



GUÍA DE INFORMACIÓN PARA
ESTUDIANTES EXTRANJEROS
DE MOVILIDAD

FACULTAD DE TURISMO

¡Bienvenidos a la Universidad de Málaga!

A través de esta *Guía*, la Facultad de Turismo desea ofrecer a todos los estudiantes de Movilidad que nos visitan información sobre aspectos académicos propios de nuestro Centro, así como de la Universidad de Málaga (UMA) y de nuestra ciudad.

Con la presente *Guía*, intentamos que os podáis integrar en nuestra comunidad universitaria de forma más sencilla. Académicamente, podréis moveros mejor a través de la red de edificios y negociados que constituyen la UMA, a fin de poder resolver cuantos asuntos se os planteen, gestionar documentos o manejarlos por el entramado de bibliotecas, al igual que cualquier universitario malagueño. También, en los ratos libre podréis ir al polideportivo de la UMA a practicar vuestro deporte favorito, o asistir a los numerosos actos culturales organizados por la UMA, o simplemente a comer algo en uno de los bares universitarios del campus.

Igualmente, con esta *Guía*, la Facultad quiere proporcionar información en relación con el ocio en Málaga, los transportes o los edificios más significativos, así como en relación a otros aspectos generales. El estudiante visitante podrá moverse por nuestra ciudad con un mayor conocimiento de los elementos que constituyen su cultura y sus costumbres. Porque Málaga se caracteriza por tener un clima privilegiado y unas posibilidades turísticas reconocidas internacionalmente; tales condiciones permiten disfrutar del entorno, del sol, del mar y de los pueblos que confrontan nuestra oferta turística.

De esta forma, pretendemos transmitir os un conocimiento lo más amplio posible de una sociedad que tendréis que ir descubriendo vosotros día a día. Porque la estancia de los estudiantes de movilidad no ha de limitarse al estudio de sus asignaturas, sino también al buen conocimiento del idioma, o de los aspectos propios de la comunidad en la que van a vivir. Han de relacionarse con las personas de Málaga, y así, en un intento por conocer nuestro estilo de vida, lleguen a hacer amistades para siempre.

En definitiva, es nuestro deseo e intención que aprovechéis este Programa de Movilidad para adquirir los conocimientos que vais a recibir durante este intercambio académico. Pero también que disfrutéis de la gran calidad de vida que Málaga ofrece, de la amabilidad de su gente y del ambiente cultural de nuestra querida ciudad.

Reiteramos nuestra más calurosa bienvenida a la Facultad de Turismo de la UMA.

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I. THE PROVINCE OF MÁLAGA

Some history

Málaga is one of the provinces of Andalusia; it is in the south of Spain, on the *Costa del Sol*; its bordering provinces are Cádiz (Western), Sevilla (Northwestern), Córdoba (Northern) and Granada (Eastern). The rivers crossing Málaga are the Guadalhorce and the Guadalmedina.

Málaga was founded by the Phoenicians in 770 B.C. Later, in Roman times, Málaga was declared a confederated city of Rome. The Moors invaded Spain in 711 A.D., and they called it Al-Andalus; Málaga became a major city, and the Alcazaba and Gibralfato Castle were built in Málaga as defense against the Christians. Catholic Monarchs Isabel and Fernando reconquered Malaga in 1487. The city mosque was then converted into a cathedral. After a period of decline, in the 18th - 19th centuries high-class bourgeoisie, formed by relevant families (Larios, Heredia, Loring...), put Malaga on as an important centre of industry in Spain. Málaga's growth begins..

In the 20th century, during the Civil War, the city was outwardly republican, the result of which was repression and persecution; convents and churches were burned to the ground, and heavy bombing destroyed large portions of the city's ancient architecture. In the 1960's the growth begins again, with mass tourism, so that Malaga, its province and the rest of the Costa del Sol have become one of the world's capital of tourism, thanks to its transport connections, either national or international; it has every type of transport available because it is connected with most of the cities in Andalusia, Spain and the rest of the world.

Links of interest

General information on Malaga:

- <http://www.visitacostadelsol.com/>
- (options in Deutsch, English, Español, Français)

- <http://www.malagaturismo.com/home.jsp>
- (options in Español, English, Français, Deutsch, Italiano)

- <http://www.webmalaga.com/>
- (only in Español)

- <http://www.malaga.eu/> (Town Hall website, only in Spanish)
- <http://www.whatmalaga.com/history-of-malaga.html> (only in English)
- <http://www.andalucia.com/cities/malaga/history.htm> (from the home, <http://www.andalucia.com/>, choose language)
- <http://www.malagaturismo.com/home.jsp> (In Spanish, English, Français, Deutsch, Italiano)
- <http://www.spain-holiday.com/blog/brief-history-of-malaga-costa-del-sol-andalucia.php> (only English)



Places to visit

Some of the visits and museums are free or very cheap. However, you can always ask for the special student price or apply for visits by groups.

Málaga: the city. Museums, galleries and monuments

Here is a list of some places to visit in our city. You can get timetables, closing days and prices from their websites.

Museum and galleries:

- Automobile Museum (Museo Automovilístico)
- Centre for Contemporary Art (Centro de Arte Contemporáneo - CAC)
- Museum of Holy Week (Museo de la Semana Santa)
- Picasso Museum (Museo Picasso)
- Revello de Toro Museum (Museo Revello de Toro)
- Carmen Thyssen Museum (Museo Carmen Thyssen)
- Museum of Popular Arts (Museo de Artes y Costumbres Populares)
- Municipal Heritage Museum (Museo del Patrimonio Municipal - MUPAM)
- Interactive Music Museum (Museo Interactivo de la Música - MIMMA)

Monuments

- Malaga Cathedral (Catedral de Málaga)
- Gibralfaro Castle (Castillo de Gibralfaro)
- Birthplace Picasso Museum Foundation (Casa natal de Picasso)
- The Alcazaba (La Alcazaba)
- Roman Theatre in Malaga (Teatro Romano)

Outdoors: Trips, fun. Villages

Many trips and excursions can be arranged to enjoy nature in Málaga:

- Los Gaitanes Gorge Natural Area (Álora, Antequera, Ardales)
- Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park (Jimera de Libar, Ronda)
- Natural Park Sierra de las Nieves (Ronda, Tolox, Yunquera)
- El Chorro natural swamp (the route of the Guadalhorce river valley)

Just for fun:

- Selwo Aventura
- Selwo Marina
- Tivoli World
- Cinemas
- Theatre

Apart from strolling through the historic centres of Malaga, Ronda, Antequera, Marbella, etc., the following visits to the main villages in the province are a must:

- *Antequera*: the Dolmen of Menga, the Lagoon of Fuente la Piedra, and the natural mistery of El Torcal. Antequera's monuments deserve more than one visit, as the Royal Collegiate of Santa Maria. Archidona is another village near Antequera; its famous Plaza Ochavada is something different.
- *The Costa del Sol*: Benalmádena, Fuengirola, Marbella, are friendly and cosmopolitan villages along the Meditarrean sea. With plenty of sun, beaches and "chiringuitos" to taste fresh and good fish, as in La Carihuela.
- *Ronda*: Monumental village and natural valleys and gorges. Ronda' s Tajo is really impressing. Legendary stories of bandits and bull-fighters are still alive in its palaces and streets. The prehistoric caves of La Pileta or El Gato takes you back to our most ancient history, as Acinipo Archaeological Site
- *Vélez Málaga (and La Axarquía)*: Many routes are offered to the visitor in the Eastern area of Malaga province The Sun and Wine Route, The Raisin Route, The Olive Oil Route and the Mountains.
- *Nerja*: In the Eastern Costa del Sol, Nerja is wellknown for its beautiful promenade on the rocks. Sunny beaches and transparent seas are just part of this paradise for the tourists who live there most of the year. A lot of visitors go to see its unique groves, the Caves of Nerja.

These are only some examples of visits and sightseeing in Málaga. There is much more to discover.

II. TRANSPORT IN MÁLAGA AND PROVINCE

Airport

With the busiest international airport in the south of Spain, Malaga serves all of the main tourist centres in the south. Therefore, you will find no shortage of flights to a wide range of destinations. Its charter flight service is very useful for foreign students.

- Web: <http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Malaga/en/>
(in Español, English, Deustch)

Coaches and intercity buses

The bus stations are located next to the Train Station and the Port (depending on the destination you have); intercity buses leave from there to go to many other places in Andalusia or Spain.

- Address: Paseo de los Tilos, s/n 29006 Málaga (quite close to María Zambrano* Railway Station)
Tel. 34 95 235 00 61. Web: <http://www.estabus.emtsam.es/> (Spanish and English)

Trains and railway station

Málaga railway station has many connections with Spain and Europe. The Talgo fast train service to Madrid takes about 3 and a half hours. There are many direct trains from the airport to different destinations in the south.

- Address: Estación de Tren María Zambrano (also known as Vialia), situated in Explanada de la Estación, s/n 29002- Málaga.
Web: http://www.adif.es/es_ES/infraestructuras/estaciones/54413/informacion_000240.shtml
(in Spanish, English and other languages spoken in Spain)



Tickets can be purchased in travel agencies, in the internet, or in the very Railway Station.

If you want to go the province or another destination all over Andalusia or Spain, you can take either the train or a coach.

Málaga port

Málaga port offers a regular line to go to the North of Africa, and to any of the Spanish provinces there (Ceuta and Melilla):

- Web: <http://www.puertomalaga.com/web/guest/lineas-regulares> (Spanish and English)

City buses

- Web: <http://www.emtmalaga.es/> (Spanish; in the sections "Líneas y Horarios", or "Quiero ir a..." you can find the best line and itinerary to reach your destination in the city)

Taxis

It is not difficult to get a taxi in Málaga, as there are many taxi ranks in the city.

In the web you can also find many telephones of private companies, in you need the taxi to pick you up at a specific place.

In the following link you have a full list of the taxi ranks in Málaga:

- Web: <http://malagaes.com/noticia.asp?id=414>

III. MÁLAGA: THE UNIVERSITY

The institution

UMA (www.uma.es) has two campuses: *El Ejido Campus*, near the city centre, and *Teatinos Campus*, in the bypass dual carriageway. There are also assigned other university centres in the biggest villages of Málaga province: Antequera, Vélez and Ronda.

Málaga University is a relatively new institution. Its start dates back to the 70's, as a result of the large social demand that was made by the citizens during the prior decades, when they had to go to other nearby cities to get their university degrees. The first social agents who worked for the foundation of this university were important members of the city; afterwards these members were collectively named as the Association of the Friends of the University of Málaga. Its official recognition as a centre for higher education was made by a decree in August 18th, 1972.

Today, only 40 years after it was founded, the University has become the cultural centre of the city because it supports the technological development and research that is necessary to bring Málaga into the 21st century. The University works together with Málaga Airport and also the Technological Park of Andalusia; it is therefore constantly supplying technological ideas and extremely well-qualified graduates. This is one of the reasons for which the University of Málaga is so popular, not only among Spanish students, but also in the international university world.



In October 2010, Málaga University entered the elite, together with Seville University, when both were officially recognized as International Campus of Excellence (Campus of Excelencia Internacional - CEI) Andalucía Tech. This implies the specialization in six sectors, called Poles of Excellence Teaching and Research, which drives innovation, internationalization, attracting talent and sustainability, by means of a series of actions in three major improvement plans. Our rector, Dr Adelaida de la Calle, is also the President of the National Association of Rectors in Spain.

Málaga University provides the students with free Internet access and e-mail accounts. In all the university buildings there exists free Internet access.

General Information for exchange students

Our university provides advice and help services for foreign students in the *Vicerrectorado de Estudiantes*, at the **International Relations Office in Teatinos Campus**:

Aulario Rosa Gálvez - Bulevar Louis Pasteur, 35
Campus de Teatinos - Universidad de Málaga
29010 Málaga (Spain)
Tel.: (+34) 952 13 11 11 / 29 70
Fax: (+34) 952 13 29 71
E-mail: relacionesinternacionales@uma.es

International Office opening hours: Monday to Friday 09.00 to 14.00

There students are given information about financial support, registration in courses, identity cards, accommodation and health insurances. Foreign students are also advised to attend to the Information Meetings, which are usually held during September and February by the Exchange Office staff, in order to inform the incoming students about the University of Malaga.

You can find a **General Guide for International and Erasmus Students** on web:
[http://www.uma.es/English version/ Socrates-Erasmus student guide](http://www.uma.es/English%20version/Socrates-Erasmus%20student%20guide)

Types of accomodation. UMA lodging service

Málaga University, through the Vice-Rectorate of Social Welfare and Equality (Vicerrectorado de Igualdad y Asistencia a la Comunidad), counts on an Accommodation Service (Servicios de Alojamiento) for the different sectors of the University community. Its main purpose is to provide orientation and advice to people looking for accommodation in our city, ensuring that their stay in Málaga is as warm and pleasant as possible. This service is offered free of charge:

Málaga University Accommodation Service
Tel: (+34) 952 13 25 62 / (+34) 952 13 65 66
E-mail: alojamiento@uma.es

To obtain more information on international student's accommodation, contact the International Office or consult the Accommodation Office in www.uma.es. Then click in "Servicios generales", and then in "Igualdad y asistencia a la comunidad". You'll find the following options:

- "*Servicios de alojamiento*": Explaining the way to ask for lodging from the university offer; then, you will find either a list of flats available, or the halls of residence in Málaga with an agreement with the university. In "Flats available to let" there is information on:



- a) Dwellings to let, with owners leasing either the entire flat or individual rooms.
- b) Rooms in dwellings inhabited by the owner, who rents out rooms and lives in the dwelling with the tenants.
- c) Rooms in a family house, where the owner and his/her family share their dwelling with the tenants, who rent the rooms.

- "*Residencia universitaria*" (the official Hall of residence of the university), information on Málaga University Student Residence Alberto Jiménez Fraud, which has a total of 257 places.

- "*Programa de Alojamiento con Mayores*" (Program of accommodation with senior citizens): This form of allows students rent-free accommodation through sharing with a senior citizen, who in return receives company and help and collaboration in domestic chores.

Recommendations

Students who wish to share a flat will have to find provisional accommodation for few days, particularly in February due to the affluence of students. To this end the city's pensions and hostels are a cheap and safe option.

This service can also provide information on other private student residences, some of which have entered into agreements with the University, allowing students to contact them directly. Residences which have signed agreements with Málaga University are showed below.

A) UMA RESIDENCE:

Residencia Universitaria de la Universidad de Málaga Alberto Jiménez Fraud. Plaza de José Bergamín, s/n. TEL. 952089200. FAX: 952326660.

B) RESIDENCES WITH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY:

Residencia Universitaria Santa Paula (Zona Centro) – Especería, 5-2º TELF.: 952 214148 // 655990648 / 9. FAX: 952217498. E-mail: info@rsantapaula.com / www.rsantapaula.com

Residencia Universitaria Alfil (Zona Teatinos - C/ Doctor Miguel Díaz Recio, 37) Tlfno.- 952 215013 - 657284803 <http://www.residenciauniversitariaalfil.es/>

Residencia Universitaria Campus Confort San Carlos (Zona Teatinos) C/ Corregidor Nicolás Isidro, 14. TEL. 952310032 / 951-232500; FAX: 952333937; Web:

www.campuspatrimonial.es E-mail: reservasmalaga@campuspatrimonial.es

Residencia Universitaria Teatinos (Zona Teatinos) C/ Teseo, 12. TEL.

902666133. Web: www.rs-teatinos.com E-mail: info@rs-teatinos.com

Residencia Universitaria Guadalmar (C/ Jerónimo Bobadilla, nº4 - Junto Estación RENFE) Tlfno/ Fax.- (34) 952333773 / (34) 605927079

residencia-fuentes@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.residenciafuentes.com>

Balcón del Romeral (Zona Teatinos) – Margarita Xirgú, Nº1. TEL. 952289074 / 639213561/ 952272152 / www.balcon-romeral.com

Salles Hotels www.salleshotels.com

Santo Tomás de Aquino (Zona Teatinos) – C/ Jorge Luis Borges (detrás Facultad Derecho). TELF.: 667650410. www.rustomas.com

C) RESIDENCES WITH NO AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY:

c.1) Feminine:

Residencia Madre Carmen (Zona Parque Mediterráneo) – Frigiliana, 12; TEL. 952339349.

Hermanas de María Inmaculada (Zona Ejido) – La Victoria, 70. TEL. 952262800.



Residencia Femenina Oxígeno (Zona Martínez Maldonado) – Félix Corrales, 2 (Esquina José M^a Freiller) TEL. 952614158.

Residencia Femenina Virgen del Camino (Zona Centro Comercial Larios) - Amador de los Ríos, 3 TEL. 952202280 // 970660330

Residencia de Estudiantes Garvi (Zona Centro) – Alameda Principal, 36 TEL. 952299876. FAX: 952 29 93 94. E-mail: residenciagv@mixmail.com / www.resigarvi.com

c.2) Masculine:

Casa del Universitario San Pedro (Zona Olletas) – Camino del Colmenar, 33 –1^oC. TEL. 952 5 071.

c.3) Mixed:

Albergue Juvenil (Zona Carranque) – Plaza Pío XII, 6. TEL. 952308500.

Residencia Universitaria Mixta Fuentes, S.L. (Zona Carretera Cádiz) – C/ Jerónimo Bobadilla, 4. TEL. 952333773 // 615861891. www.residenciafuentes.com

Colegio Universitario Arunda (Zona Carretera Cádiz) - Manuel de Falla, 1(Barriada de La Paz). TEL. 952171600. FAX: 952 231712. E-mail: cmarunda@personal.unicaja.es

Neva- Residencia Universitaria San José (Junto al Museo Picasso) – C/ San José, 3. TEL. 952602048 / www.neva.es

Neva- Apartamentos Universitarios Catedral (Junto a la Catedral) – Oficinas: C/ San José, 3. TEL. 952602048 / www.neva.es

Neva- Apartamentos Universitarios Teatinos (Zona Hospital Clínico) – Oficinas C/ San José, 3. TEL. 952602048 / www.neva.es

Residencia Universitaria Plutarco (Zona Teatinos) – Avda. Plutarco, 28, Residencial El Romeral . TEL. 952109119; FAX: 952 10 91 42

Residencia Universitaria Jacinto Benavente (Sector Ciudad Jardín) – Avda. Jacinto Benavente; TEL. 952657099 // 607675633; FAX: 952657206; www.residenciajb.com

Habitaciones para estudiantes (Zona Centro) – Andrés Pérez, 19 (por C/ Carretería); TEL. 952228877 (de lunes a sábado)// 607610668 (todos los días)

Residencia Escolar Andalucía (Antigua Universidad Laboral) (Zona Teatinos) – C/ Julio Verne, 6 TELF.: 952 28 16 12 / 952 28 18 62 www.residenciaandalucia.com

Residencia de Estudiantes “La Rosaleda” (Zona Rosaleda)- Avda. Luis Buñuel, 10 TELF.: 952 30 52 08 FAX: 952 61 31 00 www.averroes.cec.junta-andalucia/29700448/

Spanish Language Courses

Málaga University offers Spanish language culture to improve all your skills during your stay. This is a list of the offer to be found in the CEE-UMA (Curso de Español para Extranjeros de la Universidad de Málaga).

COURSES AND PROGRAMMES OF CEE-UMA IN THE CAMPUS EL PALO (CITY OF MÁLAGA)

- Intensive Spanish Courses
- Course of Hispanic Studies
- Summer Courses
- Spanish course Málaga-Madrid
- Language reinforcement programme
 - Two-weeks or three-week Intensive Spanish courses
 - One-to-One Intensive courses
 - Course for Erasmus and International Exchange students
 - Special Linguistic Preparation for Exchange students
- Training programme for ELE teachers
 - Spanish Language and its cultural references course



- 20° Course of Teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language
 - 4th Course of Introduction to Teaching of Spanish Language for Specific Purposes: business, tourism and healthcare
- Tailor-made and special programmes
 - Spanish Culture and Civilization programme
 - 2nd Linguistic Immersion and Youth Policies course
 - Programmes with foreign universities
 - Tailor-made programmes
- DELE
 - DELE Linguistic Preparation Course
 - Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE exams)

For more details on course, dates and cost, visit the webpage or write to:

The University of Malaga

Spanish Courses for Foreigners.

Avda. de la Estación de El Palo, 4 29017 Málaga

TEL.: (34) 951 952 738; (34) 951 952 737

Fax: (34) 951 952 742

<http://www.cursoextranjeros.uma.es>

E-mail: cursoext@uma.es

Facebook: Cursos de Español para Extranjeros, Universidad de Málaga

Academic calendar (Holidays in Spain)

In most Spanish universities, the academic year begins either in the last week of September or the first of October, and usually ends in the last week of May or the first one of June. There are two holiday periods during the academic year: the Christmas break, from December 21- January 8, and the Easter break (either in March or April). Spain has a 9-month academic year, usually divided into three three-month terms of lessons, or "*trimestres*", with holidays in between. For academic purposes, however, universities tend to use two four-month periods, called "*cuatrimestres*" (October to February, and February to June). Lessons start in early October for the Faculty of Tourism in Malaga.

The first long break is the Christmas holiday (from about 22nd December to 8th January approximately); 5th and 6th January are two of the main Christmas festivities. On those days, in which other countries celebrate Epiphany, Spaniards hold family celebrations and exchange gifts. The date 6th January is known as "Reyes" and is a national holiday because it is the traditional day for giving gifts in Spanish families. Other important days in Christmas time are: 24th December (Nochebuena) and 31st December (Nochevieja).

Easter holidays are 10 days long in late March or sometimes at the beginning of April. In Málaga, Easter parades (*procesiones de Semana Santa*) are one of the most important events of the year and deserve the visitor's experiencing one of the most intense feelings of Andalucía.

Summer holidays begin at the end of June and last almost three months. In Málaga summer time there are many important festivities like "Virgen del Carmen" (16th July), or "*Feria de Málaga*" (in the middle of August), which lasts for 10 days.

The University calendar also includes some days off such as those dedicated to the particular patron of each faculty or school, the Saint patron for Turismo is 1st March (although this date may be celebrated in a different day). Other no working days are the 1st November ("*Día de los Difuntos*"), 28th February ("*Día de Andalucía*"), and 1st May ("*Día del Trabajo*")

Be always aware of the academic calendar of the university, and especially of the academic calendar of the Faculty, to avoid coming on holiday days and finding the centre close.



IV. THE FACULTY OF TOURISM

Location in the campus

The Faculty of Tourism is in Teatinos Campus. It is opposite the Faculty of Humanities (Filosofía y Letras), and it shares the building with the Faculty of Communication Sciences. The Faculty of Tourism is within walking distance from other university centres, such as the Faculty of Psychology, the Faculty of Medicine, the *Hospital Clínico Virgen de la Victoria*, and the *Biblioteca General* (General Library). The Vice-Rectorate for International Relations is just 5 minutes walking distance, too. There are also four buildings called "Aularios", which are intended to the only use of holding classrooms.

Web of the faculty

You can find full information in our web: <http://www.turismo.uma.es/>. There you can see our curricula, the syllabus of every course we are offering at present and their timetables. In case you need any clarification please do not hesitate to consult your Academic Coordinator.

In this web, information concerning different matters is available: the Centre, facilities, deanery, how to reach the Faculty, rules, library on the academic calendar, news, deadlines, and groups; the Grade in Tourism, with the curriculum (or "plan de estudios"), the syllabuses (or "programaciones"), timetables, exams, tutorial attention; our Master; Mobility; Quality; etc.

http://www.turismo.uma.es/esp/plan_estudios/GRADOTURISMO_plan_estudios.pdf

First academic steps. Academic coordinators

In order to start their academic exchange program and previously to enter their courses in the Faculty, all foreign students must attend to the Exchange Office to meet his/her Academic Coordinator.

In our Faculty there is one Coordinator of Mobility, Professor Antonio Peláez (apv@uma.es) who deals with general matters, and four Academic Coordinators, each of them is in charge of the academic relations with different partner universities in Europe:

German-speaking countries: Lecturer Inmaculada Almahano (icalmahano@uma.es)

French-speaking countries: Lecturer Isabel Turci (miturci@uma.es)

Rest of countries in Europe: Lecturer Ángel Morales (armorales@uma.es)

Lecturer Carlos Porras (cjporras@uma.es)

The Academic Coordinators' functions are aimed at facilitating an easy integration of the foreign students to their lessons and practical training. In order to assess them about their Learning Agreement (LA) and their academic objectives, every Academic Coordinator has a particular day for tutorials. It is recommended to previously arrange a meeting by e-mail.

After having checked the Learning Agreement (LA) of every exchange student, the Academic Coordinator will explain them the basic functioning of the Library, the Computers Room and the Departments, if necessary. In case they decide to change their initial LA at the beginning of their stay, the Academic Coordinator will also assess them about the other options they may have. Finally, he/she will approve and sign the definite modifications to the LA, but these changes must also be approved and signed by the partner Academic Coordinator in their native country, so the foreign student must send his/her modified Learning Agreement back again to their university.



Once completed this procedure, the Academic Coordinator usually informs every Department in the Faculty of Tourism about the Learning Agreements of the Erasmus students.

The period for the Erasmus students to be registered in Malaga University starts in November. This procedure is called "*Formalización de matrícula*". The application form can be obtained either at the *Vicerrectorado de Estudiantes* or at the Academic Coordinator's office.

The Academic Coordinators are also pleased to help the foreign students to meet their counterparts in the Faculty of Tourism. If they wish to, they can even be introduced to a Spanish fellow student who will help them with lessons and notes. The Academic Coordinator has a list of volunteer Spanish pupils who are keen to meet foreign companions and guide them around (B.U.D.D.Y. Programme).

The Academic Coordinators can as well provide the exchange students with general information about the Faculty and the local university life.

Every year the Faculty of Tourism organizes a welcome meeting for foreign students, in which the centre, facilities and services are introduced for the best academic use.

Running, classes, and facilities

With regard to the lessons timetable, in many faculties of Malaga university there are usually two shifts: the morning shift (with lessons starting as early as 8 am and finishing at around 2 pm) and the afternoon/evening shift (from 4 pm to 9 pm approximately), but it is also possible to have both morning and afternoon/evening lessons, it depends on the subjects you select. The lessons at the Faculty of Tourism are taught in both shifts: in the morning shift: from 9:00-14:00 hours; and in the afternoon/evening shift, from 15:00-21:00, depending on the year and group.

At the Faculty of Tourism all the classrooms are provided with computers and screens to follow on lessons. There is one free access computer labs for students to work in, and a language lab to practise auditions of English, German and French subjects. As Malaga University provides the students free Internet access and e-mail accounts in all the university buildings, at the Faculty of Tourism there exists free Internet access and wifi.

Apart from class texts, notes should be taken in most lessons; these are usually supplemented by readings from a reference list provided by the teacher. However, in most subjects there is a virtual site, called "campus virtual Moodle", where lessons, tasks, links, forums, internal communication, videos, etc. are available by the teachers. It is very important to become familiar with the campus and to have access to it; ask your teacher for the keyword of the subject, in case you cannot directly enter in the campus.

At the Faculty of Tourism there is a library with 13.560 monographs and 258 periodicals. Students can borrow books for a period of 7 days, and e-books for 15 days. The library is open Monday through Friday, from 09.00 to 20.30 (consulting, lending, and newspapers archive). There are also laptops to be used for 3 hours inside the library. Apart from this, in Teatinos Campus you can also find tourism books in the General Library, which is situated between the Faculty of Laws and the Faculty of Medicine.

The Faculty General Secretariat is open for students Monday to Friday 09.00 to 14.00, and Monday to Thursday 16.00 to 18.00. This timetable may be altered during no class periods, prior notice on the bulletin boards.

Examination methods

The most common way of being assessed is by written or oral exams. A combination of two or more percentages are considered for the final mark: one percentage is to be got through the year, what is called "evaluación continua"; another percentage comes from an individual exam, held in official calls and dates; other types of activities or criteria may be considered in some subjects. Some teachers use modular exams (*exámenes*



parciales), in which students are tested on a specific part of the course. The best way to know all the details of the subject is by reading the syllabus or "Programación", and in the section 'Evaluación' all the details for the different calls will be stated.

Examinations for the first *cuatrimestre* are held from the end of January until mid-February, meanwhile the second semester examinations are held throughout June and beginning of July. Supplementary examinations are fitted in September for students who did not pass the February or June tests.

Transcript of Records

In Spanish universities the grading scale goes from 0-10 points, and marks in the exam may go from 0-100 or 0-10 points. The equivalencies between these Spanish grades and the ECTS are shown below:

ECTS Grades	Spanish Grades
Fail (FX/F)	Suspenso / Insuficiente / Deficiente (0-4)
Pass (E/D)	Aprobado Suficiente (5)
Below Average (C)	Aprobado Bien (6)
Average (B)	Notable (7-8)
Above Average (A)	Sobresaliente (9)
Excellent (A+)	Sobresaliente (10)

Excellent, Honours (*Sobresaliente, Matrícula de Honor*, 10): it is the highest rating and is only awarded to a small number of students who have shown an exceptional performance.

Above Average (*Sobresaliente*, 9): it is given to students who have performed very well.

Average (*Notable*, 7-8): awarded to students with a medium/high level of performance.

Pass (*Aprobado*, 5-6): this rating indicates that the student performed well enough to complete the subject.

Fail (*Suspenso*, 0-4): the student did not pass the subject and must take another examination, though the number of possible repetitions is restricted.

Once ended the Erasmus period, the Transcript of Records of each exchange student will be sent from Malaga University to the corresponding partner university. It is the *Vicerrectorado de Estudiantes, Programas de Movilidad*, the institution in charge of this final task.

Departments

The Faculty physical structure is composed by two floors: in the ground floor you can find the general services (Caretakers' Office, The Faculty General Secretariat, the Library, bar-café, photocopying). In the first floor the lecturers' offices, the classrooms, the computer labs and the language lab are also available.

There are 20 departments connected to the program of Tourism studies; these departments are located in different Faculties, so Tourism building offices are divided between the deanery and those for the lecturers from the different departments.

You can find the departments distributed as follows:

Arqueología e Historia Medieval
Contabilidad y gestión
Derecho Civil, Derecho Eclesiástico del Estado y Derecho Romano
Derecho del estado y sociología
Derecho del Trabajo y de la Seguridad Social
Derecho privado especial
Derecho Público



Economía y Administración de empresas
Economía Aplicada (Estadística y Econometría)
Economía Aplicada (Estructura Económica)
Economía Aplicada (Hacienda Pública)
Economía Aplicada (Matemáticas)
Economía y Administración de empresas
Filología Inglesa, Francesa y Alemana
Finanzas y Contabilidad
Geografía
Historia del Arte
Lenguaje y Ciencias de la Computación
Psicología Social, Antropología Social, Trabajo Social y Servicios Sociales
Teoría e Historia Económica

V. GENERAL INFORMATION

Bus lines to Teatinos Campus

The local bus lines that arrive to the Teatinos Campus are:

Línea 5: UMA-Ingenierías

Línea 8: from *Alameda Principal* to *Hospital Clínico*

Línea 14: from *Paseo de la Farola* to *Campus de Teatinos*

Línea 20: from *Alameda Principal* to *Universidad*

Línea 22: from *Avenida Moliere* to *Universidad*

Línea 25: from *Paseo del Parque* to *Parque Tecnológico (PTA)*,

As said before, there exists the possibility for students to get the "Tarjeta-Bus estudiante" (more information in www.emtmalaga.es ; click in "Muévete", "Títulos de viaje").

Eating at Teatinos Campus

In every Faculty in the Teatinos Campus you can find a Café or Bar, offering breakfast, snacks (*tapas*) and meals. At the Faculty of Tourism, the Cafe is situated at its entrance turning on your left. There, you can have breakfast as well as the menu served; it opens the whole day, from 08:00 to 19:30].

You have probably heard of *tapas* which are small portions of cooked dishes or traditional products. You'd better ask your Spanish classmates to recommend you their preferred *tapas* bars since there are plenty of them in the downtown and surroundings and there can be great variations in quality and price.

Out of the campus and in the city centre, if you want a fixed price menu you should ask for the so called "*menú del día*". In Spain, restaurants are legally obliged to offer this type of menu, which usually consists of a selection of starters and main courses for you to choose from. In general, the price also includes coffee or dessert, bread and a drink. *Paella* is a cooked dish which originated in the Valencia region and it is basically made up of rice, beans, fish and/or meat. The best *paellas* can be found in the provinces of Castellón, Valencia and Alicante, as well as in specialised restaurants. There are over 50 versions of this food, so do not hesitate to make a try on every one!

There are also *student restaurants*. These are fairly cheap and generally ok. However, not all of them cater for vegetarians. In Spain, a *sandwich* usually consists of sliced white bread with ham and cheese or other ingredients. If you want a baguette-style sandwich, you must ask for a *bocadillo*.

Sport activities in Teatinos

A catalogue of sport activities is available at the "Complejo Deportivo Universitario" in the Teatinos Campus. You can also visit the webpage (<http://www.uma.es/>); it contains up to date information on a broad variety of disciplines and possibilities.

If you are interested in sports, you may get the card "*Carnet de Actividades Deportivas*" (CAD) which costs about 8 euros and allows you a 50% discount in all the activities [Opening hours: Mo-Fri, from 10:00-14:00 and 16:00-18:00 hours].

VI. STUDENTS DISCOUNTS

There are international student cards available which entitle holders to discounts in transport, museums and shops, among other advantages. One of the most popular ones is the "**ISIC card**" (International Student Card; www.isic.org), which allows the holder to save money on transport, travel, accommodation, museums, cultural events, entertainment, etc. The main requirements are that you must be over 12 years of age and be able to prove that you are a full time student.

Another option is the "**Euro<26 Youth Card**" (www.eyca.org), a card recognised in many European countries and also providing attractive discounts. In order to benefit from these, you must be under 26 and a citizen of an European country. In addition, some Autonomous Regions have brought out the "**+26 Card**", to allow young people of between 26 and 29 to benefit from the advantages of being young.

RENFE, the Spanish national railway company, offers the "**Studio Card**" (www.renfe.com). It is a transport subscription enabling university students to get a three-month pass (for calendar quarters) for unlimited travel within a particular area. You can find out more by asking at your closest train station. Alternatively, you can check the Regional train service website to find out which Spanish cities offer discounts.

The bus line company (EMT) also provides student with a card, "**Tarjeta estudiante**", for obtaining special prices. You can get it in the EMT office at Alameda Principal, nº 15 (www.emtmalaga.es)

Some leisure and amusement places accept the **University ID**, which entitles students to price reductions and other offers. In addition, cinema tickets are often cheaper on certain days or at certain times. Ask at the cinema for more details.