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# INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT GUIDE

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## 1. WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MÁLAGA (UMA)

As a foreign student you will probably need some information about living and studying in Málaga. In this guide you can find many answers to your questions. Please, read the ***International Guide*** carefully.

After your nomination by your home university, we will contact you by email with instructions to do the online application and other online procedures.

We are sure that you will enjoy your time here.

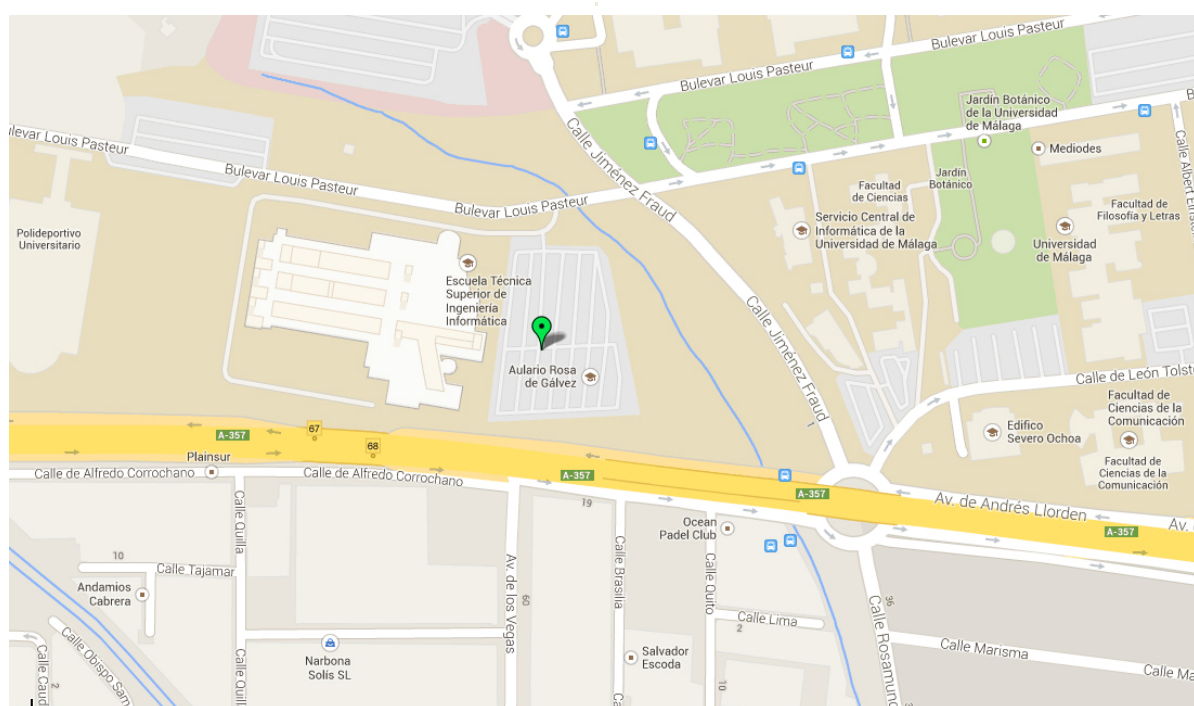
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## AN INTRODUCTION TO MÁLAGA AND THE UNIVERSITY (UMA)

A city with a rich historic and cultural tradition, Málaga was founded by the Phoenicians around 800 B.C. and later colonised by Iberians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs and Christians. Its privileged position on the shores of the Mediterranean, its mild climate and the friendliness of its inhabitants have all meant that the capital of the Costa del Sol has, throughout its history, sustained excellent trade and cultural relations all over the world. Nowadays, Málaga is a modern, cosmopolitan and welcoming city with over 600,000 inhabitants, which has successfully developed its commercial, industrial and tourist sectors. The climate, the warmth of its inhabitants and the light, all contribute to make Málaga a wonderful place to live.

UMA is a young institution. This state-owned institution was founded in 1972 and has an annual budget exceeding 250 million Euros. With more than 35,000 students and 2,400 teachers, UMA's study options comprises 60 Bachelor's programmes, over 50 Master's programmes, over 40 PhD programmes, 30 own degree programmes, and around 100 courses held throughout the academic year. These programmes are carried out by faculty belonging to a total of 81 departments, distributed among 24 Schools.

There are 278 research groups currently involved in 180 national projects and 30 international or European projects. In recent years, the number of partnerships with companies and other organizations has ranged between 350 and 400; furthermore, an average of 50 patents per year have been registered, a third of these having international relevance.

UMA constitutes one of the three vertices of the so-called "productive triangle" of the city, together with the airport and the PTA or Parque Tecnológico de Andalucía (Andalusia Science and Technology Park). The latter has close ties with the University due to the constant flow of ideas, highly qualified professionals and advanced technologies.

At present the UMA has two campuses, El Ejido and Teatinos, in addition to several other buildings located in different parts of the city. The ultimate objective of the policy of the university regarding infrastructure is to eventually have all university centres and services located on the Teatinos campus.

## DEGREE COURSES

These are the Faculties/Schools and degree courses in UMA:

**Arts and Humanities:** History, Geography and Land Management, Classics, Hispanic Studies, English Studies, Philosophy, Art History, Translation and Interpretation, Fine Arts, Asian and Oriental Studies. **Sciences:** Environmental Sciences, Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry. **Health Sciences:** Psychology, Speech Therapy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Podiatry/Chiropody, Occupational Therapy, Medicine. **Social Science and Law:** Public Administration and Management, Marketing and Market Research, Tourism, Pre-School Teacher Training, Primary School Teacher Training, Social Education, Education, Media Studies, Journalism, Advertising and Public Relations, Labour Relations and Human Resources, Social Work, Business Administration, Economics, Finance and Accounting, Law, Criminology, Dual Degree in Law and Business



Administration. **Engineering and Architecture:** Architecture, Telecommunications Engineering, Telecommunication Systems Engineering, Sound and Image Engineering, Electronic Systems Engineering, Telematic Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Electronic Engineering-Robotics and Mechatronics, Industrial Management Engineering, Energy Engineering, Information Technology Engineering, Software Engineering, Computer Engineering, Health Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Electronics, Industrial Design and Product Development.

It's advisable to visit the section in [www.uma.es](http://www.uma.es) "Estudiar en la UMA" and look for "Oferta académica" the Faculty/School where you would like to study or visit the web page <http://www.uma.es/ordenac/Titulaciones.php> and look for the degree programme you are interested in.

## **2. NOMINATION PROCESS**

### **2.1. ACCEPTANCE AS AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT**

To be accepted as an exchange student, the following requirements must be previously fulfilled:

1. First of all, the home institution has to provide us with the **Nomination** of Incoming Students selected to study at the UMA, together with their e-mail addresses (our main method of communication with students), names and passport numbers. The Nomination is essential for the final acceptance.
2. UMA can only accept the number of students stipulated in our bilateral agreements and previously agreed with our partner institutions.
3. **Only for Erasmus students** *we cannot accept students from areas of study different* from those stipulated in the Erasmus agreement, since this can lead to problems. Please, consult this with your home Academic Coordinator.

### **2.2. ON LINE APPLICATION FORM**

Once the institutions have officially nominated their candidates, selected students will receive an email, with a username and password, as well as some instructions about the procedure to follow.

Students have to register online in our "International Mobility Platform" [www.uma.es/incoming\\_pmovilidad](http://www.uma.es/incoming_pmovilidad) (EMI). This application procedure is compulsory. Once registered, students will receive all the information about their exchange in Málaga.

Please, note that we no longer require any hard copies or additional documents. It is enough with the online application.





**Deadlines to register on line, depending on the semester:**

### **ERASMUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

First Semester and Full Year: **June, 15<sup>st</sup> 2014**

Second Semester: **November, 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**

(Deadline for Medicine Students ONLY: 15/06/2014 for Full year, First Semester and Second Semester)

### **NON- EU EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES**

First Semester and Full Year: **May, 31<sup>st</sup> 2014**

Second Semester: **November, 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**

(Deadline for Medicine Students ONLY: 15/06/2014 for Full year, First Semester and Second Semester)

International students should:

- Read this guide, as well as the ***Information Sheet for Incoming Exchange Students 2014/2015*** (enclosed in the first email you will receive from us).
- Fill in the online International Application Form [www.uma.es/incoming\\_pmovilidad](http://www.uma.es/incoming_pmovilidad) before:
  - **31/05/2014** (SM1 and FY)- Non-EU Exchange programmes.
  - **15/06/14** (SM1 and FY)- Erasmus students
  - **01/11/2014** (SM2)- Erasmus and Non-EU Exchange programmes.
- Apply for the Spanish Course. If you mark this option in your online application you will receive an email, directly from the Spanish [Course \(cursoext@uma.es\)](mailto:cursoext@uma.es) with the Application form and the procedure for enrolling).
- Once fulfilled the application form generate and download the PDF document.

***Please note that it will not be possible to complete the online Application Form after the above deadlines.***

### **2.3. ACCEPTANCE LETTER**

Once the application form is finished, you will receive an email with a copy of your Acceptance Letter. Students from Non European Mobility Programs will be sent the original



letter to their International Offices in order to apply for your visa. Please, see section 9-Student Visa.

### **3. ARRIVAL IN MÁLAGA AND INFORMATION MEETINGS**

#### **3.1. ARRIVAL IN MÁLAGA**

##### Airport

For students arriving at the international airport “Pablo Ruiz Picasso” (only 12 Km from Málaga), there are three ways for travelling into town:

A taxi costs between 15/22 € and takes roughly about 15 minutes to reach the city. The rank is located directly outside the arrivals terminal.

There is a bus into town every 30 minutes, and a ticket costs 3.00 €. The stop is located directly outside the arrivals terminal.

Trains leave the station connected by a pedestrian walkway to the departure terminal every 30 minutes, and a ticket to Málaga costs 1.35 € (1.45€ Saturdays and Sundays).

Students are advised to carry some cash on them when they arrive in Málaga (50 € ought to be enough). Additionally, buses do not accept anything larger than a 5.00 € bills.

##### Railway

The Málaga-Maria Zambrano Railway Station connects the city to the capital of Spain through the High-Speed line (AVE) Málaga-Córdoba-Madrid in a two-hour and a half journey. The Málaga-Cordoba-Seville route takes 1 hour and 55 minutes. Furthermore, the railway network connects the capital to other areas in Málaga located at the Costa del Sol, Valle del Guadalhorce, and the Airport through Málaga's regional lines.

##### Bus Station

Málaga's Bus Station establishes links between the capital, Málaga's municipalities, and the main Spanish and European cities. In addition to this, there is a Bus Station in Muelle Heredia, at the city centre near Málaga's Port, which connects to several localities of the metropolitan area.

#### **3.2. INFORMATION MEETINGS AT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**

On arrival, all international students **MUST** attend the Informative Meetings, where administrative and academic procedures with UMA will be discussed with the staff members in charge of the incoming students.

For those students attending the pre-exchange language course the General Information meeting will be held on **2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at 11:00** (Full year or first semester students) or **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 at 11:00** -to be confirmed-(only second semester students).





Students who wish to attend the Spanish Course should be in Málaga before the following dates at the very latest:

First semester students must arrive before **September 3, 2014**

Second semester students must arrive before **February 2, 2015**

For all international exchange students there will be two similar meetings (**General Information and UMA procedures**). Depending on your arrival date, you can select the one that suits you best. If you prefer, you can attend both meetings.

Full Year (FY)/ First Semester (SM1): **12<sup>th</sup> September or 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

Second semester (SM2): **9<sup>th</sup> February or 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 11:00**

Those students not attending the Spanish Course must arrive at the very latest before **September 19, 2014** (first or full year students) or **February 16, 2015** (Second semester students)

## ORIENTATION MEETING SCHEDULE

FIRST SEMESTER/FULL ACADEMIC YEAR (SM1-FY)		
September, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2014	General Information Meeting	For those students attending the Spanish Course
September, 12 <sup>th</sup> 2014	General Information and Administrative procedures Meeting	For all students
September, 19 <sup>th</sup> 2014	General Information and Administrative procedures	For all students (Same information than September 12 <sup>th</sup> )
SECOND SEMESTER (SM2)		
February, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	General Information Meeting	For those students attending the Spanish Course
February, 9 <sup>th</sup> 2015	General Information and Administrative procedure Meeting	For all students
February, 16 <sup>th</sup> 2015	General Information and Administrative procedure Meeting	For all students (Same information than February 9 <sup>th</sup> )



In EMI ([www.uma.es/incoming\\_pmovilidad](http://www.uma.es/incoming_pmovilidad)) you will find several documents, among them, the **Arrival Certificate** document. Once in Málaga, you have to generate it.

Students are responsible for submission of Arrival Certificate duly signed and upon request of their home institutions.

#### **4. SPANISH COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS (Erasmus and Non-EU exchange programmes)**

First semester: September 3-30, 2014

Second semester: February 2-26, 2015

The intensive Spanish Course is **voluntary** and you can just enroll in one of the two periods. If you decide to take the course, you have to select it in the online Application Form. After doing the online application in EMI, you will receive an email, directly from the Spanish Course, with the Application form and the procedure to apply.

Reduced registration fees: 146€ (place reservation and enrolment)

The Course is given at the "CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESPAÑOL", language school located in El Palo, at the following address:

CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESPAÑOL  
Avenida de la Estación s/n (El Palo) 29017 Málaga  
Telephone: +34 951 952738/739  
Fax: +34 951 952 742  
E-mail: [cie@uma.es](mailto:cie@uma.es)  
<http://www.uma.es/centrointernacionaldeespanol/>

#### **5. ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

##### **5.1. ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2014/2015**

This information will not be available until July, 2014.

Here you can access the official calendar for 2013/2014:

[http://www.uma.es/secretariageneral/newsecgen/index.php?option=com\\_chronoconnectivity&view=connection&Itemid=101](http://www.uma.es/secretariageneral/newsecgen/index.php?option=com_chronoconnectivity&view=connection&Itemid=101)

But, please, check each faculty web site since each faculty/school decides on its own calendar.

The following information should, however, help students to plan their stay in Málaga:



### FIRST SEMESTER (SM1) 2014-2015

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014-February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015: First semester.**

December 19, 2014-January 7, 2015: Christmas holidays.

January 19-February 14, 2015: First semester exams.

### SECOND SEMESTER (SM2) 2014-2015

**February 16<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Second semester.**

March 27-April 6, 2015: Easter week.

June 1-July 10, 2015: Annual and second semester exams.

## **5.2. ACADEMIC OFFER**

The academic offer- GRADOS- for academic year 2014/2015 will be published in July 2014.

Once the academic offer is available, the pre-enrolment section will be activated and you will then be able to fulfil your online application (EMI). In this document you should select those courses you plan to enrol once in Málaga. This selection can be changed because it is provisional.

The academic offer of the last academic year-2013/2014- may serve as a useful guidance until the new one is published on the UMA website.

To access it click on <http://www.uma.es/oferta-de-grado/> and then select a faculty and once there click on **PROGRAMACIÓN DOCENTE**.

To access the web site of the faculty and get information about it-timetables, exams, calendar, ....- click on <http://www.uma.es/oferta-de-grado/> and then select a faculty and once there click on **ACCESO AL CENTRO**

### **Restrictions**

Due to the Bolonia Process, the modules have limited places. Please, consider different options to have more possibilities.



### **5.3. LEARNING AGREEMENT (ONLY FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS)**

In EMI and once you generate the pre-enrolment form above mentioned, **automatically**; the Learning Agreement document (pdf) will be generated, provisionally signed by Málaga University.

Most universities demand this document before the arrival of the student. This way, you have the possibility of sending it to your home university to be approved. Due to the normal changes in this document, the definitive one will be checked and signed by the UMA Academic Coordinator upon arrival of the student.

DO NOT send by post the *original* Learning Agreement from the home universities. Please, be patient until July 2014 and use the UMA online one from EMI, with the updated information. The original documents WILL NOT be managed before the arrival of the student.

Students will only be permitted to choose modules relative to the study areas included in the Erasmus agreement. Any doubts should be clarified at the Home University before travelling to Málaga.

VERY IMPORTANT: It is essential that students provide the module code along with its title. Erasmus students are allowed to study modules in any faculty or school. Nevertheless, at least **60%** of credits must pertain to modules relative to the study area/s included in the Erasmus Agreement. Students who do not fulfil this requirement will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

### **5.4. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

No certification is required although students are expected to be able to follow lectures in Spanish. So, according with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, a B1 Spanish level is advisable.

### **5.5. CREDITS AND GRADING SYSTEM AT UMA**

The European Commission has developed the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) to help students make the most of their studies abroad. Basically, this system is a way of measuring and comparing learning achievements and transferring them from one institution to another. Likewise, it helps higher education institutions to enhance their co-operation with other institutions by improving access to information on foreign curricula and providing common procedures for academic recognition.

ECTS credits are a value allocated to modules to describe the student workload required to complete them. They reflect the quantity of work each course requires in relation to the total quantity of work required to complete a full year of academic study at the institution, that is, lectures, practical work, seminars, private work – in the laboratory, library or at home – and examinations or other assessment activities.



UMA has introduced the ECTS into all its faculties and schools. With this system 60 credits represent one year of study (in terms of workload); normally 30 credits are awarded every six months (a semester) and 20 credits every term (a trimester).

Your home institution sets the policy regarding the award of credit for coursework completed on an international exchange. You are responsible for knowing your home institution's policies and procedures regarding this matter.

Academic information of use to participants:

Number of classes: Spanish student normally takes per term: 5-7

Number of hours per week students spends in class: 20-25

Number of weeks per term: 15 (+ 3-4 weeks for exams)

The academic year runs from September/October to June (in some cases early July) with exams offered in February for the first term courses and finals in late June and early July for annual and second-term courses which test cumulative knowledge of the entire course.

### **Grading system**

The grading system used by Spanish universities is based on specific attainment levels, rather than on a numerical scale. It should be noted that the grade *Matrícula de Honor* is rarely given.

Spanish System	ECTS Grading Scale
Matrícula de Honor (MH)	Excellent
Sobresaliente (SOB)	Very Good
Notable (NOT)	Good
Notable (NOT)	Satisfactory
Aprobado (APR)	Sufficient
Suspense / No presentado (SUS) / (N.P.)	Fail

## **6. ENROLMENT PROCEDURES**

As an international student you will be able to study courses from different faculties.

Students can pre-enrol before arriving into UMA, choosing the courses they are interested in. The academic section in EMI will be activated in July. From that moment on, students will be able to make their course selection (pre-registration).

Once in Málaga, students must confirm their previous registration. Before getting enrolled and during the first weeks, exchange students will be allowed to attend lectures from several courses to help them make a choice. If you decide to drop or add new courses, you



will have to modify your pre-enrolment form before printing it and getting the approval signature of the Academic Coordinator.

You should make an “appointment” through EMI to get a date to come to International Office- Enrolment Section. In order to get enrolled, you should submit to the staff member at the office, the enrolment form duly signed by your UMA coordinator.

The enrolment section is located in the Information Office, within the International Office.

The staff will provide you with a Student card.

It is advisable students check the undergraduate calendar and the timetables of the courses before enrolling, in order to make their own timetables and be sure they can attend all the courses chosen. The timetables from the different modules will be displayed in the public boards of the Secretaries of each Centre and also in most of their web pages.

### **Enrolment dates (provisional):**

- September 22, 2014– October 31, 2015 (SM1 and FY)
- February 9 – 27 March 2015 (SM2)

Students will be informed about definitive dates for enrolment at the information meetings.

## **7. TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS**

All transcripts will be sent to the International Offices or Central Offices of the different partner institutions:

First semester: May, 2015

Second semester and full year: August-September, 2015.

Those students who require a transcript of records before the established dates should ask their lecturers for a letter with information of the course taken and the marks obtained.

## **8. OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE**

At UMA we are always looking for new ways to improve each year, helping our International Exchange Students to integrate and giving them the tools to enjoy their stay at our city and get a better learning experience. This is why UMA has integrated new technologies into our service.

### **Facebook**

Facebook is a social networking site which has more than 150 million active users all over the world and is very popular among students. In 2009 we decided to use this service to better help international students and we encourage them to subscribe to the page to receive information from the International Office and interact between them exchanging information, photos, messages, invitations to events, etc.





Official Facebook Page, from where we send all official communications to students. All information coming from the International Office is published here. Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/relacionesinternacionales.uma>

You are also welcome to follow our account on **Twitter**: @RRIIUMA

## **9. STUDENT VISA (for non European International Exchange Students)**

### **Before your departure**

Student visa is mandatory for any foreigners who don't belong to any of the countries of the European Union, Norway, Island and Liechtenstein wishing to study in Spain for more than 3 months. The visa is processed in your country of residence prior to your departure. To find the closest Spanish Embassy in your country, visit: <http://internacional.universia.net/eeuu/embajadas/espanya.htm>.

To apply for a visa please contact the nearest Spanish Embassy or Consulate in your country. This should be done as early as possible and once you have the letter of acceptance from UMA.

It's important you apply for the "student visa"; otherwise you won't be able to extend your period in Spain as a student. The visa is affixed in your passport before you depart your country, and must be presented at the border Officials upon entry into Spain.

You must have a valid passport to obtain a visa and enter in Spain.

### **Once in Spain and only if you are going to stay in Málaga for more than 180 days**

You must contact the local authorities to acquire a card called TIE- Tarjeta de Identidad del Extranjero and to get a NIE- Número de Identidad del Extranjero.

This "Spanish Student Residency Card" is then valid for as long as you are enrolled in the program in Spain. You could ask to get a NIE also if you come less than 6 months but it is not compulsory.

Once in Málaga, you should go to the **Comisaría de Policía** in **Plaza de Manuel Azaña, 3**, **phone: 952 04 62 00**

Contact information about the Consulates and Embassies from different countries in Málaga, can be found on the web page: <http://www.webmalaga.com/organismos/consulados/>



## **10. UNIVERSITY SERVICES**

### **10.1. LIBRARIES** (<http://www.uma.es/ficha.php?id=62379>)

To use the university libraries International students must have been officially enrolled since they will be required to present their International I.D. card.

#### **Libraries**

UMA has a General Library located on the Teatinos campus, and other libraries located in different schools and faculties of the University. The fundamental objective of all these libraries is to ensure that the university community has access to scientific information contained in published material in order to meet study, research and teaching needs.

General library services available to the academic community include reading rooms, with seating room for 8,000 persons, direct access to books and periodicals, check out system, bulletins (Boletín de Sumarios) summarizing the contents of the latest issues or volumes available, the Information and Reference Service (Servicio de Información y Referencia), providing access to dictionaries, guides, catalogues, etc., located in the general library via data bases, interlibrary loans and photographic documentation (Préstamo Interbibliotecario y Fotodocumentación); and lastly, user training programmes.

The library's opening hours are approximately from 8:30 a.m. to 20:45 p.m., Monday to Friday. During exams periods some of them open 24h.

### **10.2. SPORTS**

#### **University Sports Centre (<http://www.uma.es/uma-deportes>)**

UMA offers a wide range of interesting sports activities for sports enthusiast of all levels. To take part in such activities or to use the university's sports facilities (or those belonging to those clubs that have signed agreements with the university), apart from being enrolled at the university, students only have to obtain a pass.

International students have to register to be able to practice any sport. With your student sport card you can practice any activity at a cheaper price.

Furthermore, teams from the university take part in federated competitions, national university leagues and the University Games. It is located on the Teatinos campus and consists of a series of modern sports facilities. The installations cover an area of more than 76,000 square meters, at the centre of which is the multiple sports area, where different state-of-the-art sport units and equipment are located. The building also includes a swimming pool and a sports track, along with squash courts, bodybuilding room, gymnasium, dressing rooms and offices.



### **10.3. CULTURE**

The activities organised by the Culture and Sports Services in the last few years have transformed UMA into a cultural centre of great importance at both a local and national level. Besides sponsoring different citizens' and university projects, it is geared towards the plastic arts (with numerous exhibitions inside and outside the university and a regular programme at the University Art Gallery located in the Plaza de la Merced), cinema (weekly programmes, "Fantastic Film Festival," "Summer Cinema," among others) and drama (regular theatre courses, workshops, etc., activities which have led to the establishment of the Andalusian Theatre Centre in Málaga), music (the Musicology Chair R. Mitjana and the Flamenco Chair, the Contemporary Music Workshop, the Jazz Lecture Room, the University Choral Society, alternative music cycles including singer/songwriters, youth jazz, church organ concerts, historical and religious polyphony, etc.), and literature (the Creative Literature Workshop, Literature for Children, etc.).

### **10.4. ACCOMMODATION**

UMA doesn't book accommodation for international students. Nevertheless you can consult a great offer of accommodation in Málaga through our "Accommodation Office" in our web page <http://www.uma.es/alojamiento/>. There you will find information about hostel, residence halls and flats in Málaga. Students who wish to share a flat will have to find provisional accommodation for few days.

If you are going to enrol in the CIE (Centro Internacional de Español) in El Palo you can contact them in [cie@uma.es](mailto:cie@uma.es) to get information about accommodation options.

## **11. LIVING IN MÁLAGA**

### **11.1. MISCELLANEOUS COSTS**

Bus	1.30 €
Cinema	7€ appr. – discount for students and reduced price on Wednesdays
Lunch in the University Canteen	5.00 €
Whopper at Burger King	5 €
Coca Cola / Beer in a bar	2.00- 3.00 €
Coca Cola / Beer bought in a Supermarket	0.60 €
Cappuccino	1.50-2.00 €



## **11.2. BANKING**

In Málaga, as in many other cities, it is not a good idea to keep large amounts of cash on one's person or at home. Therefore, students are advised to open a bank account on arrival. Banks are generally open from 9:00 to 14:00 pm weekdays. In addition, many banks have 24-hour automatic teller machines that give you access to most bank services.

## **11.3. HEALTH INSURANCE**

European and Non-European students, before travelling, should take out a private health insurance coverage from the date of their departure to Spain to the date of their return to their home country. This will provide the holder with medical coverage during his/her stay in Spain. Students may also wish to take out additional insurance to cover liability and personal belongings during their stay in Málaga. UMA will not be held responsible for the loss of personal belongings.

## **11.4. VACCINATIONS AND PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES**

No special vaccinations are required or recommended before travelling to Spain. Students following a course of treatment should bring enough prescription drugs with them to last them their stay.

## **11.5. WEATHER/CLOTHING**

Málaga is a Mediterranean city with a very mild climate. Winter temperatures very rarely drop below 10°C and in autumn and spring the average temperature is about 20°C, although evenings can be a lot cooler. Average rainfall for the region is normally quite low.

## **11.6. SHOPPING HOURS**

Normal opening hours for small shops: 9.30-13.30 and 17.00-20.30.

There are many Shopping Centres open from 10.00 to 22.00.

Although shops are usually closed on Sundays, there are a number of small grocers and delicatessens to be found in the city centre.

## **11.7. CHEMIST'S**

Most chemist's open from 9.30-13.30 and 17.00-20.30. Nevertheless, some establishments open from 10.00 to 22.00 and others 24 hours a day. When in doubt, consult the local newspaper or the list displayed in all establishments.



## 11.8. **BUSES**

### **Application Student Bus Card**

Application Form and procedure will be activated upon the arrival of the student.

For further information about the buses in Málaga: [www.emtmalaga.es](http://www.emtmalaga.es)

### **Bus prices**

Fixed rate per trip	1,30 €
The "Multitravel card"(10 trips)	8,30 €
"Monthly student card"(unlimited number of trips )	27 €
The "monthly card" (unlimited number of trips)	39,95 €

Students can apply for a monthly student card which enables him/ her to make an unlimited number of trips within the city limits which costs 24 €. Only students under the age of 26 registered at UMA can apply for the student bus card. For those over this age limit, there are several other options: The "monthly card" which cost 34, 30 € and allows holders to make unlimited number of trips within the city limits.

Buses **1** and **13** connect the El Ejido campus with different parts of town, and buses **11-from El Palo-, 20, 22, 25** and **8** are the ones to take to go to the Teatinos campus. For those living in the city centre the main stops for buses to both campuses are located in the Alameda Principal. The cards are bought at the cigarette store (*Estanco* in Spanish).

## 11.9. **WEEKEND FUN**

Always a must when travelling abroad, Málaga has an exciting and varied nightlife. When the city centre's shops close its numerous bars offer foreigners the chance to get to know the locals.

For more information about Málaga and Andalucía you can visit:  
<http://www.malagaturismo.com/>

## 11.10. **SPECIAL ATTENTION**

Students should take special care of their personal belongings. It is extremely unadvisable to leave any unsupervised items in bars, shops, etc. Important documents and large sums of cash should be left at home.



## **12. USEFUL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS**

### **MÁLAGA**

Málaga City Council: (<http://www.malaga.eu>)

A to Z: <http://sig.malaga.eu/guia/>

General information: <http://www.malagaturismo.com/> and <http://www.webmalaga.com/>

Consulates: : <http://www.webmalaga.com/organismos/consulados/>

Buses: <http://www.emtmalaga.es>

Airport: [www.aena.es](http://www.aena.es)

Train: [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)

### **TOURIST OFFICE**

City council tourist information centre (information about the city)

<http://www.Malagaturismo.com/home.jsp>

Avda. de Cervantes, 1

Paseo de Parque

E-29016 Málaga

Tel.: +34 952 13 47 30/31

Fax: +34 952 21 41 20

Regional government tourist information centre (information about the city, the province and Andalusia) [otMalaga@andalucia.org](mailto:otMalaga@andalucia.org)

Pasaje de Chinitas, 4

E-29015 Málaga

Tel.: +34 952 608 173

Fax: +34 952 22 94 21

### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

It's advisable to visit Málaga City Council's web page where you will find useful telephone numbers and addresses in Málaga.

#### Security

Bombers (Fire brigade): 080 and +34 952 30 60

Policía (Pólice satino): 092

Emergencias Sanitarias (Emergencia service): 061

#### Hospitals

Carlos Haya/Hospital Civil/Hospital Clínico Universitario: +34 951 29 00 00

#### Transport

Airport: 902 04 88 04

Bus station: +34 952 35 00 61

Taxis: +34 952 32 00 00 and +34 952 33 33 33

Renfe (Train station): +34 902 24 02 02