



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE 2018/2019



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WELCOME TO UMA

This pre-arrival and orientation guide provides practical guidance on coming to live and study in Malaga from an international student perspective. As a foreign student, you will probably require some information about living and studying in Malaga. In this guide, you will find many answers to your questions. Please, **read it carefully**.

After the nomination process, we will contact you by email with new instructions about our administrative process included in a different guide (Welcome Guide), which also must be read cautiously.

The information included in both guides will help you to enjoy your stay with us. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information or enquires.

Our International Office Staff is looking forward to welcoming you!

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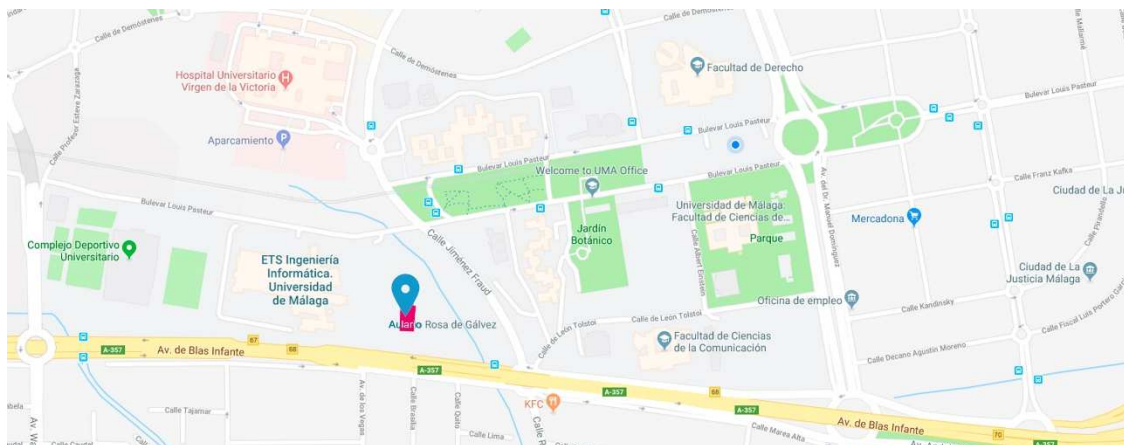
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AN INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSIDAD DE MALAGA

Universidad de Málaga 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 and around 100 courses held throughout the academic year. These programmes are carried out by 18 faculties, with a total of 81 departments.

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.

Each year our university welcomes over **1300 new international exchange students** from different mobility programs as Erasmus+, Erasmus Mundus or Non-European programs. We have a large amount of agreements with some of the most prestigious universities (especially in Europe and South America).

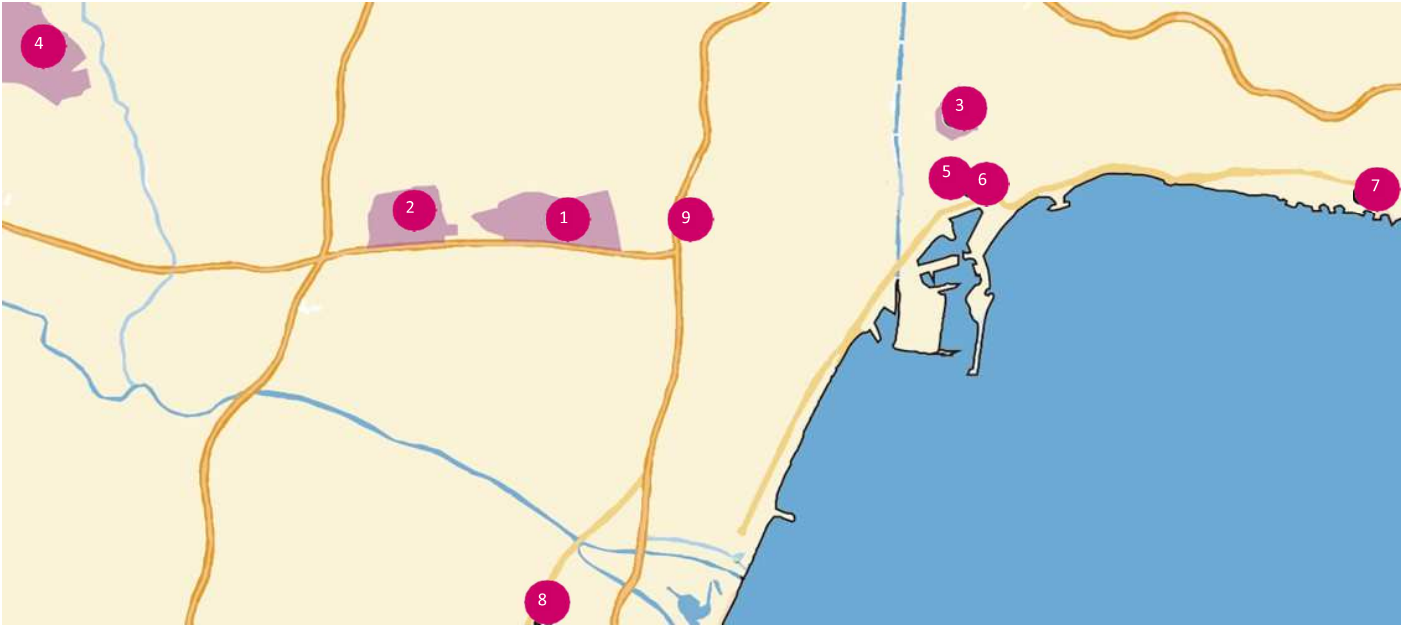
UMA constitutes one of the three vertices of the so-called "productive triangle" of the city, together with the airport and the PTA or Parque Tecnológico de Andalucía (Andalusia Science and Technology Park). The latter has close ties with the University due to the constant flow of ideas, highly qualified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

At present the UMA has two campus, 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 in the Teatinos campus.





UMA BUILDINGS



1. Teatinos Campus
2. Additional part of Teatinos Campus - Ampliación
3. El Ejido Campus
4. Andalusia Science and Technology Park | Parque Tecnológico de Andalucía
5. Rectoría
6. University Information Service
7. International Centre for Spanish (CIE)
8. Experimentation Centre Grice Hutchinson | Dormitory Jiménez Freud
9. (Location marked on map)



SCHOOL AND FACULTIES

TEATINOS CAMPUS

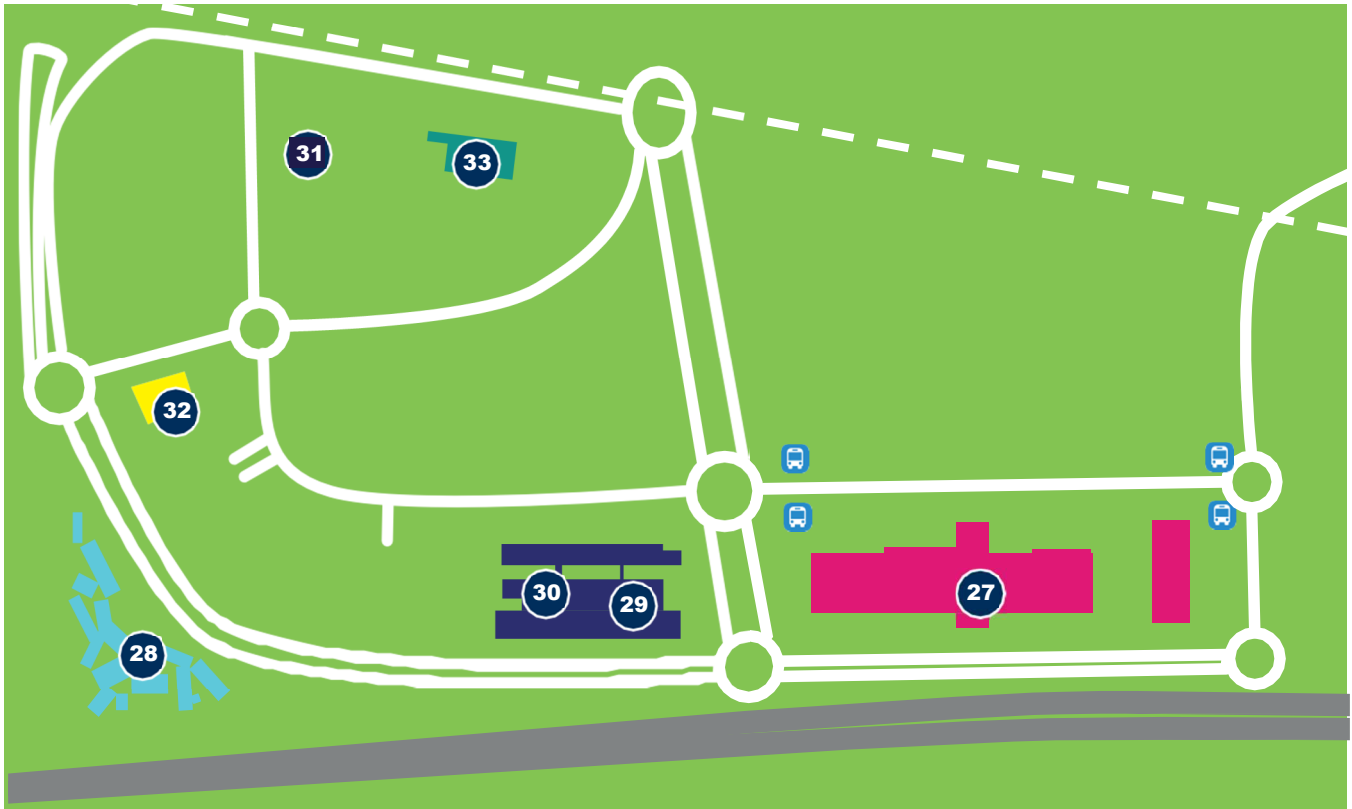


1. E.T.S.I. de Telecomunicación
2. E.T.S.I. Informática
3. Facultad de Ciencias
4. Facultad de Ciencias de la Comunicación
5. Facultad de Ciencias de la Educación
6. Facultad de Derecho
7. Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
8. Facultad de Medicina
9. Facultad de Psicología
10. Facultad de Turismo
11. Aulario "Gerald Brenan"
12. Aulario "Isabel Oyarzábal"
13. Aulario "López de Peñalver"
14. Aulario "Juan Antonio Ramírez"
15. Aulario "Fosa de Gálvez"
16. Aulario "Severo Ochoa"
17. Biblioteca General
18. Centro de Investigaciones Médico-Sanitarias
19. Centro de Transferencia de Residuos
20. Complejo Deportivo Universitario
21. Contenedor Cultural
22. Edificio de Investigación del Láser
23. Edificio de Investigación y Desarrollo
24. Escuela Infantil "Francisca Luque"
25. Jardín Botánico
26. Servicios Centrales de Apoyo a la Investigación/SCI



SCHOOL AND FACULTIES

AMPLIACIÓN



- 27. Escuela de Ingenierías Industriales
- 28. Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud
- 29. Facultad de Comercio y Gestión
- 30. Facultad de Estudios Sociales y del Trabajo
- 31. Casa Solar
- 32. Edificio "Ada Byron"
- 33. The Green Ray (Link by UMA A-Tech)



SCHOOL AND FACULTIES

EL EJIDO CAMPUS



- 34. E.T.S. de Arquitectura
- 35. Facultad de Bellas Artes
- 36. Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Empresariales
- 37. Edificio de Servicios Múltiples
- 38. Pabellón de Gobierno
- 39. Pabellón de Gobierno Adjunto
- 40. Paraninfo



NOMINATION PROCESS

ACCEPTANCE AS AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

Requirements to be accepted

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, through our Nomination Tool 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).

Unfortunately, we will not accept nominations via E-Mail. Only students nominated through our online system will be accepted. Afterwards, we will directly contact the students, sending them the password to the platform by email.

2. UMA can only accept the number of students stipulated in our bilateral agreements and previously agreed on with our partner institutions.
3. For Erasmus and Latin American students **ONLY**, UMA cannot accept students from Fields of Study different from those stipulated in the Bilateral Agreement, since it can lead to problems. Please, consult this matter with your home academic coordinator.
4. We do not require any certification or a determinate level of language, although students are expected to be able to follow lectures in Spanish. In accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, a **B1 Spanish level is advisable**.

Nomination Deadlines

- **First Semester or Full Year:** 1st June 2018
- **Second Semester:** 1st November 2018
- **First semester, full year and second semester for Health Sciences, Medicine and Fine Arts students:** 1st June 2018

Minimum period required

The minimum period of stay at UMA will be **4.5 months**. This is the period necessary to complete the administrative and academic requirements. Students with shorter time will not be assessed and will not get any Transcript of Records.

There would only be exceptions in the case of Medicine, Health Science or Fine Arts students.



ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

Once the **nomination period finishes**, selected students will receive an email with a username and password, as well as some instructions about the procedure to follow.

Students must register online in our International Mobility Platform, EMI (Espacio de Movilidad Inter- nacional) https://www.uma.es/programa_movilidad/incoming_pmovilidad/new/

This application procedure is compulsory.

Please, note that we do not require any hard copies or additional documents. The online application is enough.

International Students should:

- Read carefully this International Guide, as well as the Info sheet for Incoming Exchange Students 2018/2019 (enclosed in the first email you will receive from us).
- Fill in the online International Application Form on EMI before deadlines (see below).
- Apply for the Spanish Language Course. If you mark this option in your online application, after the deadlines, you will receive an email, directly from the Spanish International Center (cie@uma.es), with the Application form and the procedure for enrolling.
- Once the application form will be completed, you must generate and save the PDF document.

Deadlines to register online

FOR EVERY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- **First Semester and Full Year:** 30th June 2018
- **Second Semester:** 30th November 2018
- **First semester, full year and second semester** for Health Sciences, Medicine and Fine Arts students: 30th June 2018

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

ACCEPTANCE LETTER

Once the application form is finished, Incoming Exchange Students will receive an email with a link to download their Acceptance Letter with our signature.

The acceptance letter will be necessary to get the student bus card. Besides, regarding non-European students some consulates requires this letter for the VISA.



**ARRIVAL IN
MALAGA AND
INFORMATIVE
MEETINGS**



ARRIVAL IN MALAGA



Airport

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

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

-There is a bus into town every 30 minutes, line A. 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 MALAGA costs 1.80 €.

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



Railway

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



Bus Station

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



Arrival Dates

Students who wish to attend the Spanish Language Course:

- **First semester students:** 3rd September 2018
- **Second semester students:** 4th February 2019

Those Students who **do NOT attend** the Spanish Language Course should be in Malaga

Before the following dates at the very latest:

- **First semester students:** 17th September 2018
- **Second semester students:** 15th February 2019

Informative Meetings

Upon they arrival in Malaga, Erasmus students and non-EU mobility students must attend one of the official meetings of the International Office in September (SM1) or in February (SM2), where the staff members in charge of incoming students will explain administrative and academic procedures. **It is COMPULSORY**, so that any international exchange student must attend at least one of them. These meetings always take place before the starting dates of classes. Please, check the dates of our informative meetings for this academic year in our Welcome Guide.

Those students, who will not be able to attend any of the two meetings, **WILL BE** responsible to consult and follow the administrative instructions directly from our Welcome Guide on their own.

First Semester	For Students attending the Spanish Course	3th September 2018 - 11.00h
	For all Students	17th and 24th September 2018 - 11.00h
Second Semester	For Students attending the Spanish Course	4th February 2019 - 11.00h (Salón de actos, Facultad de Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería Informática-Telecomunicación)
	For all Students	15th February 2019 - 11.00h (Salón de actos, Facultad de Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería Informática-Telecomunicación)



**SPANISH
LANGUAGE
COURSE FOR
INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE
STUDENTS**



SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The “Course for Erasmus and International Exchange Students” of UMA, **70 class hours**, allows students to consolidate and acquire Spanish skills, in order to improve understanding of the subjects that they will be studying at UMA.

This course is recognized as a non-official degree from UMA and it always starts at the beginning of September (first semester and full year students) and beginning of February (second semester students).

In this regard, it is important to emphasize that, as a non-official degree, it grants ECTS credits that may be recognized by student’s home university, but it **will NOT** be included in the Transcript of Records because the course **DOES NOT** belong to any official degree program at UMA. The recognition of these credits depends on the home university criteria.

Please, check the registration fees, class hours and ECTS credits on the following link:

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

The intensive Spanish Language Course is voluntary and you can only enroll in one of the two periods.

If you decide to take the course, you have to select it on the **online Application Form**. After generating it on EMI, you will receive an email, directly from the Spanish school, with the Application Form and the application procedure.

The Course is offered at the “**CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESPAÑOL**”, language school located in El Palo, at the following address:

CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESPAÑOL

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Telephone: +34 951 952738/737

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E-mail: cie@uma.es

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



**ACADEMIC
INFORMATION**



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2018-2019

This information will not be available **until July 2018**. Here you can access the official **calendar for 2017/2018**: <https://www.uma.es/SECRETARIAGENERAL/secgenfiles/Calendario1718.pdf>

There are differences among faculties regarding starting dates, schedules, timetables, exam calendars...

- To find the schedules and rooms of each faculty go to the main page and click **“Conoce la UMA”** on the main menu. Then click on **“Centros”**: www.uma.es/centros-listado/
- Choose your faculty
- You will find a different main menu and you have to select **“Calendario”** to find class schedules.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The academic programme for the academic year 2018/2019 will be published after the **1st of July 2018**. The academic offer of the last academic year 2017/2018 may serve as a useful guidance until 2018/2019 the new one is published on UMA website.

Once the academic programme is available, the pre-enrollment section will be activated and then students will be able to fill it in EMI. In this document, students should select those subjects in which they plan to enroll at UMA.

Details about **academic courses** offered at UMA are available online. It is quite easy to find the necessary information if you follow these instructions:

- To find the description of each course go to the main page and click **“Servicios”** on the main menu and choose **“Ordenación Académica”**. After that, you have to click on **“Programación Docente”** (right row):

<http://www.uma.es/servicio-ordenacion-academica/cms/menu/programacion-docente/>

- Choose **“Programación Docente de Títulos de Grado”**. (Hereinafter cited as PROA)
- Now that you have found PROA, you have to choose your faculty, bachelor degree name and year (curso). Depending on your selection, you will find a different list of subjects.
- Select the subject on the left (in red color) and click on **“Consultar la guía docente de la asignatura”** on the left.

Different groups will be included on timetables. Students will be able to choose the group that suits them better, but it is important that they inform their professors in order to decide which group to attend.



Lectures in English

There are only a few courses offered in English and these are quite demanded. There is a limit of **25 exchange students per course** and UMA cannot guarantee that courses taught in English will be available for every exchange student. Here you can find our courses taught in English for the **academic year 2017/2018** (the offer for 18/19 will not be available until July):

<https://www.uma.es/relaciones-internacionales/cms/menu/erasmus/incoming-students/at-the-faculty/courses-schedules-and-calendars/>

Please notice that in the mentioned list we include the name of the courses in English but also translated into Spanish. When you select them on EMI, you will find those courses only named in Spanish.

Postgraduate Studies

For Postgraduate Studies (Masters and Doctorates) at UMA, this will **ONLY** be possible for Exchange students if this option is included in the Bilateral Agreement.

Restrictions and rules established by UMA

- All International Mobility Students are obliged to choose, at least, 50% of the subjects relative to the Field of Study included in the Bilateral Agreement signed between institutions (undergraduate and postgraduate level courses). Any doubts should be clarified at the home university before the selection of candidates. Students who do not fulfil this requirement will NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Due to the Bologna Plan, the Lectures have limited places. Please, consider different options in order to have more possibilities.
- For Medicine students: it will not be possible to enroll in any course of 6th Year.
- Incoming foreign students who are going to carry out external internships in hospitals, schools and so on., must bring from the countries where they are nationals (if they have dual citizenship, from both countries), a negative certificate from the Central Registry of Sexual Offenders, or a criminal record, and failing that, a consular certificate of good standing.



LEARNING AGREEMENT

(For Erasmus Students ONLY)

Before the arrival:

Some universities require this document before the arrival of the student. Therefore, those who need the Learning Agreement signed before arriving to Malaga, should contact directly the [Faculty Coordinator at UMA](#) where they have been nominated.

Please find here below a list of faculty coordinators:

<https://www.uma.es/relaciones-internacionales/cms/base/ver/base/basecontent/105836/coordinadores-de-movilidad/>

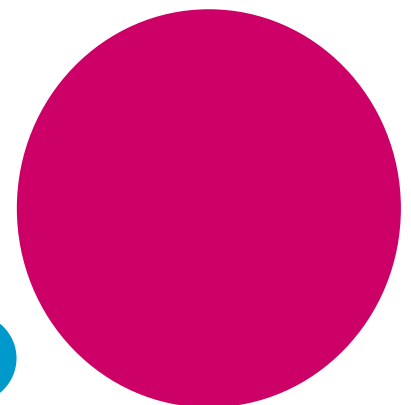
Attention: Any Learning Agreement signed before the selection of courses in our Online Incoming Student Platform (EMI) will be provisional since the Academic Program 2018/2019 will not be approved until July.

Please do not send by post or email the original version of the Learning Agreement from home universities to the International Office since only academic coordinators or faculty coordinators (from host and home institutions) will be able to sign it.

To avoid academic issues, those Erasmus+ students who want to choose any Practicum through Erasmus + studies in Medicine, Health Science or Fine Arts (full year, first semester and second semester students) are obliged to send the Learning Agreement (EMI version) to the respective faculty coordinator of UMA before the 15th of July.

Before the departure:

The Learning Agreement should be signed and updated by the academic coordinator before leaving UMA.





LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

We do not require any certification or a determinate level of language, although students are expected to be able to follow lectures in Spanish. In accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, a **B1 Spanish** level is advisable.

Subjects at UMA are taught in Spanish. Therefore, those students who do not speak Spanish usually have difficulties in finding the appropriate courses and to speak out during their stay in Malaga.

Note: Special mention to the students from Health Sciences for the face- to- face communication with the patients.

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. 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).

Maximum credits permitted

In accordance with the European Commission and the new System of European Credit Transfer, exchange students accepted by UMA are obliged to take **NO MORE** than 60 credits for a full year and 30 credits for one semester.

- 30 ECTS credits for **one semester**.
- 60 ECTS credits for a **full year**.

Note: As an exception UMA offers you the flexibility to slightly increase this amount and allows taking in the enrollment 36 (one semester) and 66 (full year) credits in those cases where it is necessary.

Minimum credits permitted

Erasmus Student

- 1 course per semester.

Non Erasmus Student

- 18 ECTS credits for one semester.
- 36 ECTS credits for a full year.

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 subjects: Spanish students normally take 5 subjects per term.
- Number of hours per week: Students spend 20-25 hours in lectures.
- Number of weeks per term: 15 weeks + 3 or 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. Notice that the grade “**Matrícula de Honor**” is rarely given.

SPANISH SYSTEM	ECTS GRADINGSCALE
Matrícula de Honor (MH)	Distinction
Sobresaliente (SOB)	Excellent
Notable (NOT)	Very Good
Aprobado (APR)	Satisfactory
Suspenso (SUS)	Fail
No presentado (N.P.)	(Absent from exam)



**STUDENT
VISA**



STUDENT VISA

(For Non-European International Exchange Students)

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Student visa is mandatory for any foreigners who do not 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 must be processed in your country of residence prior to your departure. To find the closest Spanish Embassy in your country, visit:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/EmbajadasConsulados.aspx>

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

It is important that you apply for a “student visa”; otherwise, you will not be able to extend your stay in Spain as a student. The visa is affixed in your passport before departing to your country, and must be presented at the border Officials upon entry into Spain.

Processing a study visa

The application must be submitted personally, on the official form, in the **Spanish Consular Office or Embassy** in your country.

The application will be submitted along with the documents, that accredit the following:

- A. Valid passport or travel document, recognized as valid in Spain, valid during the period of study which you are apply for.
- B. That you have been admitted by an authorized teaching center in Spain in order to carry out a full-time program which aims to obtain a study title or certificate. [This is the Letter of Acceptance](#).
- C. That you have the economic means to defray living expenses and return to your country according to the following amounts:
 - For your support, an amount which represents the 100% of the IPREM, unless you accredit having paid beforehand the accommodation expenses for the period of stay.
 - For the support of the relatives in charge of the student during the stay in Spain: An amount which represents the 75% of the IPREM for the first relative and the 50% of the IRPEM for each of the remaining relatives who are going to be part of the family unit in Spain. Unless it is duly accredited to have pre-paid the accommodation for as long as the stay lasts. In order to guarantee this support, the amounts used or to be used to cover, where appropriate, the cost of studies That you have paid the processing fee.
- D. That you have paid the processing fee.
- E. That you have public or private health insurance agreed with an insurer, which is authorized to work in Spain.
- F. When the period of stay is longer than 6 months, you also will be required:
 - [Medical certificate](#) proving that you do not suffer from any of the diseases that may have serious public health consequences in accordance with the provisions of the 2005 International Health Regulations.
 - [Certificate of Criminal Background](#) in which it is accredited that you do not have criminal records in the countries where you have resided during the last five years by crimes foreseen in the Spanish order.

Important Note: If the duration of the studies does not exceed six months, the visa will be enough to document the stay.



Once in Spain

(Only if you are going to stay in Malaga for more than 180 days)

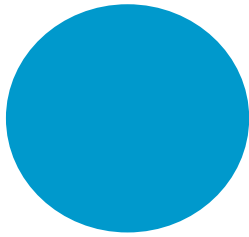
You must contact the local authorities to acquire a card called TIE- Tarjeta de Identidad del Extranjero and to get a NIE (Número de Identidad del Extranjero). Once in Malaga, you should go to the Comisaría de Policía in Plaza de Manuel Azaña, 3, phone: +34 952 04 62 00. You can find the **instructions** to follow here:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Embajadas/VIENA/en/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Pages/NIE.aspx>

This “**Spanish Student Residency Card**” is then valid for as long as you enroll 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.

Contact information about the Consulates and Embassies from different countries in Malaga, can be found on the web page: <http://www.malagaturismo.com/es/secciones/consulados/27>





**UMA
SERVICES**



UMA SERVICES

ACCOMMODATION

Renting a room in an apartment shared with other students is the most popular way of living in Malaga. There are a large number of apartments available for rent, which are located in different parts of the city, and it usually does not take much time to find one.

- UMA does not book accommodation for students, but it assists them in finding a room or apartment through its Welcome to UMA Office completely **FREE OF CHARGE**. You just have to contact Welcome to UMA and consult the accommodation offer.

Contact details of **Welcome to UMA**:

Webpage: <https://www.uma.es/welcome-uma>

Email: accommodationuma@uma.es

We recommend those students, who have not booked any definitive accommodation prior to their arrival, to find provisional accommodation for a few days...

Other options:

- **CIE (Centro Internacional de Español)** will help those students who will attend the Spanish course with accom-modation. Please contact them at cie@uma.es.
- The **ESN Office** (Erasmus Student Network) would be another option. Please contact them at esn.malaga@gmail.com.
- There are also several Dormitories, but unlike in many other countries, this option is not so popular among the exchange students. They usually offer meals, laundry, cleaning and other services, but at the same time are more expensive. Ask the Accommodation Office for further details.

Webpage: <http://www.uma.es/alojamiento/>

Email: alojamiento@uma.es

As another option you can also look for an accommodation with a Spanish family. This might be especially beneficial for those students, who wish to practice their Spanish language.

When looking for an accommodation you may certainly also use other resources, such as internet research or personal acquaintances.

ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK (ESN) – MALAGA

ESN is a very well-known and non-profit organization in Europe and works with the University of Malaga to guarantee its authenticity and trust. ESN organizes activities and offers help to international students in Malaga (even with accommodation issues). The activities and services are focused not only in Erasmus Students but also in all international students.

ESN Office:

Faculty of Economics and Business Calle El
Ejido, 6 El Ejido Campus

Facebook: Erasmus Student Network Malaga

Facebook group: Erasmus Málaga
2018/20189– ESN Malaga

Web: www.esnmalaga.org

Email: esn.malaga@gmail.com





WELCOME TO UMA OFFICE



WTU Office offers personalized attention, and is a comprehensive service that provides support and information on a range of issues of interest to those visitors coming to our university from abroad such as: accommodation, transport, health insurance, university card, internet access, language support, sports, cultural and leisure activities.

Web: <https://www.uma.es/welcome-uma/>

WELCOME TO UMA ACTIVITIES



Welcome to UMA Office

Bulevar Louis Pasteur, 29, Málaga, Spain

Phone: +34 951 95 31 27

Email: welcometouma@uma.es



BUDDY PROGRAM

Arriving in a new country can be exciting but can also give rise to difficulties. Welcome to UMA Office at the University of Malaga organizes the Buddy Program as an international students service. The program provides a helping hand as you settle down and you get to know student life.

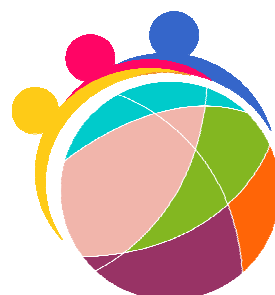
- Receive useful information about the University of Malaga before arriving
- Share classes and assignments with your *buddy*
- Language Training
- Participate in organized activities
- Enrich your experience in our University

Welcome to UMA Office will assign you a *buddy* considering the following **aspects**:

- The center where you will study
- The languages that you speak
- The duration of your stay at UMA (we take into account if you come for a full academic year or for the first or second semester)
- According to your personal interests and information

How can I participate?

1. **Fill in the Application Form** (Remember that there are two models, one for the local students and the other one for foreign student). You can find them in our **website**: www.uma.es/welcome-uma
2. **Send us an Email**. If you do not find the application form or you have any problem, send us an email to buddyprogram@uma.es and we will kindly answer your questions.
3. **Visit us at our office** (Bulevar Louis Pasteur 29, Jardín Botánico, Campus de Teatinos, Málaga)
4. **Call us by phone**. We attend you in the **+34 952 13 11 11**. Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30



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LIBRARIES

International students will be able to use the University libraries when they are officially enrolled since they will be required to present their [Student ID card](#).

UMA has a [General Library](#) located in 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 for 8,000 people, 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.

You can search the [titles available](#) in the different libraries in <http://jabega.uma.es/>

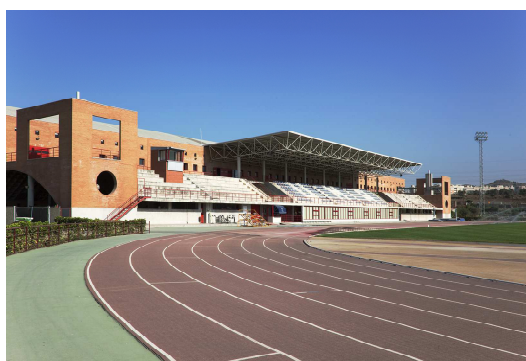
The library's opening hours are approximately from **8:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., Monday to Friday**. During [exams periods](#) some of them are open **24h**.

Website: <http://www.uma.es/ficha.php?id=62379>

UNIVERSITY SPORTS CENTRE

UMA offers a wide range of interesting sports activities for sports enthusiasts of all levels. To take part in such activities or to use the university's sports facilities (or those belonging to the 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 do any sport. With your [student sport card](#), you can use the sports facilities.



Furthermore, teams from the university take part in federated competitions, national university leagues and the University Sport Games. The Sports Centre is located in the Teatinos campus and consists of a series of modern sports facilities. The facilities cover an area of more than 76,000 square meters, at the center of which is the multiple sports area, where different state-of-the-art sports 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.

Website: <http://www.uma.es/uma-deportes>

CULTURE

Into a cultural center of great importance at both local and national level. Besides sponsoring different citizens' and university projects, it is geared towards the **visual arts** (with numerous exhibitions inside and out- side 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 Malaga), **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.).

Website: <http://www.uma.es/servicio-cultura>





LIVING IN MALAGA

A city with a rich historic and cultural tradition, Malaga was founded by the Phoenicians around 800 B.C. and later colonized 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, Malaga 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 Malaga a wonderful place to live in.

WEATHER

Malaga 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.

SHOPPING HOURS

Normal opening hours for small shops from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. There are many shopping centers open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Although shops are usually closed on Sundays, there are a number of small grocers and delicatessens which are open in the city center during the weekends.

POST OFFICES

City Centre C/ Santa Lucía nº 7	Mo-Fr 8.30-20.30	Sa 9.30-13.00
Teatinos Av. Parménides nº 13	Mo-Fr 8.30-14.30	Sa 9.30-13.00
Malagueta C/ del Puerto nº 11	Mo-Fr 8.30-14.30	Sa 9.30-13.00
Train Station Explanada de la Estación	Mo-Fr 8.30-20.30	Sa 9.30-13.00

Stamps can be purchased in post offices and licensed tobacco shops (estancos). You can find further information in: <http://www.correos.es/>

HEALTHCARE

Health Insurance

European Students must obtain the European Health Insurance Card before travelling. It entitles the student to medical treatment in Spain under the same conditions as Spanish citizens. They will need this European Health Insurance Card in order to register on the nearest Health Centre to their accommodation in Malaga.

Here you will find further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=509&langId=en>

Non-European students, before travelling, must take out 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 their stay in Spain. Please, get the necessary information about your health insurance before arriving in Malaga.



All students may also wish to take out additional insurance. We recommend the following insurance companies which offer special conditions to international exchange students:

Oncampus: <http://oncampus.es>

Montymarq: <https://montymarq.es/universitasmundi/>

Vaccinations

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.

Chemists

Most chemists open from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Nevertheless, some establishments open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and others 24 hours a day. When in doubt, consult the local newspaper or the list displayed in all establishments.

BANKING

In Malaga, as in many other cities, it is not a good idea to carry large amounts of cash on one's person or keep it at home. Therefore, students are advised to open a bank account on arrival. Banks generally open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. In addition, many banks have 24-hour automatic teller machines, ATM, that give you access to most bank services.

TRAVELING AROUND MALAGA

BUS

Important Routes for you:

- **Routes 1 and 13** connect the El Ejido campus with different parts of the town.
- **Routes 22, 25 and 8** are the ones to take to go to the Teatinos campus.
- **Route 11** connects Teatinos-El Palo (International Centre for Spanish).
- **Route L** connects Teatinos campus with Ampliación.

For those living in the city center, the main buses stop to both campuses are located in Alameda Principal.

For further information about buses in Malaga: <http://www.emtmalaga.es> or download the **EMT Malaga app**.

Fares

Single Ticket	1,30€
Airport Ticket	3,00€
Multitravel card (10 trips)	8,30€
Monthly student card (unlimited number of trips) Under the age of 26	27,00€
Monthly card (unlimited number of trips) Over the age of 26	39,95€

Students can apply for a monthly student card that enables them to make an unlimited number of trips within the city and costs 27 €. 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 costs 39.95€, allows a holder to make an unlimited number of trips within the city limits. Application Form and procedure will be activated upon the arrival of the student. The cards are bought at licensed tobacco shops (“estanco” in Spanish) and kiosks throughout the city.

SUBWAY/TRAM

The Subway/Tram service was inaugurated on the 30th of July 2014 in the city of Malaga

- **L1** Andalucía Tech-El Perchel

Through Ampliación and Teatinos campus to central bus and train stations (El Perchel).

- **L2** Palacio de los Deportes-El Perchel

Connects a large area of the city

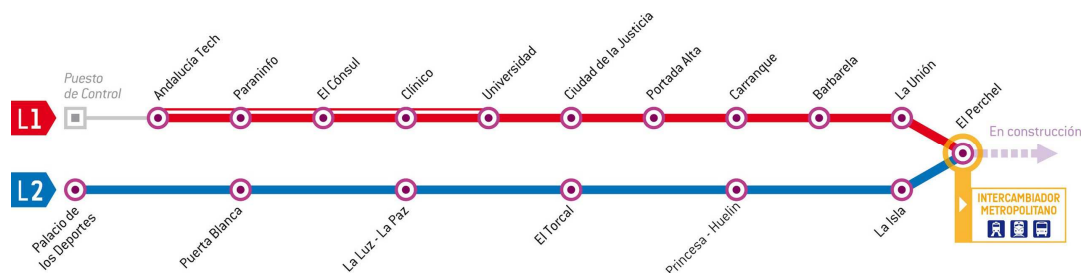
Fares

Regular Ticket	1,35€
Cash card	0,82€
Cash card (Partnership)	0,82€ + Bus 0, 65 €

For further information visit <http://metromalaga.es>

Phone number +34 902 112 223

Email: info@metromalaga.es



TRAINS: CERCANÍAS

Malaga is connected to towns along la Costa del Sol and el Valle del Guadalhorce through the network of regional trains; Cercanías.

- **Lines**

The network consists in two lines:

- **C-1** Malaga – Aeropuerto – Fuengirola
- **C-2** Malaga – Álora



Fares

Tickets	1/2 zones	3 zones	4 zones	5 zones
Single Ticket	1,80€	2,05€	2,70€	3,60€
Bonotren (10 journeys)	11,95€	13,85€	18,70€	25,05€
Monthly Ticket	35,80€	42,00€	60,85€	75,70€
Unlimited Monthly Ticket*	47,85€	55,30€	74,70€	100,15€
Student**	89,60€	111,50€	171,45€	210,85€

***Monthly Tickets** can only be used twice a day (round trip) during a month while with Unlimited Monthly Tickets there is no daily limit.

****Student tickets** can be acquired at any station. You must bring the [Student Card](#) or the [enrollment document](#) in order to acquire it. It can be used during a natural semester (Oct-Dec, Jan-Mar, and April to 15th July).

You can find further information (in Spanish) in <http://www.renfe.com/viajeros/cercanias/malaga/>

BANK HOLIDAYS

The following dates are the bank holidays in Malaga during the 2018/2019 academic year. Most establishments and public buildings will be closed during these dates and university lectures are stopped. Please notice that some schools and faculties may stop lectures due to particular festivities.

• 2018

8th of September: Virgen de la Victoria.

12th of October: Spain's National Day

1st of November: Día de Todos los Santos (All Saints' Day/Hallowmas)

6th of December: Spanish Constitution Day

8th of December: Inmaculada Concepción

25th of December: Navidad (Christmas Day)

• 2019

1st of January: Año Nuevo (New Year's Day)

6th of January: Epifanía Del Señor

28th of February: Andalusia's Regional Day

1st of May: Día del Trabajador (Labor Day)

OUR CULTURE

Fiestas

Several festivities are held in Malaga every year. The most famous and meaningful ones are Feria de Agosto (August Fair) and Semana Santa (Eastern Holy Week). However, there are other dates in which the city will be decked out and full of people: Fiestas de San Juan, fiesta de la Virgen del Carmen, Carnaval and fairs.

Gastronomy

Andalusian gastronomy is based on the Mediterranean diet: local and fresh ingredients such as vegetables, fruit, fish and olive oil. Our cuisine and our culture in general, is the result of a convergence of cultures. Romans, Arabs, Greeks, Phoenicians and Visigoths, all contributed to the history of the Andalusian gastronomy.

Tapas are small appetizers, which are served in bars and restaurants throughout Spain. Sometimes the price includes a drink. You can eat tapas that consist in a small portion of any type of meal. You can actually have a full meal with tapas!

Meals are served late in the evening compared with the rest of Europe: breakfast is normally eaten between 7.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Lunch is served from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner from 8.00 p.m. and 11 p.m. However, most of restaurants adapt their times to the European norms and will serve food earlier.

ENTERTAINMENT AND LEISURE

Picasso's hometown is more and more recognized as an important cultural destination. The capital city of La Costa del Sol offers a wide variety of museums and exhibitions as well as theatres and halls. You should not miss the opportunity to get into our history and customs, our learning about the finest international art.

WEEKEND FUN

Malaga has an exciting and varied nightlife. While the city center's shops close, numerous bars offer foreigners the chance to get to know the locals.





MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

Bus → 1,30€

Cinema → 8€ (special prices depend on the day)

Lunch in the Univ. canteen → 5,00€

Whopper at Burger King → 5,00€

Coca Cola / Beer in a bar → 2,00€ - 3,00€

Coca Cola / Beer bought in a Supermarket → **0,60€**

Cappuccino or Café au Lait → 1,50€ - 2,00€

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.

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT MÁLAGA UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY

THE UNIVERSITY

- Website: <http://www.uma.es>
- Faculties: <http://www.uma.es/centros-listado/>

THE CITY

- Useful Links
 - Malaga City Council: <http://www.malaga.eu>
 - Map of the City A to Z: <http://sig.malaga.eu/guia/>
 - Consulates: <http://www.malagaturismo.com/es/secciones/consulados/27>
 - City Buses company-EMT: <http://www.emtmalaga.es>
 - Airport: <http://www.aena.es>
 - Train: <http://www.renfe.es>



TOURIST OFFICE

Malaga Municipal Tourist

Plaza de la Marina, 11 29015 Malaga
Tel.: 951 926 020
Fax: 951 926 620
E-mail: info@malagaturismo.com
<http://www.malagaturismo.com/>

Malaga Tourist Office (Government of Andalusia)

Calle Pasaje de Chinitas, 4 29015 Malaga
Tel.: 951 308 911/951 308 913
Fax: 951 308 912
E-mail: otmalaga@andalucia.org

Airport Tourist Office (Government of Andalusia)

T3 Arrivals
Telephone: 951 294 003
E-mail: otaemalaga@andalucia.org

