



International Student Guide

***The public university of Castelló,
Valencian Community, Spain***



UJI 
means more



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As Rector of the Universitat Jaume I of Castelló de la Plana, it is my pleasure to welcome you in the name of the university community, and introduce you to some of the most relevant aspects of the university.

The Universitat Jaume I is a young institution with relentless enthusiasm in its development of an academic project of excellence in Europe. But at the same time, it is a mature university with experience in its teaching, research and cultural activities. Our university community is designed with people in mind: large enough for all of us to be enriched by the outstanding diversity of its members, but without becoming an anonymous mass of people that is difficult to manage.

Since 1991, the year the university was officially founded, we have taken great strides in many fields, most notably in innovation and creativity, and in our social, environmental and multicultural commitments. Our achievements range from our permanent engagement with information and communication technologies—which led us to develop the first web server in Spain in its day – or the recent renewal of the European Gold Seal of Excellence 500+, awarded by the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM), for quality in the management of all our activities, to the recognition as a Campus of International Excellence for the joint project Campus HÁbitat 5U, together with the other public universities in the Valencian Community.



This guide gives you information on all our undergraduate and master's degrees, courses that have been designed with the participation of specialised professionals and experts from the business community to ensure they match the realities of the labour market. You will also find all the information necessary to understand why coming to the Universitat Jaume I can offer you so many opportunities and be such an enriching experience. Because we are confident that human values and knowledge provide the most efficient mechanism to improve the lives of all individuals, our educational offer assures a promising professional and personal future.

I invite you to come and join our university community, to share in the project of the Universitat Jaume I in this privileged region, on the shores of the Mediterranean, in a well connected city where life is both easygoing and culturally stimulating, close to the main capitals of Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia. Here, we have created a space for diversity and knowledge where you will always be welcome.

Vicent Climent
Rector



“Solo el campus supuso un cambio para mí.
Castelló es una ciudad muy acogedora
y la UJI, una universidad moderna”

Misty, USA



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UNIVERSITAT JAUME I (UJI)

The **Universitat Jaume I in Castelló (UJI)** is a public higher education and research centre, set up in 1991, which seeks to enhance the social, economic and cultural development of the society that surrounds it through the creation and transmission of knowledge.

The UJI is the northernmost university in the Valencian Community and the only one in the province of Castelló. The tremendous development and evolution of the University in recent years has transformed the town of Castelló de la Plana into a dynamic, modern, expanding university town, which has made use of the enterprising nature of its inhabitants to spark strong social and economic change spreading to the rest of the province.

The UJI currently offers 29 undergraduate degrees, 45 official postgraduate master's degrees, 12 UJI-specific master's degrees and 27 specialisation courses. The University has approximately 14 000 students, of whom 89% are undergraduate students, a number that allows students to receive individual attention without problems of overcrowding. This can also be achieved thanks to the fact that we have a single, attractive, modern campus, making it possible for close human relationships to be forged, and excellent links to the town of Castelló and its surroundings. The UJI has more than 1290 lecturers and 640 administrative staff. In its short history, it has produced more than 22 000 graduates and a research, innovation and development output of more than 2000 projects and contracts.

The UJI has more than 300 cooperation agreements with foreign universities and higher education centres.

“La ville est petite mais très agréable à vivre.
Les rues sont propres, la ville est très sûre.”

Civan, France

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CASTELLÓ. TOWN AND SURROUNDINGS

Castelló de la Plana, the capital of the province of Castelló, is a town with 175 000 inhabitants, although if the small towns that make up the surrounding metropolitan area are included then the total comes to almost half a million people. It is a pleasant, sunlit town that lies between the Desert de les Palmes hills and the Mediterranean Sea, and is surrounded by orange groves. Industrial development in the area is dominated by a strong ceramics sector. The city is situated 65 km north of Valencia and 285 south of Barcelona.

Castelló has a mild Mediterranean climate, with a pleasant temperature of around 27°C in the summer and 18°C in the winter. In Castelló you can enjoy more than 300 sunny days a year. The coldest period is January/February, while the hottest months are June/July. This is a favourable climate for outdoor activities at any time of year.

The town has grown in recent years to become one of the most high-profile places in the Valencian Community and Spain. The University, the Conference Centre and Auditorium, the Fine Arts Museum, the Marina and the Planetarium are all evidence of the economic and cultural growth and development of this Mediterranean town.

The main popular festivals in the town are the Magdalena, which is celebrated in March, and Saint Peter's festival, which takes place in El Grau de Castelló in June.

The province of Castelló mixes seaside and mountain landscapes. Along the coast, the landscape combines large areas of orange groves with 120 km of excellent beaches bathed by the calm waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Inland, the landscape changes dramatically – the province of Castelló is the second most mountainous in Spain and its inland areas have a rich cultural, historical and landscape heritage.

① Municipal Tourist Board:
<http://www.castellonturismo.com>

① Provincial Tourist Board:
<http://turismodecastellon.com/>

① Valencian Community Tourist Board:
<http://www.comunitatvalenciana.com>

“La cittadina è un po piccola. Il lato positivo è che conosci molta gente in modo un po piu approfondito di come non la conosceresti in una grande città, per cui puoi avere facilmente un gruppo di amici.”

Sara, Italy



Benicàssim



Peniscola



Castelló



Morella

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CASTELLÓ. SPAIN. EUROPE.

Castelló is a modern town that is both typically Mediterranean and at the same time very European. It is well connected by road and rail to other important towns and cities around Spain and Europe. And thanks to the nearby airport in Valencia, flying to other parts of Spain or Europe is no problem either.

HOW TO REACH CASTELLÓ

By Plane:

The nearest airport is Manises, in Valencia (60 km). It is well connected by road and can also be reached by train or, from Valencia, metro.

① www.aena.es

By train (RENFE):

Valencia-Castelló. "Cercanías". Approximate journey time: 55 minutes (trains every 30 minutes every day).
Barcelona-Castelló. Approximate journey time: 2 h 15 min.
Madrid-Castelló (AVE). Approximate journey time: 3 h
Alicante-Castelló. Approximate journey time: 2 h 35 min.

① www.renfe.es

By car:

The N340 road, the A7 dual carriageway and the AP7 motorway link Castelló with the rest of Spain.

- Valencia-Castelló (65 km): 1 h.
- Barcelona-Castelló (285 km): 2 h 30 min.
- Madrid-Castelló (432 km): 4 h 30 min.
- Alicante-Castelló (265 km): 2 h 30 min.

By bus:

There are bus routes that connect the town with the villages in the province and with other Spanish towns and cities.

- From Barcelona with ALSA
① www.alsa.es (there are buses directly from the airport)
- From Madrid with AutoRes
① www.avanzabus.com



Train Station



"Cercanías" train

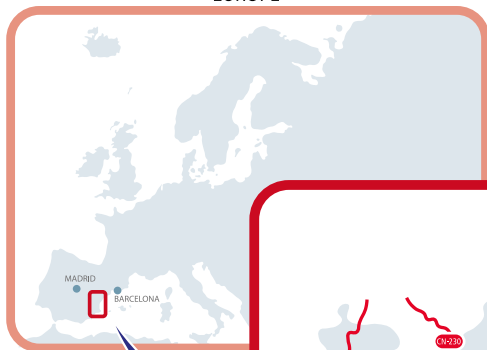


"Castellón a mí me gusta mucho; es una ciudad más o menos pequeña y tranquila. Pero lo que me gusta es que así se conoce rápidamente a mucha gente y puedes orientarte después de poco tiempo."

Vanessa , Germany

TRAM

EUROPE



VALENCIAN COMMUNITY

HOW TO REACH UJI

By TRAM. This transport option with its own track links the town of Castelló with the train and bus station and with the university campus every 5 minutes.

By bus. Six bus routes connect the UJI campus with the different areas of the town.

TRAVELLING IN SPAIN AND IN EUROPE

In recent years many low-cost airlines have started to operate in Spain. The establishment of this kind of company makes it possible to travel to different Spanish and European capitals at low prices. This allows foreign students to discover Spain and Europe without spending a lot of money. This is particularly the case in Castelló, where the cost of living is considerably lower than in bigger cities, and from where nearby Valencia can be reached within an hour in order to take one of the many flights from its airport.



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THE UJI MEANS HIGHER QUALITY

Since its foundation, the Universitat Jaume I has always given priority to quality management as one of its leading goals. The UJI's declaration on Quality Policies states that its objective is "to be an excellent university in the fields of teaching, research and management, in accordance with the philosophy of total quality and, more specifically, in agreement with the criteria established by the European Foundation for Quality Management".

In the year 2009, the UJI was awarded the European Gold Seal of Excellence 500+, or Five Stars, after being assessed in 2008 by the Management Excellence Club in accordance with the model established by the European Foundation of Quality Management (EFQM). This award, which was the first to be obtained by a Spanish university since the signing of the agreement between the National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA, Spain) and the Management Excellence Club, places the UJI at the cutting edge of quality management; the award was renewed in 2010.

The UJI has implemented a Quality Management System that ensures compliance with the requirements set out in the international UNE-EN-ISO 9001:2000 standard. In addition, the Universitat Jaume I library was one of the first at any Spanish public university to obtain the library certificate in compliance with the ISO 9001:2000 standard. It was also the first Spanish public library to receive certification from AENOR, the Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification. Likewise, the UJI was the first Spanish university to be awarded the AENOR certificate for a Sports Service.

The Universitat Jaume I strives to ensure that this quality management is implemented in each of the fields of action it is involved in. Many of these undertakings have been rewarded with marks of distinction such as the recently awarded Best Good Practices Prize, which the UNESCO Chair on Strategic Management of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya has awarded the UJI for its System of Strategic Management.





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CITY CENTRE

TRAIN STATION

TRAM

CAMPUS



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THE UJI IS CLOSER TO YOU

The size of the town allows students to meet and have frequent contact. They can move around easily and visit one another or go out together. It is a town where nobody can feel lonely or have nothing to do, as there are many cultural, social and sports activities on offer. It invites you to walk through its pedestrian streets and squares, and has an extensive cycle lane network linking the centre with the campus.

At the UJI, approximately 14 000 students share a single campus, a number that makes it a close-knit University but not an overcrowded one, thus allowing students to enjoy personalised attention at all times.

The town of Castelló and the University have grown hand in hand, meeting needs and making it easy for the public and students to get around. The guided bus known as TRAM, the public transport system, the railway station with local and long-distance trains less than 5 minutes away, the new neighbourhood next to the campus with plenty of private flats to share, etc., all make the UJI a comfortable university to study, live and have fun at.



ESPAITEC. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS PARK



SPORTS PAVILION



AGORA AND SHOPPING AND SERVICES GALLERY



GREENHOUSES



INDOOR SWIMMING POOL



LIBRARY/INFOCAMPUS



SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES



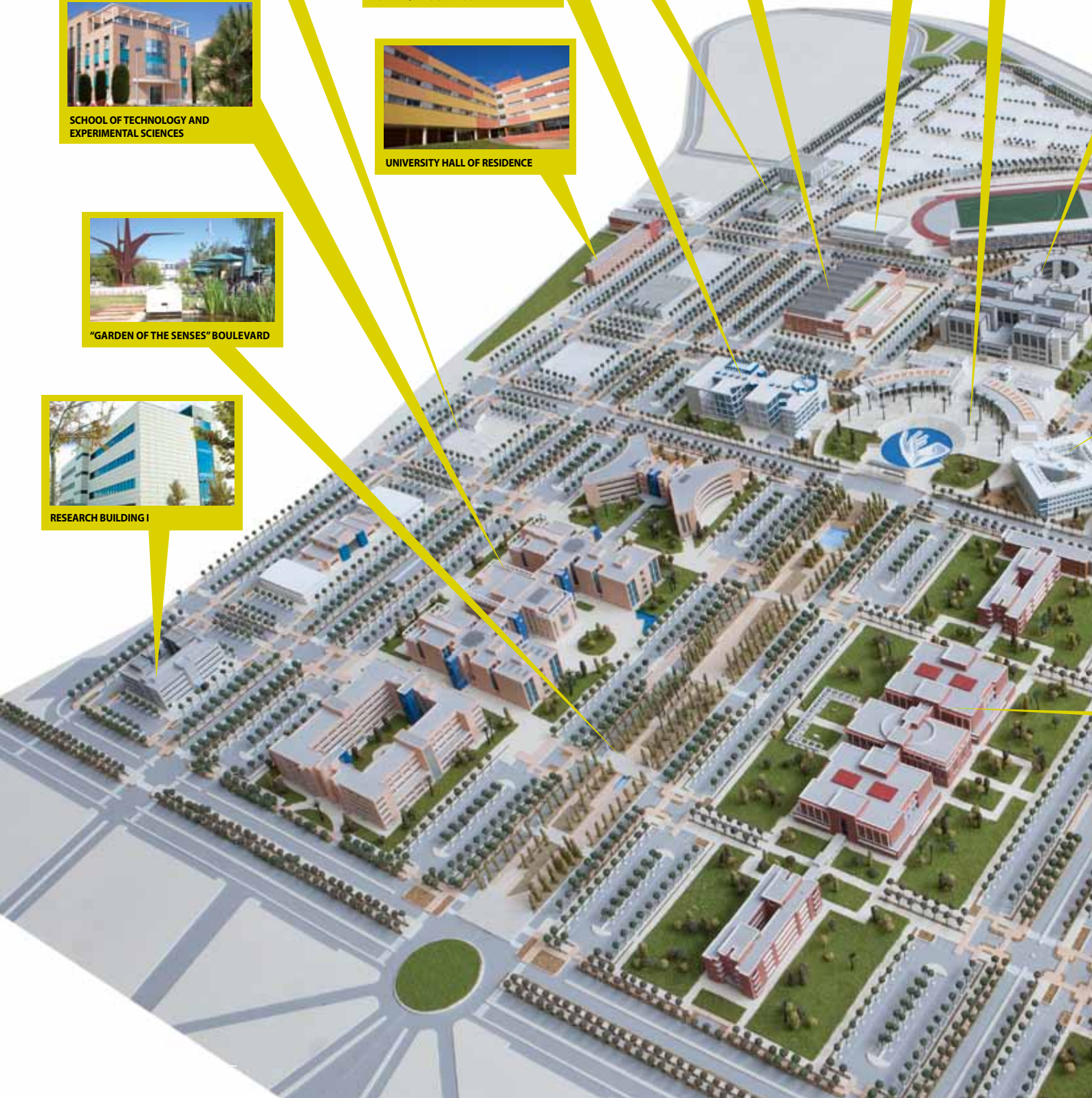
UNIVERSITY HALL OF RESIDENCE



"GARDEN OF THE SENSES" BOULEVARD



RESEARCH BUILDING I



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THE UJI, A SINGLE-CAMPUS UNIVERSITY

The Universitat Jaume I offers all its state-regulated instruction on its attractive modern campus, which was designed as a single unit in order to encourage closer human relationships.

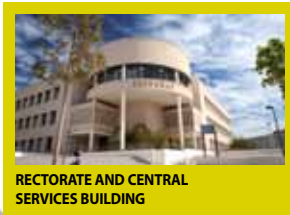
The campus, covering 176 000 m², has 4 faculties and many research and management buildings articulated around a central 13 000 m² garden, called the Jardí dels Sentits (the garden of the senses). The campus is equipped with the most up-to-date academic, research, cultural and social facilities so as to provide the University's students with an enriching experience.

It is a green, sustainable campus that promotes the use of renewable energies, with recycling points facilitating the recovery of materials.

All the departments of the UJI have implemented an AENOR-certified environmental management system that complies with the strict requirements of the UNE-ES-ISO 14001:2004 standard.

It is also an easily accessible campus, without any architectural barriers that would prevent disabled people from being able to move about on it.

① www.campus.uji.es





LIBRARY AND SELF-ACCESS LANGUAGE CENTRE (CAL)

AGORA

The Agora is the centre of university life. At its base, there is a large ceramic mosaic depicting a white glove, which symbolises the object given to scholars when they obtain their doctoral degree. This amphitheatre becomes the ideal setting for outdoor shows and cultural events. It is surrounded by a semicircular arcaded area with shops, cafeterias, an exhibition gallery (Octubre Gallery), a bank branch, the offices of student associations and other University services.

The building is open 24 hours a day during exam periods and has services adapted to student needs:

- The Media Centre, with DVD films, music CDs or open source software for loan.
- A free laptop loan service.
- A free digital camera loan service.
- Study rooms for group work.
- Computer rooms, with 150 computers with free Internet access.
- The Self-Access Language Centre (CAL), which offers a series of resources and materials (software, media, books...) classified by language, topic, level, skill... so users can embark on the learning process on their own or with the help of a specialised adviser.

“Per quanto riguarda i servizi offerti dalla UJI in termini di computer, libri e attività, la uji è di gran lunga migliore rispetto alla mia facoltà.”

Sara, Italy



SPORTS CENTRE

The sports area is equipped with the most modern facilities and is completed with more than 80 activities offered to the university by qualified staff: athletics, aerobics, badminton, skiing, yoga, paddle tennis, tennis, muscle-building, swimming, fencing, Pilates, horse riding, indoor cycling, golf, Tai Chi, sailing, etc., all at a token cost designed for students (the approximate price of one activity is 20 euros per semester.)



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THE UJI MEANS MORE RESEARCH

The UJI is the fifth-ranked Spanish university for R&D projects per tenured academic staff member (2008 ranking for research productivity at Spanish public universities). The UJI has placed strong emphasis on stimulating R&D through its own ambitious research programme endowed with 4.7 million euros for 2011. The UJI has 156 research groups, with a high scientific output: the 280 research projects and more than 560 ongoing R&D contracts with companies in 2010 reflect the UJI's concern for research and for research quality. At the UJI, research is promoted and facilitated through the implementation of world-leading R&D programmes. Centres such as the Institute of Ceramics Technology (a leading institute at world level in the ceramics sector), the Institute for Pesticides and Water Resources (the first Spanish laboratory to have obtained the certificate of good laboratory practice concerning plant health product waste analysis), the ESPAITEC (Science, Technology and Business Park) on the university campus, the scheme to set up a State network of logistics platforms commissioned by the Spanish Ministry of Public Works, etc. In collaboration with the mobility support services of the seven universities in the Valencian Community, the network of Valencian Universities for the promotion of research, development and innovation (RUVID) can provide information and advice to foreign researchers who move to Castelló to conduct research.

For further information:

① www.ruvid.org

The OCIT is the office in charge of research groups:

① www.uji.es/UK/canals/investigacio



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THE UJI MEANS MORE INNOVATION

The Universitat Jaume I plays an outstanding role as a champion of innovation in information and communication technologies, a mark of its identity applied not only in its teaching and research activities, but also throughout the university administration. This is reflected in the facilities on campus as well as the specific projects and programmes the university runs. The UJI was the first Spanish institution to have a web server (www.uji.es) and the first university to have a Centre for Education and New Technologies (CENT). Today, the university is fully integrated and active in the main social networks and has been at the forefront of Spanish universities in migrating its IT operations to the cloud to save costs, cut environmental emissions, encourage spaces for collaboration and, particularly, to allow uninterrupted, ubiquitous access to data.

The Universitat Jaume I, together with the four other public universities in the Valencian Community, has been recognised as a Campus of International Excellence for the Campus Håbitat 5U project. The project aims to bring together university excellence, improve the environment and revitalise well-being. It is a unique initiative in Spain in the area of habitat and territory, based on interaction between a range of economic sectors and numerous academic disciplines.

In September 2011, the Valencian company Tissat opened the most advanced data centre in Europe on the Universitat Jaume I campus, the Walhalla Building. This eco-efficient Data Processing Centre (DPC) has the most advanced features and represents the prototype for the energy management of the future. The project was recently recognised as the Best Medium Data Centre at the Datacentre Dynamics Awards in London, and also holds the USA TIER IV certification, awarded for the maximum possible security and confidentiality of hosted data.

Innovation with students in mind at the UJI is noted for the following:

- 100% of the classrooms have multimedia and audiovisual equipment integrated in the lecturers' desks.
- The computer to student ratio is 1 to 2.
- Free USB with digital signature for all students (the only Spanish university to have obtained the European good practice label for e administration in 2007).
- Free WI-FI Internet access all over the campus.
- Classrooms with free Internet access in each faculty.
- Media Centre with a wide range of multimedia resources and 150 computers with free Internet access.
- Web space and space in the cloud.
- Free text messaging.
- Free laptop, digital video and photo camera loan service for the university community.



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THE UJI IS MORE INTERNATIONAL

The *UJI style* is based on learning foreign languages, new technologies, humanitarianism and the promotion of a spirit of enterprise. The UJI always works respecting and fostering multiculturalism and linguistic richness, and it encourages the incorporation of its staff into the international scientific community.

ORIENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The International Relations Office (ORI) is a University service for domestic and foreign cooperation. Its purpose is to add value to students' education so that they can adapt to the changing circumstances of today's world.

It is responsible for running and disseminating Spanish and international educational programmes, international double degrees and staff mobility.

The UJI has a wide network of international contacts adding up to more than 300 partner universities in Europe, North America, South America, Australia, Russia and Japan. This has given rise to student and teacher exchange programmes, as well as educational and research projects.

The UJI takes part in all the major international educational programmes of the European Union (Erasmus, Leonardo, Erasmus Mundus...), and the Spanish Government (Interuniversity Cooperation Programme, SICUE-Séneca, Foreign Ministry scholarships, etc.).

The importance and recognition of two of the university's international master's degrees – the Master's Degree in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies, which is run by the UNESCO Chair of Philosophy for Peace, and the Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree in Geospatial Technologies – should also be noted.

“You have to speak Spanish at least a little, because most of the Spanish students don't speak English. But everybody will be very nice and helpful, Marga and the girls in the ORI are angels”

Kinga, Hungary

The ORI runs an extensive reception and guidance scheme for incoming students so that they can find out about the university system, the campus and the town of Castelló. It puts them in touch with their academic tutors. It also organises meetings between UJI students throughout the year through a MENTOR programme, as well as visits and excursions in the province of Castelló and in Spain.

The ORI staff also resolve common practical queries foreign students have on issues such as health care or the registration of foreigners.

One good way of meeting the Office's staff and more students is to become a friend of INTERCANVIA'T ORI on Facebook.

① <http://www.incoming.uji.es> | incoming@uji.es

400 students studying abroad through **EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES**

70 students and graduates on **WORK PLACEMENTS**
at companies **IN EUROPE**

250 incoming exchange students from **EUROPE AND AMERICA**

675 foreign **UNDERGRADUATE** students

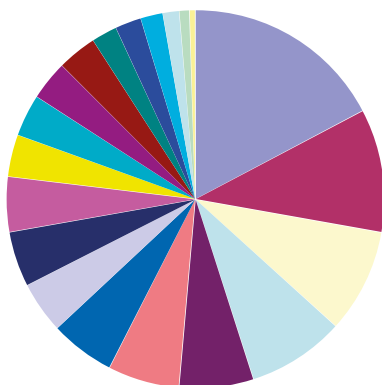
315 foreign **MASTER'S DEGREE** students

100 **DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES**

23% of UJI graduates **STUDYING ABROAD**
through an exchange programme.



WHAT INCOMING STUDENTS
MOST LIKED ABOUT THE UJI



- Well equipped with excellent facilities
- Good relationship with the teachers
- Good welcome and orientation from ORI
- Plenty of interesting subjects
- Friendly people
- The town is cosy
- Good location
- Well organised
- It is easy to meet people
- Interesting, hands-on classes
- Good university
- Beautiful campus
- Good academic level
- Good experiences and plenty of activities
- Pleasant study/working atmosphere
- A good place to learn Spanish
- A good number of foreign students
- Good weather
- The university is not too big
- Not expensive cost of living

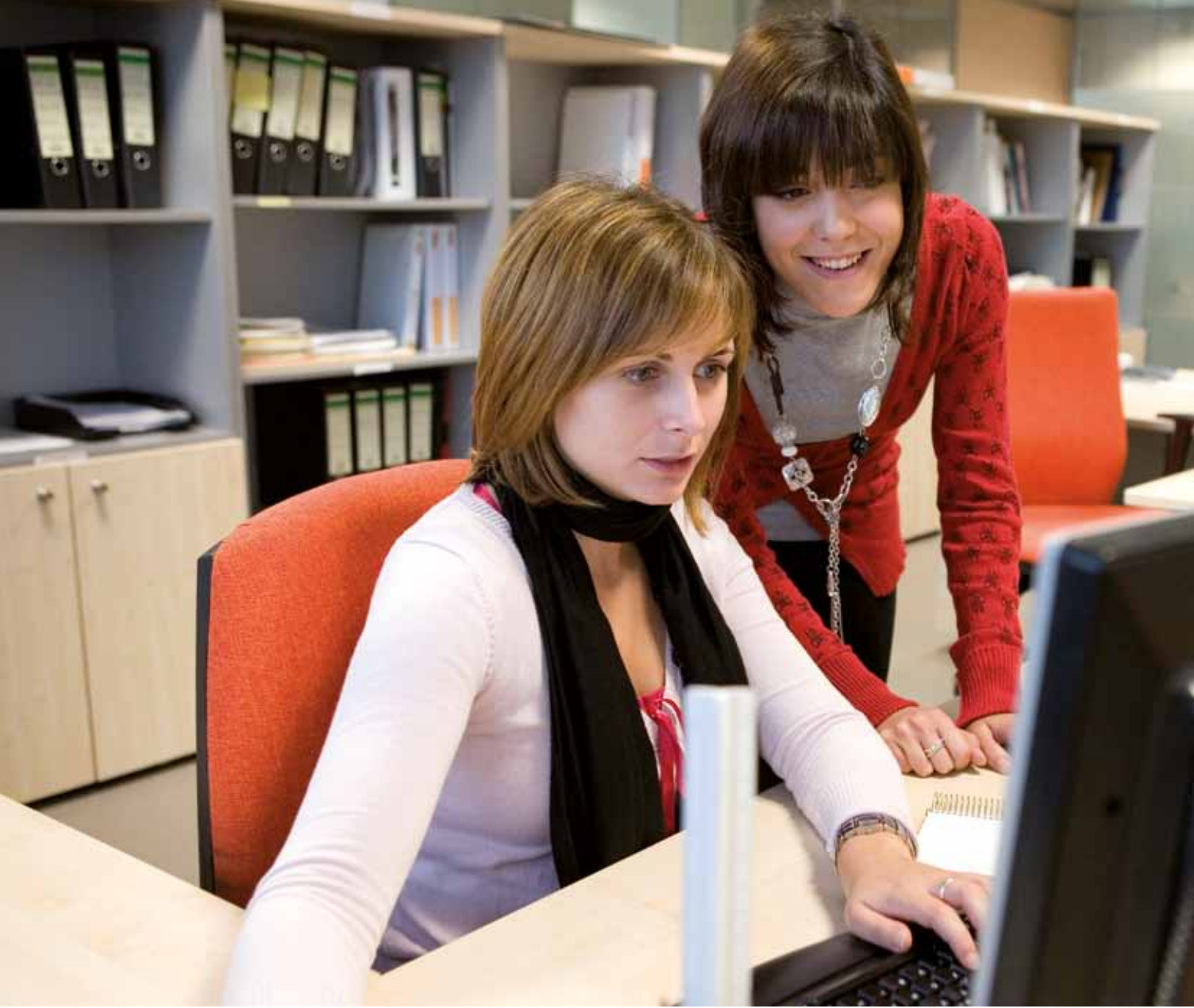
LANGUAGES

At the CAL, Self-Access Language Centre, you can learn Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German and Italian in a variety of ways, and choose the one that best suits you: face-to-face and blended learning courses distance learning and self-learning activities. The CAL is equipped with facilities and materials (such as computers and audiovisual and bibliographical resources) classified by topic and level, and structured in such a way that one can learn independently or with the help of a language advisor. Conversation groups and pairs are also organised so students can practice and improve their oral skills.

① www.uji.es/serveis/slt/cal

Intensive elementary and intermediate level Spanish courses lasting 3 weeks are offered before the beginning of the academic semester. These serve as preparation for the extensive courses given during the semester at intermediate and advanced level. They can be taken either by attending classes or online. There are also A and B level Catalan courses for foreign students. In July, 3-week intensive summer Catalan and Spanish courses are offered.

① www.cursosdellengues.uji.es





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THE UJI MEANS A BETTER FUTURE

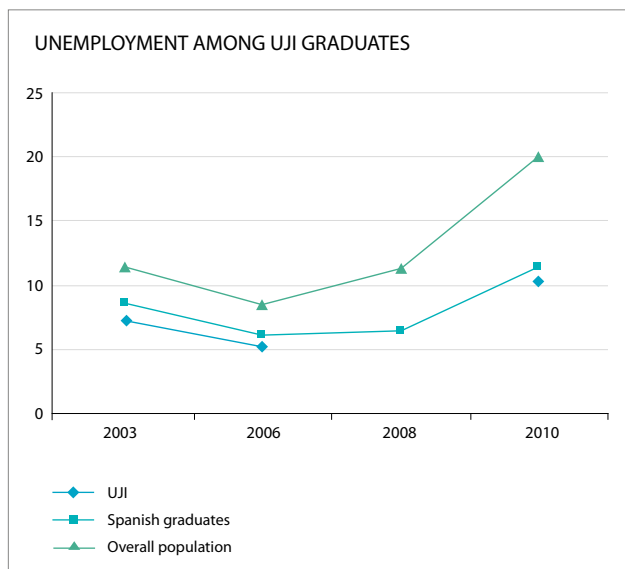
- **100% of undergraduate and postgraduate** students getting work placements.
- **3464 companies** hosting work placement students.
- **86 undergraduate** and master's degree courses.
- **354 new agreements** signed in 2010/2011
- The top Valencian public university by proportion of students incorporated into the job market, according to the Valencian Regional Government.
- A growing campus: future Faculty of Health Sciences, Science and Technology Park, Sports Complex, etc.

Results of the evaluation of placements for 2009/10:

- **35,47% of the students started to work immediately at the company** where they had had their placement.
- **Average level of satisfaction with the placements**, on a scale from 1 (totally dissatisfied) to 5 (totally satisfied):
 - 4.50 in the case of the companies
 - 4.47 in the case of students
- **3594 students registered in work placements** for undergraduate or master's degree courses in the academic year 2011/12.

The Careers Development Office (OIPEP) is in charge of managing company work placements, the Erasmus and Leonardo da Vinci European programmes, employment promotion, the career initiation programmes and follow-up of UJI graduates through the Employment Observatory. Approximately 70 students and graduates will have undertaken work placements in Europe in the year 2011.

① <http://www.uji.es/serveis/ocie/acil/>



The unemployment figure for the UJI is below that for Spanish graduates and well below the figure for the general population.



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HIGHER EDUCATION IN SPAIN AND AT THE UJI

Currently in Spain two types of curricula coexist: the old curriculum, which will disappear over the next few years, and studies adapted to the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

NEW CURRICULUM ADAPTED TO THE EHEA	Bachelor's degrees
	Master's degrees
	Doctoral studies
PRE-EHEA CURRICULUM	First-cycle studies 3 years <i>Diplomatura, Ingeniería Técnica and Arquitectura Técnica</i>
	Second-cycle studies 2/3 years <i>Licenciatura, Ingeniería Superior and Arquitectura</i>

EDUCATION / QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED

“Estudios de grado” (new 4- to 6-year Bachelor programmes). All study programmes have been adapted to the European Higher Education Area. They will generally last 4 years and will have a total of 240 credits, except for the Degree in Medicine, which will be 6 years.

They are designed to increase the students' autonomy and maturity. To this end, theoretical lectures are complemented with an emphasis on other learning methods. Essentially they combine general education with training oriented towards carrying out a professional activity. Upon completing the course, students receive an undergraduate degree which enables them to take master's courses. Degrees with 300 ECTS credits give access to doctoral studies.



“The classes are difficult to understand at the beginning but most of the teachers are nice and try to help you. The teachers are treated more like friends but always respecting them. The classes and exams are more practical than in my country but are not difficult. There are many more projects, presentations and group work to do.”

Sara, Italy

Postgraduate studies: These include official, UJI-specific and doctorate studies.

- **Official master's degrees and doctoral studies.** Studies, with public fees and adapted to the European Higher Education Area. Their purpose is to allow students to specialise within their academic, professional or research training. They lead to a master's degree and give access to doctoral studies. In order to access a master and hence a doctoral study, students must hold the degrees of *Licenciatura* or *Ingeniería (superior)*.

In the academic year 2011/2021 the UJI offers 29 new degrees that are adapted to the EHEA and 33 official master's degrees that will allow students to go on to 31 doctor's degree programmes. All the master's degrees at the UJI are validated and approved by the Spanish Universities Council.

UJI has also specific postgraduate degrees:

- **UJI-specific master's courses.** 12 master's courses whose purpose is to allow students to specialise in their professional training. The course load is 600 hours of teaching and above. They lead to the UJI-specific master's degree.
- **Specialisation courses.** The purpose of these courses is to provide university graduates with further training and specialisation. The course load ranges between 200 and 600 hours. They lead to the UJI-specific specialisation degree.

All the Universitat Jaume I's master's courses are taught by qualified lecturers from Castelló and from the rest of Spain coming to our university as guest speakers. Highly-renowned professionals from a variety of sectors are also involved in teaching – they provide a practical point of view and experience.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

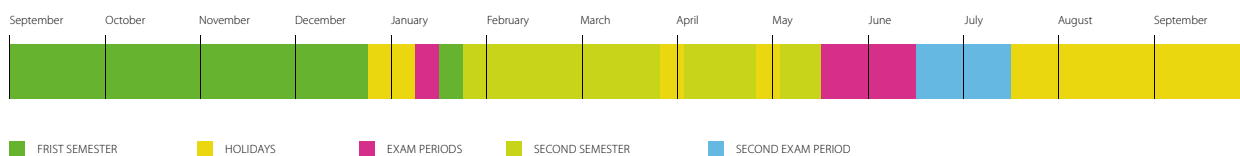
At the Universitat Jaume I, the academic year is divided into two semesters. The first semester begins in September, while the second begins in late January. At the end of each semester there is a three-week exam period. Second Call of exams take place from mid June to mid July. For more details, please look below.

- **14 September:** University Holiday
- **9 October:** Valencian Community Day
- **12 October:** Día de la Hispanidad (Columbus Day, National Day)
- **1 November:** All Saints' Day
- **6 December:** Spanish Constitution Day
- **8 December:** Immaculate Conception
- **24 December to 9 January:** Christmas, New Year's Day and Epiphany
- **24 February:** University Holiday
- **26 March to 3 April:** Magdalena (local fiestas)
- **19 March:** Saint Joseph's Day
- **21 April to 2 May:** Easter
- **1 May:** Labour Day
- **29 June:** Saint Peter's Day

Detailed Academic Calendar at:

📄 www.uji.es/infoest/calendar

GRADOS



OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The Universitat Jaume I is located in Castelló, one of the provinces that make up the Valencian Community, a region with two official languages – Valencian (academically known as Catalan) and Spanish.

The Universitat Jaume I uses Catalan as its ‘mother tongue’, and this is the language used on an institutional and administrative level. Both Catalan and Spanish are used in teaching and academics and students are free to choose which language they want to express themselves in. The extent to which each language is used varies from course to course, but overall around 21% of classes in the undergraduate studies, 13% of the Master classes and 9% of the classes in the PhD programmes are in Catalan. The UJI offers Spanish and Catalan language classes for foreign students through the Self-Access Language Centre (CAL). Because many of our students are from overseas and members of the teaching staff and professionals often come from outside the Valencian Community and Spain, lectures in the master’s courses are usually given in Spanish. Nevertheless, both languages co-exist quite happily and are studied and spoken by the majority of inhabitants of the town of Castelló.

TEACHING IN ENGLISH

Three groups of high performance student groups, called ARA, are taught in English in the degrees of Business, Engineering in Industrial Technologies and Psychology. They are open to exchange students in certain cases under the supervision of the International Relations Office. In the year 2011/2012 only the first level is offered.

At least 5% of the teaching on all undergraduate degrees is in English. At postgraduate level, four master’s degrees are offered entirely in English.

Within the plan for the promotion of multilingualism, the Vicerector for International Relations and Cooperation encourages the use of English in teaching through a call for visiting lecturers from foreign universities. This initiative will help our university teaching staff adapt their programmes in English. An attractive financial package is offered to cover lecturers’ fees.

“ORI has a great program and I was able to meet a lot of students through them. I also met people in my classes or going to the bars and clubs in Castelló.”

Maggie, USA



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ACADEMIC INFORMATION: UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

① www.bachelorsdegrees.uji.es

SOCIAL AND LEGAL SCIENCES

Business Administration
Criminology and Security
Audiovisual Communication
Law
Economics
Finance and Accounting
Early Childhood Education
Primary Education
Journalism
Advertising and Public Relations
Labour Relations and Human Resources
Tourism
Public Management and Administration*

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

English Studies
History and Heritage
Humanities: Intercultural Studies
Translation and Interpreting

ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

Agri-Food and Rural Environment Engineering
Industrial Design and Product Development
Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Building Engineering
Engineering in Industrial Technologies
Computer Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Telematics Engineering
Computational Mathematics
Video Game Design and Development*



SCIENCES

Chemistry

HEALTH SCIENCES

Nursing
Medicine
Psychology

*Implementation subject to approval by the Valencian regional government and to budgetary availability.

UJI DOUBLE DEGREES

Journalism + Audiovisual Communication
Advertising and Public Relations + Journalism
Audiovisual Communication + Advertising and Public Relations
Humanities: Intercultural Studies + History and Heritage
Telematics Engineering + Computer Engineering

INTERNATIONAL DOUBLE DEGREES

• EURINSA AND EURUJI

EURINSA and EURUJI are a two-year European First Cycle in Industrial Engineering and are studied both at the INSA in Lyon, France and at Universitat Jaume I. After the first cycle students can access the second engineering cycle either at the INSA itself or at Universitat Jaume I. UJI students can also benefit from several double degree agreements with INSA Lyon and INSA Toulouse.

These programmes offer training in two different dimensions:

- A solid scientific and technical culture that ensures both a high level of training in Engineering and great capacity for adaptation throughout the student's career.
- A humanist culture that fosters students' human aspects (communication, languages, group work), enabling them to acquire the capacity to work in international teams.

More information at:

- ① www.uji.es/serveis/otci/prog/eurinsa/preseur.thtml
- ① www.uji.es/serveis/otci/prog/euruji/

• BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT / BUSINESS STUDIES (UJI)

There are double degree agreements as follows:

- Laurea in Economia Aziendale, Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Italy
- Bachelor of International Business and Management, Hochschule Bochum, Germany
- Licence/Master en Sciences Economiques et Gestion, Université Lumière Lyon 2, France (in conversation for the new degrees)
- Laurea in Economia e Marketing Internazionale, Facoltà di Economia de la Università degli Studi di Mode (in conversation for the new degrees)

• BUILDING ENGINEERING (UJI)

- Bachelor of Architectural Technology and Construction Management. VIA University College, Denmark

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OFFICIAL AND UJI-SPECIFIC MASTER'S DEGREES

HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AREA

OFFICIAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Training in Intercultural Communication and Language Teaching (CIEL)
- **English Language for International Trade**
- **English Language Teaching and Acquisition in Multilingual Contexts (MELACOM)**
- Contemporary Studies and Advanced Research
- Ethics and Democracy
- History of Art and Visual Culture
- History and Hispanic Identities in the Western Mediterranean (Centuries 15th-19th)
- Equality and Gender in the Public and Private Domains
- Family Intervention and Mediation
- Translation and Interpretation Research
- Applied Research in Feminist, Gender and Citizenship Studies
- New Trends and Innovation Processes in Communication
- Secondary Education, Vocational Training and Language School Teaching
- Translation and Localisation Technologies
- Medical and Health Translation
- **Peace, Conflict and Development Studies**

UJI-SPECIFIC MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- History of the Hispanic World: Independences in the Latin American World

In bold, programmes taught in English



FCHS

**FACULTY
OF HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

CIÈNCIES HUMANES I SOCIALS

“Les professeurs sont plus proches des étudiants (ils se tutoient entre eux). Je n’ai eu aucun problème à comprendre les cours.”

Civian, France

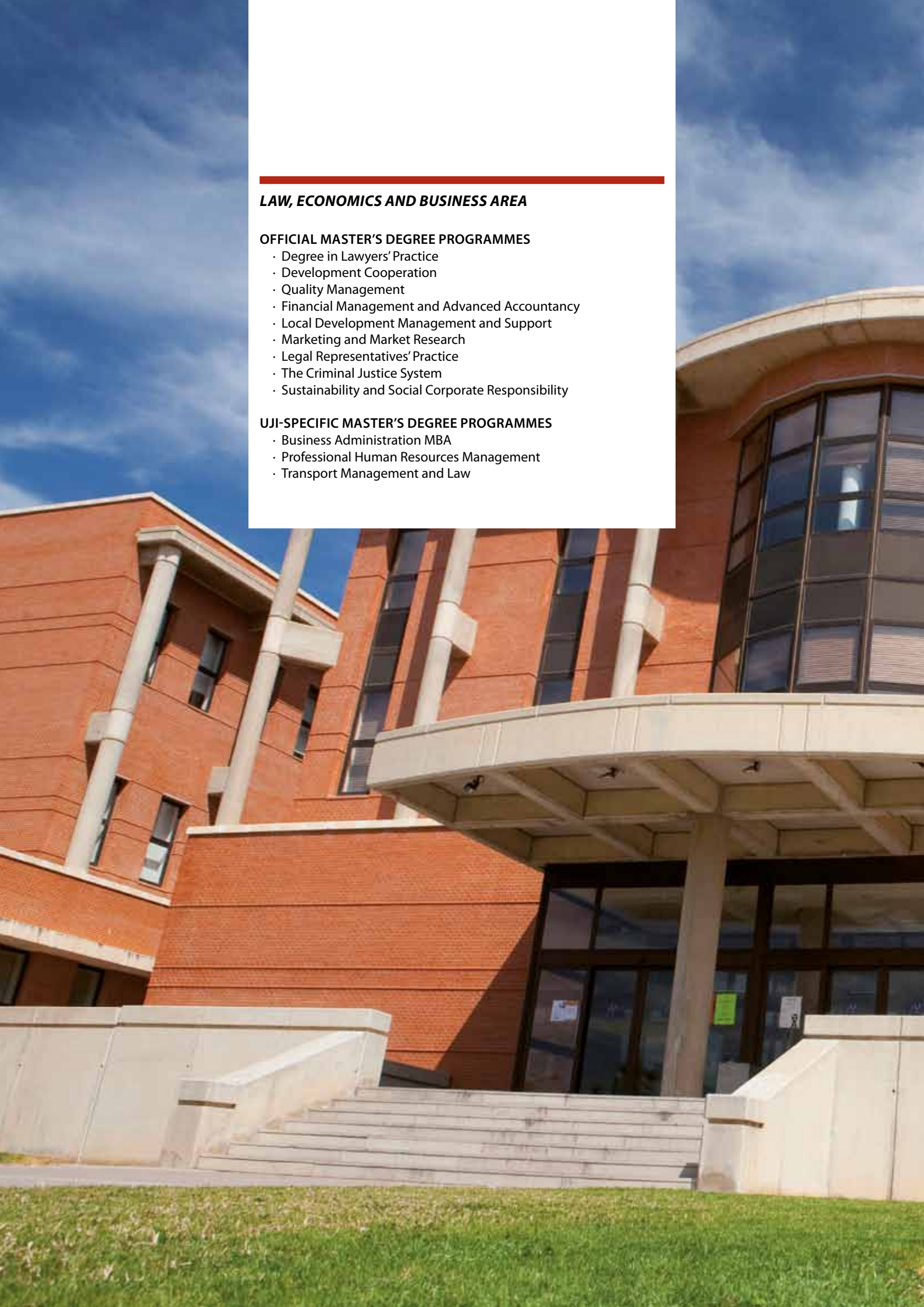
LAW, ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS AREA

OFFICIAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Degree in Lawyers' Practice
- Development Cooperation
- Quality Management
- Financial Management and Advanced Accountancy
- Local Development Management and Support
- Marketing and Market Research
- Legal Representatives' Practice
- The Criminal Justice System
- Sustainability and Social Corporate Responsibility

UJI-SPECIFIC MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Business Administration MBA
- Professional Human Resources Management
- Transport Management and Law





FCJE

**FACULTY
OF LAW
AND ECONOMICS**



FCS

FACULTY
OF HEALTH
SCIENCES

"I like Castelló...you could walk from one end to the other. I am a young white female (do not look Spanish)... and never felt unsafe in the city. Grocery stores, ATMs and bars everywhere."

Mary, USA



HEALTH SCIENCES AREA

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Nursing Sciences
- Work Psychology, Organisational Psychology and Human Resources
- Psychopathology, Health and Neuropsychology
- Psychopedagogy
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation in Community Mental Health

UJI-SPECIFIC MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Analytical Techniques for the Clinical Laboratory

TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES AREA

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Ceramic Materials Science, Technology and Applications
- Design and Manufacture
- Energy Efficiency and Sustainability in Industrial Plants and Buildings
- Applied Physics
- Computational Mathematics
- Molecular Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- Occupational Risk Prevention
- Integrated Crop Protection
- Applied Chemistry and Pharmacologist
- Sustainable Chemistry
- **Theoretical Chemistry and Computational Modelling (Erasmus Mundus)**
- Intelligent Systems
- Applied Chromatographic Techniques
- **Geospatial Technologies (Erasmus Mundus)**

UJI-SPECIFIC MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Advanced Web Page Creation
- Quality Management, Environment and Occupational Risk Prevention
- Environment

In bold, programmes taught in English

In addition, UJI's Specific Masters and Specialisation courses are also available through the Centre for Postgraduate Studies and Continuing Education:

① www.postgrado.uji.es

① www.uji.es/serveis/cepfcc/

“La verdad es que he conocido a más estudiantes y personas de aquí (Castellón) que Erasmus. Desde el principio he aprovechado cualquier posibilidad de relacionarme con los españoles y tengo ahora un grupo de amigos españoles con los que voy seguir en contacto cuando me vaya.”

Jeanet, Denmark



ESTCE

**SCHOOL
OF TECHNOLOGY
AND EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES**

es Experimentals

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FEES

Each year the Spanish Ministry of Education sets the fees students must pay for official higher education courses. The tables below show the approximate costs at each level. Fees approved for 2011/2012.

NEW AND PRE-EHEA UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

OFFICIAL AND SPECIFIC DEGREES

ITEM	EUROS	REMARKS
Registration of academic record	26.83	Single payment
Credits taken in new degrees	15 (average)	Per credit
Insurance	1.12	Annual payment
Student card	5.76	Annual payment

*UJI-Specific Degrees

Remark: One year equals 60 credits.

VISITING STUDENTS

ITEM	EUROS	REMARKS
Admission fee	70	Single payment
Credits taken		
Students from the EU and candidate countries	15	Per credit
Non-EU students	30	Per credit
Insurance	1.12	Annual payment
Student card	5.76	Annual payment

OFFICIAL MASTER'S DEGREES

ITEM	EUROS	REMARKS
Registration of academic record	26.83	Single payment
Credits taken	27.66 (average)	Per credit
Geospatial Technologies	50.75	Per credit
Peace and Development Studies	42.68	Per credit
Insurance	1.12	Annual payment
Student card	5.76	Annual payment

Remark: One year equals 60 credits.

UJI-SPECIFIC MASTER'S DEGREE

ITEM	EUROS	REMARKS
Master's course price	2.800	average



COST OF LIVING IN CASTELLÓ

A student's expenses for a month are about €400, which includes accommodation and living expenses. Students can also take advantage of cut-price bus fares on public transport around the town and cheaper prices in the campus refectories.

There is no limit on the quantity of foreign currency a foreign student can bring to Spain. It is advisable to use a credit card and open a bank account in the place you are staying.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The UJI is aware that it is not always easy for international students to cope with the costs of doing a master's degree outside their own country. Because of this, the UJI offers a programme of specific grants from the Universitat Jaume I General Foundation, together with the Caixa Castelló–Bancaixa Foundation, whose purpose is to offer grants for those following master's degree courses (official and UJI-specific degrees) at the Universitat Jaume I.

There is also another agreement, signed in collaboration with the Banco Santander, aimed exclusively at Latin American students.

Furthermore, students also have the chance to apply for other scholarships and grants for master's courses at the Universitat Jaume I that are made available thanks to sponsorship from organisations such as Clínicas Unidental, Fundación Balaguer-Gonel Hermanos, Diputació Provincial de Castelló, etc..

As well as these grants exclusive to the Universitat Jaume I, there are other possible grants foreign students also have a chance of getting:

1. Scholarships for undergraduate students
2. Scholarships for graduate, doctorate and master's degree students:
 - MAEC-AECID scholarships from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Scholarships for United States citizens
 - Scholarships for Canadian citizens
 - Scholarships for South American and Caribbean students
 - Scholarships for Mexican citizens
 - Erasmus Mundus
 - Carolina Foundation
 - International Ford Foundation scholarship programme (IFP programme)
 - MEC aid for travel for official master's degree students
 - Study Extension Grants

The UJI also has assistance scholarships, a system run by the directors of each master's degree. These scholarships are applied for when starting the course and come into operation while studying. The tasks to be carried out usually involve helping to run classes and are always related to course subject matter.

In addition, through the ORI, the UJI offers masters' students the opportunity to study and take up work placements with companies in Europe, through the rounds of applications for Erasmus Studies and Work Placements. In both cases, there is financial assistance to cover the bulk of the costs.

There is also a Call for applicants of the Ministry of Education so that students enrolled on official master's degree courses at Spanish universities can travel to carry out academic activities forming part of the master's course if this must be done in a province other where the university they are enrolled at is based or, as appropriate, in other countries in the European Higher Education Area, involving a change of place of residence for the student.

Furthermore, the Universitat Jaume I is an approved institution to administer Federal Student Direct Loans from the US Department of Education. Our foreign school code is G36013 and ORI is the contact office.

Further information:

- ① www.uji.es/serveis/otci/estudi/funds.shtml
- ① www.postgrado.uji.es



ACCOMMODATION

There are several options:

CAMPUS UNIVERSITY HALL OF RESIDENCE

The "Campus" University Hall of Residence. This option is most suitable for students who are going to stay for the whole academic year, although rooms can also be booked for a semester. The hall of residence is on the University campus, behind the Library and the Sports Pavilion. The cost of accommodation is €318 per month (in the year 2011/2012).

① www.residenciascampus.com/

Other halls of residence:

There are 3 other public and private residences in town. The public ones have to be booked for all academic year well in advance, and the private one is only suitable for short periods of stay, as they close during holiday period. Information about how to get in touch with this hall of residence is available on the following web page:

① www.uji.es/infoest/monuji/residen.html

STUDENT FLATS AND APARTMENTS

In Spain, students very often share a flat. INFOCAMPUS at the University offers information about flats or rooms to let and flat-sharing through the Accommodation Directory (*Borsa d'Allotjament*). This service collects all the addresses of flats for students. Such information is freely available to any student requiring accommodation while studying at the UJI.

Under no circumstances, however, does INFOCAMPUS act as an accommodation or estate agency. You can contact the Accommodation Directory run by INFOCAMPUS at the following address:

① www.uji.es/canals/infocampus/

We recommend that you look for a flat once you are in Castelló. While you are flat-hunting you can find temporary accommodation in a hall of residence, boarding house or hostel, for example.

① www.uji.es/serveis/otci/prog/hotel.thtml

Comparison with other towns and cities:

THE AVERAGE COST OF RENTING A ROOM IN A SHARED FLAT IN	
Castelló	€150 per month
Valencia	€250 per month
Barcelona	€350 per month

"The price we paid for the flat all year long compared to the quality of the living was amazing."

Clémence, France



University Hall of Residence

ACCOMMODATION WITH FAMILIES

We have found several families willing to host a student for a semester. Students wanting this type of accommodation must contact the OCIE at incoming@uji.es well before they arrive so that a good match between family and student can be made. The cost of half board accommodation is about 420 euros per month.

① www.uji.es/serveis/otci/incoming/family-e.html

① incoming@uji.es

THERE ARE TWO ACCOMMODATION INITIATIVES FORMING PART OF SOLIDARITY PROGRAMMES:

The "Viure i conviure" programme (living with elderly citizens) and the "Pisos solidaris" programme (living with people in unfavourable social situations).

① <http://www.uji.es/serveis/raco/info/presenta.thtml>



FOOD

The UJI faculties and university schools have refectories where full, varied menus can be enjoyed for €4.85. There is also a bar/pizza restaurant in the Agora with a full range of salads, pasta, pizza and main courses at economical prices. Food and essential items in a small town like Castelló are quite cheap, particularly compared to the big cities in Spain.

WORK

Master's degree classes are usually concentrated in the afternoons and at weekends, so students can work at the same time as expanding their education. Foreign students who come with student visas can work part-time in Spain. They need an authorisation from the Ministry of Work with the previous job offer from the company. However there is now limited chance of finding a job due to the present crisis.

① www.uji.es/serveis/otci/incoming/tarexe.html

DRIVING LICENCE

It is possible to drive in Spain for 6 months with a driving licence from your country of origin. After this time, you must exchange it for a Spanish one or pass the Spanish driving test. For further information, ask your consulate before you arrive.

"Le mieux c'est la colocation: c'est beaucoup moins cher que la résidence universitaire et on améliore son niveau en espagnol aussi."

Civan, France

"The living hours are really different. For instance the meal times (9am, 3pm and 10pm), the customs, the way people live late and outside."

Clémence, France

DOCUMENTS

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

There are various options depending on the type of student interested in undergraduate studies at the UJI:

- Students who have studied abroad.
- Students who have studied at a foreign university, whether or not they have completed their courses, and who want to continue their studies in Spain.
- Students with official university qualifications obtained at foreign universities.

Pre-registration for degree courses is usually between the middle of June and the beginning of July.

All the information you need can be found at

① www.uji.es/ES/infopre/acces/estra/.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREES

The first phase of pre-registration is usually at the end of May or beginning of June, although there is a second period in September/October for master's degrees with unfilled places.

① www.postgrado.uji.es

Once the pre-registration details have been filled in, the resulting page must be printed out and presented, together with the following documents:

- Pre-registration application (online), <http://preinscripcion.uji.es>
- Photocopy of ID card/passport.
- Photocopy of accreditation of the studies that provide access to the Master programme (academic qualification and certificates).
- Curriculum vitae.
- Others (letter from the university where you have studied indicating that your studies provide access to a master's degree course in your country).

If photocopies of the academic qualification and certificate are presented, they must be duly legalised and the originals must also be brought so that we can check them against the photocopies.

HOW DO I LEGALISE THE DOCUMENTS?

The procedure you have to follow depends on the convention your country of origin has signed. The best option is to find out at the corresponding consulate.

All the information will have to be presented at the following address:

Universitat Jaume I
Servei de Gestió de la Docència i Estudiants
Negociat d'Accés i Doctorat.
Avda. Sos Baynat, s/n
12071 Castelló (Spain)



Once pre-registration has been carried out, the Master's Degree Management Committee meets and determines the admission of candidates. **Enrolment is carried out in July on-line.**

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

If the letter of acceptance is needed before pre-registration, the interested party must contact the directors of the master's degree he or she is interested in, but it is not possible to send a letter saying that the student is enrolled or admitted until pre-registration has been resolved and the student has actually been admitted and enrolled.

PAYMENT CERTIFICATE

The Universitat Jaume I collects the enrolment fee once the academic year has started (October/November). Proof of enrolment can be given but it will only specify that the fee is not paid until November and that no receipt can therefore be issued.

IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO BRING COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN BE PRESENTED IF NECESSARY.

"Aquí he encontrado a estudiantes de todo el mundo con el programa de Erasmus. Lo mejor: es fácil hacer grupos cercanos de amigos."

Misty, USA





HEALTH CARE

The UJI has a health centre available to the University community on the Riu Sec campus. The purpose of this centre is to provide an immediate response to the basic health care needs that may arise at our University.

This centre, which has a doctor, a psychologist and a nurse, can be used by both UJI students and staff. Nevertheless, in order to receive full health care in Spain, before leaving your country you will need to request the European Health Insurance Card if you are a European Union citizen. If you are from outside the EU, you will have to take out your own private medical insurance that includes hospital stays.

The Social Security systems in Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Morocco and Tunisia have come to an agreement on health care with the Spanish Social Security for their citizens:

① www.seg-social.es/Internet_1/Internacional/Conveniosbilaterales/index.htm

Before leaving their countries, anyone interested should inquire about how to export this benefit to Spain.

① www.uji.es/serveis/prev/infogen/csanitar.shtml





"I really loved Castelló and the people in it! It was a great place to learn the language and culture of Spain. I will never forget my experience here!"

Maggie, USA

VISA AND STUDENT CARD

Students must enter Spain with a student visa, for which they will need, among others, three basic documents:

- Letter of admission to the master's course.
- Medical insurance covering hospital stays and body repatriation (the policy must be provided in Spanish).
- Proof of sufficient economic means to live in Spain
- A health certificate signed by a doctor
- A certificate proving they have no criminal record, if aged over 18.

For more information before the arrival, please check the following webpage of the Spanish Foreign Affairs Ministry:

① www.maec.es/
("Información a extranjeros" section).

Once in Castelló, students must visit the foreign office of the Spanish Home Office during the first month of their stay in order to apply for a student card. You will find further information at:

① www.uji.es/bin/serveis/otci/incoming/infoex.pdf

ACADEMIC AND CAREER GUIDANCE

ACADEMIC AND OCCUPATIONAL GUIDANCE

The Educational Support Unit (USE) offers students at the UJI different kinds of academic guidance and advice so that they can make the most of their time at the University, while also ensuring that the education they receive on their way to the university qualification fits both their needs and their skills as well as possible.

The Careers Development Office (OIPEP) offers university graduates from the UJI career guidance, such as advice on how to write a CV, job interviews and so forth, in order to help them find their way into the labour market.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The USE is where all students enrolled at the UJI who suffer from some kind of disability can seek any information and advice they might need. This service offers a full programme of support for these students ranging from social assistance (help in moving around the University) to academic support (helping teaching staff with their working methods, aid with exams, etc.).

All University facilities are adapted to meet the needs of disabled people and the local public transport company offers a special minibus service to and from the University.

Further information is available on the following web page:

① www.uji.es/serveis/use/



“Los recuerdos de mi vida en la UJI, nunca los olvidaré, es la mejor experiencia de mi crecimiento como persona.”

Antonio Gilberto , Mexico

“Por supuesto, los días en la UJI fueron de los mejores que he vivido y estoy seguro de que allí he aprendido mucho de lo que soy hoy como profesional, trabajando en la mayor compañía de electricidad de Brasil como ingeniero, y aún más como persona.”

Kléber, Brazil



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