foundation- University of Almería offer the followings programs:

- Andalucía Orienta: it supports the employment search.
- **Business internship:** it gives the possibility to make an internship in a local company, getting a first experience in the labour word.
- Employment market: it helps the students to search for a job, and the companies to find the employers.
- Creation of Companies and self employment.
- Graduate internships.
- **Exchange internship:** Give the possibility to make European internship with Leonardo Da Vinci's program and LLP Erasmus for Placement.
- F.P.O courses: Facilitate the labour access of unemployment students and supply qualified personal to the companies.
- Advising for the creation of technological companies.

Phone: 950 015344; 950 015974; 950 015604; 950 015870; 950 015006

Mail: fomento@ual.es

5.1.5. Library

The University Library promotes the access and diffusion of informative resources. It collaborates in the generation of student knowledge.

The library offers loaning and consultation of bibliographic resources for all students registered in the University of Almería. **Desktop computers with internet connexion** are also available for use, as well as the **loaning of laptops with a Wi-Fi connexion**. It is necessary to present the accreditation requested by the librarian. The regulations for these loans can be seen in the following link:

Link: <http://cms.ual.es/idc/groups/public/@serv/@biblioteca/documents/documento/regprest.pdf> (acrobat reader required)

Phone: +34 950 01 57 70

Fax: +34 950 01 40 52

E-mail: dirbibli@ual.es

Opening Hours:

From Monday to Friday: 08:30 – 21:00 h

Christmas, Easter and Summer Period:

From Monday to Friday: from 09:00 to 14:00 h

Study Room:

From 08:30 to 24:00 h everyday, including weekends and holydays.

15 days before the examination period, it will be opened 24 hours a day.



What's on offer?

- loaning
- use of spaces and equipment in the library
 - Laptop loaning
 - Wi-fi connexion
 - 74 desktop computers with internet
- user training
- bibliographic information
- bibliographic acquisitions

5.1.6. Meals and coffee shops

University restaurant is self-service:

Menu: 5 €.

- Main course, choice of:
 - Soup or stew type dishes: Potaje, Guisillo,...
 - Pasta (Lasagne, Spaguetti..), rice,...
 - On Thursdays, one of the choices is Paella and on Fridays, Migas.
- 2nd course, choice of:
 - Meat or fish with chips or vegetables
- Dessert: home made dessert, yogurt, fruit, ice cream
- Bread, a drink and a salad (or Gazpacho in the Summer) are included in the price.

Cafeterias

- Cafeteria in the humanities building. It provides a waiting service:

Menu 5 €

- Starter: a choice of:
 - Pasta
 - Soup or stew type dishes: Cazuela, lentil stew, etc.
 - Consomé (or Gazpacho in the Summer)
 - Salad
- 2nd course, a choice of:
 - Fish
 - Meat: Loin of pork, Fritada, etc. Served with vegetables or chips.
- Dessert: home-made dessert, yogurt, ice cream, fruit or coffee.
- Bread and a drink are included in the price.

- Central building Cafeteria: Combination Platters, rolls and tapas.
- CIDU Cafeteria: Tapas and rolls.
- Bar Romera: Combination Platters, rolls and tapas.

5.1.7. Map of the University Campus



5.1.8. Erasmus Students Association

ESN Almería (Almería Erasmus Student Association) will help you with more practical information regarding meals system, sports, social program, trips, etc. Their office is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 am to 13:00 pm.

You can find more information on the web site: <http://www.esnalmeria.org/>

Asociación Erasmus Almería
Office 2.26. CAE Building, 2nd floor.
(Corridor just in front of the lift)
Tel.: +34950015639

5.1.9. Academic Calendar

First Semester:

Lectures start: 19th September 2016
Christmas Break: From 21st December to 9th January

Examination Period: From 30th January to 14th February

Second Semester:

Lecture Start: 15th February 2017

Easter Break: From 10th to 17th March

Examination Period: From 12th to 29th June

Examination periods: There is another examination session in the month of September for those who has failed any exams in February or June.

Academic Calendar:

<http://www.ual.es/calendario>

5.1.10. Courses Taught in English

International students can choose among a large list of courses that are taught in English, depending on their field of study:

<http://cms.ual.es/idc/groups/public/@vic/@vinternacional/documents/documento/reIntplurilin201415.pdf>

5.2. PRACTICAL MATTERS

5.2.1. Medical Insurance

EU Students: The European health insurance card is valid for all European citizens who are spending a period of time in any country of the European Economic Space, that is, the European Union, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland.

The students should contact the authorized insurance agency of their country of origin and apply for the European Health Insurance Card.

Upon arrival in Spain, students should go to the nearest medical centre and fill the application to register temporarily in the health care system. An address in Spain is required. A doctor will be appointed to the student.

Should the student require medical assistance, he will have the same rights as a Spanish citizen.

Non-EU students: any international student coming to the University of Almería must have medical insurance cover.

If your country has no healthcare agreement with the Spanish Social Security, as it is the case of Turkey, you should take out private insurance cover for the whole time of you stay in Spain. You must bring with you a copy of your insurance policy to the International Office.



Hospitals and medical centres in Almería

| MEDICAL CENTRES IN ALMERÍA | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| CIUDAD JARDÍN | Plaza. España, 1 | 950-258-220 |
| PLAZA DE TOROS | Conde Villamonte s/n | 950-261-677 |
| CRUZ DE CARAVACA | Quinta avenida s/n | 950-270-590 |

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| CASA DEL MAR | Ctra. Málaga, 39 | 950-235.185 |
| EL PUCHE | Avda. Mare Nostrum s/n | 950-220-362 |
| VIRGEN DEL MAR | Ctra. Ronda, 226 | 950-235-667 |
| ALMERIA CENTRO | San Leonardo, 7 | 950-280-276 |
| LA CAÑADA | Cristóbal Urrea, s/n | 950-292-841 |
| NUEVA ANDALUCÍA | Av. Mediterraneo s/n | 950-622-404 |
| CORTIJO GRANDE | C/ Las Alpujarras | 950-186-640 |
| LOS MOLINOS | C/ Begoña, s/n | 950-803-001 |
| OLIVEROS | C/ Maestro Serrano s/n | 950-186-190 |
| VEGA DE ACÁ | C/ Pilar Miró, 51 | 950-802-029 |

| HOSPITALS | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| CLINICA MEDITERRANEO | Nueva Musa s/n | 950-621-063 |
| HOSP. VIRGEN DEL MAR | Ctra. Del mami km1 | 950-217-100 |
| SAS-HOSP. TORRECARDENAS | Torreardenas s/n | 950-016-000 |
| SAS –HOSP. ALTA RESOLUCION EL TOYO | C/ La botica s/n | 950-158-015 |
| SAS –HOSP. CRUZ ROJA | Ctre. Ronda 196 | 950-017-400 |

5.2.2. Opening a Bank Account

In accordance with Spanish law, all resident and non resident foreigners with financial affairs in Spain must have foreigners tax identification number or NIE (Número de Identificación de Extranjero).

The NIE is essential for any fiscal transactions where money is paid to the Spanish inland revenue office and this includes **opening a bank account and making any transactions with it.**

WHERE TO APPLY

Applications for a NIE can be made at OFICINA DE EXTRANJEROS (C/ Marruecos, 1, 04009). You have to apply for an appointment:

- By phone: 950 625401
- By e-mail: cita.almeria@seap.minhap.es Almería, Tel.: 950625401)

Information:

- By phone: 950 625401
- By e-mail: informacion.almeria@seap.minhap.es
- In the web site: <http://www.seap.minhap.gob.es>, (Oficina Virtual, Extranjeria), with the file number, application date and year of birth) **You can also apply for it in the bank office** where you want to open the account. They will charge you a small amount for this.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- An application form (form EX14), filled out and signed (www.mir.es)
- Identity card or original passport and photocopy.
- Documents justifying that you are not in Spain in a irregular situation (Acceptance Letter of the University)

5.2.3. Visa

International students and researchers wishing to study or conduct research in Spain must be in possession of a visa in order to be able to reside legally in the country.

Researchers or lecturers who have entered Spain with a residence visa which allows them to work without obtaining a work permit, must begin the procedures for obtaining a resident's card within 30 days of their date of arrival in Spain.

Study visas and length of stay

For studies and research periods lasting less than three months no study visa is necessary, unless the interested party is from a country for which a visa is required as standard practice.

For periods of between three and six months a visa is required, but no other documents need be applied for in Spain.

For studies and research periods lasting more than six months, visitors must apply for both a visa and a student's residence card in Spain. The student must begin the application process within a month of his/her arrival in the country. The student's residence card is processed at the Oficinas de Extranjería (Foreign Nationals Offices) of the Spanish Police.

Students from the European Union

Nationals of European Union countries do not require a visa. Nonetheless, they should applied for a NIE (Numero de Identificación de Extranjeros, Foreign National Identity Number) on their arrival in Spain. This document is needed, for example, to open a bank account, buy a discount transport card, or use the health service.

Students from other countries

Foreign nationals of countries outside the European Union wishing to study or research in Spain for a period longer than three months must apply for a study visa.

To study in Spain, students from non-EU countries must apply for a study visa at the [Spanish Consulate](#) of their country of origin or legal residence.

To apply for a study visa, prospective students should:

1. Pre-enrol at a public or private teaching centre that is officially recognized in Spain.
2. Contact the Spanish Consulate to process the study visa with the certificate or letter of acceptance issued by the Centre.

The following documents are needed to process the study visa:

- Valid passport.
- A document certifying admission to an officially recognized public or private teaching centre for the purposes of study, research or training.
- The contents of the study, training or research syllabus that the applicant intends to pursue.
- A medical insurance policy covering medical expenses and repatriation in the case of accident or sudden illness for the entire period of the stay in Spain.
- A medical certificate specifying that the applicant does not suffer an illness requiring quarantine in accordance with international health regulations.
- A certificate of solvency for the period in question, if necessary to cover the cost of returning to the country of origin.
- A criminal record certificate issued by the authorities of the country of origin or the country in which the applicant has lived during the past five years.

The visa is processed by Spain's Consulates-General abroad, which have specialist staff available to answer enquiries. For a list of Spain's Consulates-General around the world, please [follow this link](#)

At the Consulate where you apply to process your study visa the staff will answer any questions you may have.

[Important information for U.S. students requesting a long term visa to Spain.](#)

It is not possible to enter Spain with a tourist visa and then apply for a study visa. Students entering the country only with a tourist visa will have to return to their country of residence and obtain the visa there.

Foreign students studying in Spain may work for up to 20 hours a week provided that the working day is compatible with their study or research commitments. An employer who wishes to hire a foreign student in these conditions must apply to the Foreign Nationals' Office for authorization. The duration of the contract may not be longer than the duration of the study visa.

5.2.4. Accommodation

Students from this year onwards, have the opportunity to stay in the new residence of the UAL , for temporary stays, full course or just for a few days, open even during the summer months. The residence is well located, with good transport communication with the university, and in an area where students can find shops, sports facilities and entertainment venues. Students can book a room through the web residenciactivitas.com.

Students in Almería also live in **shared self-catered flats**. The Erasmus Students Association will help you on arrival to contact other students and landlords so you can settle down as soon as possible. Nevertheless, finding the right place to live could take a few days depending on needs and budgets. You can already start to check out some of the flats available in the following link:

www.alojamientoual.com

If you don't have accommodation upon your arrival, we recommend staying in the Youth Hostel for the first days (see [Almería Youth Hostel](#)).

Sharing flat with other students...

They are normally private self-catered flats usually fully furnished with kitchen, bathroom, a living room and three or four bedrooms. The flats always have blankets but never towels and sometimes sheets.

The rent for a flat with 3 or 4 bedrooms range from €500 - €700 per month. Bills for supplies (electricity, water and gas) are not included and they must be paid every two or three months. A single room costs, on average, €200 - €300 per month depending on facilities available (some options affecting cost include: en-suite facilities, telephone lines and network connections.)

You should be required to sign a tenancy agreement. The landlord or intermediate agency may ask for a deposit (usually one or two month's rent). The deposit is refundable if you do not damage the property and pay all bills on the property. It should be refunded to you in full at the end of the tenancy.

5.2.5. Cost of Living

The Cost of living in Almería is not so high in comparison with other European cities.

- ✦ Urban bus: 1,05 euro
- ✦ Cinema: 6 € (special price on Wednesday = 4€)
- ✦ Shared flat: 180-250 €
- ✦ Coffee: 1-1,2 €
- ✦ Food: 8-12 € (set menu)

5.2.6. Daily Life in Almería

Opening hours.

- ✦ Large Supermarkets: Carrefour, Alcampo, Urende,.. - From 10 to 22 hours.
- ✦ Shops and other supermarkets - From 9 to 14 and from 17 to 20 hours.
- ✦ Public services: post office, health care, etc. – From 9:00 to 14:00 hours.
- ✦ Banks: generally - from 8:00 to 14:00 hours, with some variations according to the time of the week and the specific branch.

Local customs

- **Tapeo**

It is typical to drink beer with tapas; included in the price. People usually accompany the tapas with rations as an informal dinner. It consists of warm and cold portions of delicious dishes.

- **Gastronomy**

A custom of the warm urban areas is to eat Migas when it rains. In Almería they are made with hard wheat semolina flour. It is accompanied with "tropezones": radish, herring or fish, black pudding, chorizo, fried pepper and small portions of fried loin of pork.

- **Meal timetables:**

Breakfast is taken in the morning up till 12:00 approximately.

The main meal takes place from 13:00 to 14:00 in the afternoon.

Supper is taken between 20:00 and 22:00 in the evening.

- **Popular events, "fiestas".** Most villages, towns and the capital of the province would celebrate a fiesta for a few days, usually in honour of their patron saint. There are activities such as popular dancing, eating paella, bull fighting, children plays and competitions, attractions for children and adults and open air bars serving tapas. More detailed information can be found in the following link: <http://fiestas.net/almeria/>

Weather

Almería is the sunniest capital in Spain, with a total of 3,000 hours of sunshine a year. The average temperature is 18/19°C, and the sea during the winter months is warmer than the temperature of the air, perfect for a swim. The climate is subtropical, Mediterranean, warm and dry. A cloudless and bright sky is its most outstanding characteristic.

5.2.7. Important Telephone Numbers

- ✚ Ambulances, fire brigade, police, civil protection: 112
- ✚ All emergencies: 112
- ✚ Sea rescue: 900 202 202
- ✚ 24 hours toxicologic attention: 915 620 420
- ✚ Civil guard: 062
- ✚ National police: 091
- ✚ Gas Butano: almerigas S.A. 950237222
- ✚ Jazztel (Internet providing services): Customer Service: 1565 and 902 946 946
- ✚ ONO (Internet providing services): 902 995 699

Transport:

- ✚ Tele Taxi Almería: 950 251111
Radio Taxi: 950 226161
- ✚ Bus Station: 950262098
- ✚ Railway Station (RENFE): 950251135
- ✚ Urban Buses: 950624735
- ✚ Airport: 950213700

6. HOW TO ARRIVE

6.1. How to arrive in Almería

Information:

By plane: Almería airport is located in the outskirts, approximately 10 Km away from the city centre.

There is a bus router linking the airport with Almería (line 22). Price: 1,05 €

Departures from 06:35 h to 22:45 h every 70 minutes.
(<http://surbus.es/pdf/aeropuerto.pdf>)

Another alternative is to take a taxi. Price: around 15 €

By bus:

Almeraya: www.almeraya.es (From Madrid)
Alsa: www.alsa.es

By train: <http://www.renfe.com>

Phone: 950.25.11.35 ó 902.24.02.02

By car:

- ✚ From Granada: 170 km (1h 56 min), motorway A92
- ✚ From Murcia: 225 km (2h 20 min) motorway A-7, E-15
- ✚ From Malaga: 216 km (3h 10 min) E-15

By sea:

Almería port is linked with the following destinations:

- Transmediterránea www.transmediterranea.es Almería-Melilla-Almería
- Ferrimaroc www.ferrimaroc.com Almería-Nador-Almería
- Limadet: Almería-Nador-Almería Phone 950 23 69 56

6.2. How to go around Almería

- By bus

In the following link you can find information about the fees, cards and route maps of the buses in Almería:

www.surbus.es

The bus lines that take you from the city centre to the University Campus are:

Line 11, Line 12 and Line 18.

6.3. How to arrive to Almería University

Universidad de Almería
Carretera Sacramento s/n
La Cañada de San Urbano
04120 Almería

Access map of Almería University:

- ✚ By car:
- ✚ Information about Almería airport
<http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Almeria/es/Inicio.html>



Interesting links: <http://www.ual.es/personal/fguillen/gmaps/>

By bus: Line 11, Line 12 and Line 18. (www.surbur.es)

7. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY

7.1. General information about the city

Almería is located in the South of Spain. It is located by the coast and it enjoys good weather all the year round. The landscape is varied: you can find coastline, mountains and desert areas.

The region has a rich cultural heritage as a result of its ancient history, which can be seen in the many old buildings, some of them now in ruins. The name of Almería comes from the Arab *Al-miraya*, which means "the mirror of the sea". Almería was developing its Spanish roots when the Catholic kings, Fernando and Isabel, conquered it in 1498 and it became part of the kingdom of Granada.

The University of Almería is a public university, founded in 1993. Nowadays, there are 800 professors and more than 15.000 students. The campus is situated 7 km from Almería, close to the natural park of Cabo de Gata-Níjar.

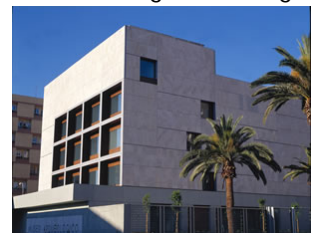
7.2. Monuments and museums

- ✦ **Alcazaba of Almería:** Built by [Abderramán III](#), it is basically a Muslim stronghold with three precincts. The first precinct was the barracks which could be used as shelter in the event of a siege; the second one included the palatine facilities and the third was built by the Catholic Kings after the Christian Reconquest.



+further information: http://www.juntadeandalucia.es/cultura/museos/CMAAL/index.jsp?redirect=S2_1.jsp

- ✦ **Jayrán's Wall and San Cristóbal's Hill:** From the Alcazaba to the North, this wall descends through the Ravine of La Hoya and reaches San Cristóbal's Hill, which was built in the 11th century. In this hill, you can find remainders of a Christian keep (often thought as templar). It is the best point from which to view the city and the sea and here you can find the statue of "el Corazón de Jesús", dating from 1930.
- ✦ **Jayrán's Arabic aljibes:** They were built by this king in XI century (Taifa period). Divided into three main buildings, they were used as a water supply for the whole city.
- ✦ **Caliphal wall:** Located in the corner of Atazanas Street and Nicolás Salmerón Park, this wall dates from the times of the foundation of the city in the 10th century. It was used to close the old district of La Medina but, nowadays, it is part of the interpretation centre of Almería. The nearby salting factory from the Roman period is also located in this area.
- ✦ **Archaeological museum:** Inaugurated in 2006, it houses archaeological findings located in the county dating from the prehistoric to the Muslim period, most of which corresponding to excavations carried out by the famous archaeologist Luis Siret.



- ✦ **Address:** Carretera de Ronda, 91 04005
- ✦ **Phone:** 950 64 98 00 **Fax:** 950 24 57 92

+further information: <http://www.juntadeandalucia.es/cultura/museos/MAL/>

- ✦ **Seismology museum:** It is the geophysical observatory of Almería. It has seismology instruments dating from 1911 and a seismogram file, informative material and a projector room.
- ✦ **Art Centre of Almería's Museum (ACAM):** Located in a detached house of regionalist tradition in Barcelona square linked to the railroad station, it was built in 1927 by [Guillermo Langle Rubio](#) and houses temporary exhibitions of contemporary art.

+further information:

http://www.almeriacultura.com/index.php?view=venueevents&id=4%3AMuseo+de+Almer%C3%ADa&opcion=com_eventlist

- ✦ **Civil War Shelter:** It was built in 1938 by the Almería architect Guillermo Langle Rubio in order to give shelter to the citizens during the bombings carried out by the Nationalists. Nowadays, it is used as a museum and as a reminder of the events of that period where it is possible to see documents and objects from the time and a reconstructed operating theatre used during the raids.



- ✦ **Address:** Plaza Manuel Pérez García (Near Puerta de Purchena)
- ✦ **Timetable:** From Tuesday to Sunday and holidays:
- ✦ **Phone:** 950 26 86 96

+ further information: http://www.turismodealmeria.org/es/motivo-tematico/los-refugios_43

- ✦ **Faluca Almariya:** It is a replica of a Hispanic-Muslim ship dating from the 10th – 14th century period. The museum is set in the hold of the ship where it is possible to gain awareness of the importance of this port of Al-Andalus in the Mediterranean route. This ship can be found at the Marina (Puerto Deportivo) of the Sea club (Club de Mar).

+ further information:

http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monumentos_y_museos_de_Almer%C3%ADa#Museos

6.4 Tourist information:

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