UNIVERSITY OF ALICANTE
Subject Area  Business & Languages; Tourism & Languages

Language  The established minimum level corresponds to the B1 (a B2 is recommended) in Spanish and/or English.

Academic Calendar

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Module Catalogue  Have a look through the module catalogue for English courses or the module catalogue for Spanish courses for modules available to exchange students.

Financial Support  As a UK Erasmus student, you are entitled to receive an Erasmus Grant for your time away at a participating Erasmus institution.
ALICANTE, SPAIN

Alicante is a port city located on the Mediterranean Coast. It is the second biggest municipality in the region of Valencia, and the eleventh of Spain. At the moment it has about 334,329 inhabitants, of which 15,03% are foreigners from 132 different nationalities.

Alicante has a dry, Mediterranean climate with mild temperatures throughout the year. It does not rain often, and when it does it is concentrated in equinoctial periods. There are about 37 rainy days per year, mostly in September and October, due to heavy rains caused by the 'cold drop'. There is a total of 2,851 sunlight hours. The temperatures range between 17°C and 6,3°C in January and 30,8°C and 21,2°C in August. The temperatures don’t fluctuate much during the year, as there are mild winters and hot summers. Therefore, it is highly recommended to use a high sunscreen protection and sun glasses.

Like everywhere in the region of Valencia, rice is the most important ingredient of the Alicante’s cuisine. The so-called "arroz con costra" and the “arroz a banda” are the star dishes. As well as cured salted fish, “salazones”, and garlic mayonnaise, “alioli”. In and around the capital, arroz a banda is the most popular dish. It is so called because the fish with which the rice is baked is set aside (or in Spanish: a banda).

The Bonfires of Saint John (Valencian: Fogueres de Sant Joan) is the city’s most important festival, celebrated around Saint John’s day, from June 20 to 24.

MORE INFO
lonelyplanet.com
alicante.com
spain.info

Population 332,067
Currency Euro €
Time difference GMT+1
The University of Alicante (UA), located in San Vicente del Raspeig, has more than 33,000 students and it is a very popular destination for international students who wish to take part in an exchange programme, a participation that can open a wide range of training options, new opportunities and unique experiences.

It was founded in October 1979 and currently has great potential for socio-economic development, as Alicante ranks as the fourth province in total GDP in Spain. About fifty bachelor’s degrees, more than seventy university departments and research groups on the fields of social and law sciences, technology, humanities, education and health sciences, and five university research institutes present one of the most prestigious research activities in the country.

The campus of the University of Alicante is considered as one of the best campuses in Europe: one million square meters with the best urbanistic design, the most innovative architecture within a frame of environmental excellence and a wide variety of services.

The UA commits strongly to the mobility of its students. Special attention is paid to foreign students in order to facilitate their integration in the campus and its cultural and sport activities.

ua.es
Guide for International Students
University Videos
Erasmus code E ALICANT01

No of students 33,000

Style of study 1 ECTS credit refers to 25 hours of total workload: class contact hours (40%) and student independent work (60%); for example, if the course is allocated 6 ECTS, 60 hours are of class and 90 are of student independent work. The normal workload for one-semester students is 30 ECTS, or 3-5 courses a semester.

Grade system The Spanish grading system is a decimal system ranging between 0 and 10. These grades will be given in grade lists together with a non-numerical grade. In order to pass a subject, a grade equal to or higher than 5 is required.

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<td>9 - 10 (Matrícula de Honor / Sobresaliente)</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
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<td>7 - 8.9 (Notable)</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>Outstanding</td>
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<td>5 - 6.9 (Aprobado)</td>
<td>C, D and E</td>
<td>Pass</td>
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<td>0 - 4.9 (Suspensso)</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>Fail</td>
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Application Times

Please note that you have to apply to the exchange programme in your current year by 20 December. Applications for the host university must be submitted between April and May or September and October (depending on the Trimester), in the year following your initial application.

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Living Costs

The monthly costs for food, going out, and things related to hobbies and free time range between €200 and €400 plus accommodation, depending on your own lifestyle.

Rent for one month €150 – €350
Utility bills €30 - €60/per month
Tapas €0.9 – €1.5
Average restaurant menu €5 - €10
Coffee (regular) €1 - €1.5
A cinema ticket €5 - €9

More on Cost of Living in Alicante

Numbeo.com

Transport

The bus company SuBús offers both urban and interurban transportation between cities and villages near to Alicante. On its website you can check the schedules, routes and its modifications, prices and other relevant information.

Alicante urban TAM is the bus service that moves around the city of Alicante. There are many lines and different routes.

Bono Jove card is available to young people between 14-30 years old. It’s a 30-journey card that offers discounted travel. It is possible to recharge it up to 3 times per month at TAM offices.

Tramway in Alicante (TRAM) travels to Dénia. Visit TRAM website for schedules, routes, prices and some other useful information.
CONTACT FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

If you’re interested in the programme or you have any queries, please contact the Edinburgh Napier University’s Global Mobility team first:

- studyabroad@napier.ac.uk
- 0131 455 4574 or 0131 455 3412
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STUDENT EXPERIENCES

“One of the best universities in Spain.”

Student Feedback

Photos from students