



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT GUIDE

2015-2016

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WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAGA (UMA)

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

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

We are sure that you will enjoy your time here.

All the best from the International Office Staff!

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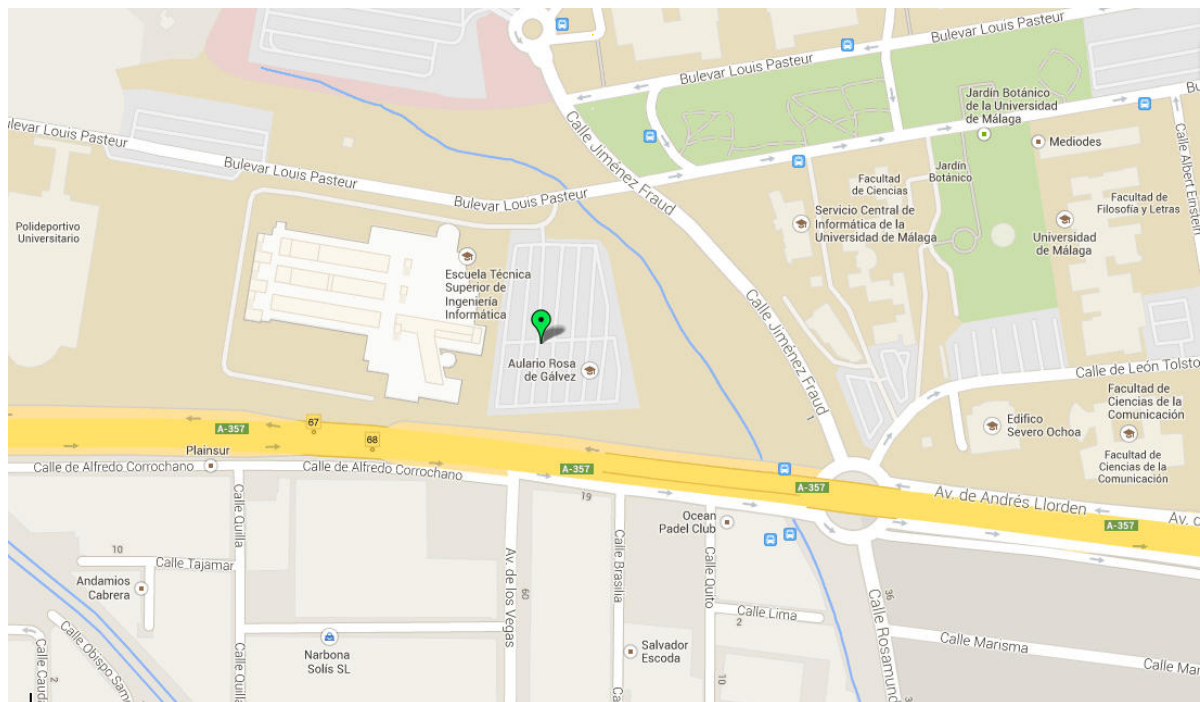
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AN INTRODUCTION TO MALAGA AND THE UNIVERSITY (UMA)

A city with a rich historic and cultural tradition, Malaga was founded by the Phoenicians around 800 B.C. and later colonised by Iberians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs and Christians. Its privileged position on the shores of the Mediterranean, its mild climate and the friendliness of its inhabitants have all meant that the capital of the Costa del Sol has, throughout its history, sustained excellent trade and cultural relations all over the world. Nowadays, 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.

UMA is a young institution. This state-owned institution was founded in 1972 and has an annual budget exceeding 250 million Euros. With more than 35,000 students and 2,400 teachers, UMA's study options comprises 60 Bachelor's programmes, over 50 Master's programmes, over 40 PhD programmes, 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.

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

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

DEGREE COURSES

These are the Faculties and degree courses in UMA:

-Arts and Humanities: History, Geography and Land Management, Classics, Hispanic Studies, English Studies, Philosophy, Art History, Translation and Interpretation, Fine Arts, Asian and Oriental Studies.

-Sciences: Environmental Sciences, Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry.

-Health Sciences: Psychology, Speech Therapy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Podiatry/Chiropody, Occupational Therapy, Medicine.

-Social Science and Law: Public Administration and Management, Marketing and Market Research, Tourism, Pre-School Teacher Training, Primary School Teacher Training, Social Education, Education, Media Studies, Journalism, Advertising and Public Relations, Labour Relations and Human Resources, Social Work, Business Administration, Economics, Finance and Accounting, Law, Criminology, Dual Degree in Law and Business Administration.

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

NOMINATION PROCESS

ACCEPTANCE AS AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

Requirements

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

1. First of all, the home institution has to provide us with the *Nomination* of Incoming Students selected to study at the UMA, together with their e-mail addresses (our main method of communication with students). For Non-European Students, please include passport numbers. The Nomination is essential for final acceptance.
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. Regarding *Language Proficiency*, no certification is required although students are expected to be able to follow lectures in Spanish. A *B1 Spanish level* is advisable.

Minimum period required

The minimum period of stay at the UMA will be *4.5 months*. This is the period necessary to complete the administrative and academic requirements. Students with less time to enjoy their exchange **WILL NOT** be accepted at our institution.

There would only be exceptions in the case of *Nursing students*.

ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

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

Students have to register online in our International Mobility Platform, EMI (*Espacio de Movilidad Internacional*) http://www.uma.es/incoming_pmovilidad/.

This application procedure is compulsory. Once registered, students will receive all the information about their exchange in Malaga.

Please, note that we NO LONGER require any *hard copies* or *additional documents*. The online application is sufficient.

International Students should:

- Read carefully this *International Guide*, as well as the *Information Sheet for Incoming Exchange Students 2015/2016* (enclosed in the first email you will receive from us).
- Fill in the online *International Application Form* on EMI before the 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 has been completed, you must *generate* and *save* the PDF document.

Deadlines to register online

ERASMUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

- First Semester and Full Year: *June 15, 2015*
- Second Semester: *November 1, 2015*
- First and Second semester for *Medicine Students ONLY*: *June 15, 2015*

NON-EUROPEAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

- First Semester and Full Year: *May 31, 2015*
- Second Semester: *November 1, 2015*

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, you will receive an email with a copy of your Acceptance Letter. Students from Non-European Mobility Programs will be sent the original letter to their International Offices in order to be able to apply for their visas (for further information consult the section "*Student 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. The rank is located directly outside the arrivals terminal.

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

Trains leave the station connected by a pedestrian walkway to the departure terminal every 30 minutes, and a ticket to Malaga costs 1.70 €.

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 € bills.

Railway

The Malaga-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 should be in Malaga before the following dates at the very latest:

- First semester students (*September 1, 2015*)
- Second semester students (*February 1, 2016*)

Those Students who do NOT attend the Spanish Language Course must arrive at the very latest:

- First semester students (*September 14, 2015*)
- Second semester students (*February 14, 2016*)

INFORMATIVE MEETINGS AT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

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

For all international exchange students, we have organised three meetings in total, the first one with general information and two more with identical UMA administrative information procedure:

- First Semester: September 1, 8, 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
- Second Semester: February 1,8,15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Students must be aware that it is **compulsory** to attend one of the last two meetings. Depending on your arrival date, you can select the one that suits you best.

ORIENTATION MEETING SCHEDULE

FIRST SEMESTER/FULL ACADEMIC YEAR (SM1-FY)		
September 1, 2015	General Information	For those students attending the Spanish Course
September 8, 2015	General Information and Administrative procedures	For all students
September 15, 2015	General Information and Administrative procedures	For all students (Same information as September 8)
SECOND SEMESTER (SM2)		
February 1, 2016	General Information	For those students attending the Spanish Course
February 8, 2016	General Information and Administrative procedures	For all students
February 15, 2016	General Information and Administrative procedures	For all students (Same information as February 8)

On the platform EMI you will find several documents, among them, the *Certificate of Arrival*. Once in Malaga, you have to generate it.

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

SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

(For Erasmus and Non-European exchange Programmes)

- First semester: September 2-25, 2015
- Second semester: February 1-22, 2016

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

From February 2015, in addition, this course will be recognized as a non-official degree from the University of Malaga.

In this regard it is important to emphasize that, as a non-official degree from the University of Malaga, it grants ECTS credits that may be recognized by your home university, but they *WILL NOT* be included in your transcript of official degree subjects to study at the University of Malaga.

- Registration fees: 200 € (*place reservation and enrolment*)
- Class hours: 70
- ECTS credits: 7 (*non-official studies*)

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
Avenida de la Estación, s/n (El Palo)
29017 Málaga
Telephone: +34 951 952738/737
Fax: +34 951 952 742
E-mail: cie@uma.es
<http://www.uma.es/centrointernacionaldeespanol/>

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015-2016

(This information will not be available until July, 2015)

Here you can access the official calendar for 2014/2015:

http://www.uma.es/secretariageneral/newsecgen/index.php?option=com_chronoconnectivity&view=connection&Itemid=101

But, please, check also the corresponding calendar of the relevant faculty. There could be differences among faculties regarding dates for course commencement. The following information should help students to plan their stay in Malaga:

FIRST SEMESTER (SM1) 2015-2016

From September 21, 2015 to 14 February 2016

- Christmas holidays: From 23 December 2015 to January 6, 2016
- First semester exams: From 18 January to 14 February 2016

SECOND SEMESTER (SM2) 2015-2016

From February 14 to July 9, 2016

- Easter week: From March 19 to 28, 2016
- Annual and second semester exams: From June 1 to July 9, 2016

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The academic programme for the academic year 2015/2016 will be published after the 15th of June 2015.

Once the academic programme is available, the pre-enrolment section will be activated and then you will be able to fill in it on EMI. In this document you should select those subjects in which you plan to enrol once in Malaga. This selection can be modified because it is provisional.

The academic programme of the last academic year 2014/2015 may serve as a useful guide until the new one is published on the UMA website.

To access it, click on <http://www.uma.es/oferta-de-grado/>. Select a faculty and the corresponding degree. Finally, click on *PROA-PROGRAMACIÓN DOCENTE*.

To access the web site of the faculty and get information about timetables, exams, calendar, etc., click on <http://www.uma.es/centros-listado/>, then select a faculty and click on *ACCESO AL WEB*

Lectures in English

Subjects at the University of Malaga are taught in Spanish but there are several subjects offered in English. You can download a list of these subjects (*translation in English*) in the link:

http://www.uma.es/media/files/ISI_AsignaturasGRADOAutorizadasDocenciaIngles_english_1516.pdf

Postgraduate Studies

For Postgraduate Studies 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

- *Non-European Students* are allowed to study subjects from different faculties.
- *Erasmus and Latin American Students*, however, are obliged to choose, at least, **60%** of the subjects relative to the Field of Study included in the Erasmus 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.

LEARNING AGREEMENT

(For Erasmus Students ONLY)

After you generate the pre-enrolment form on EMI, click on Learning Agreement and fill in this section with the subjects of your home university, with which you will obtain recognition of what you study here at our institution. A PDF Learning Agreement document will be automatically created with the provisional signature of the University of Malaga.

Most universities require this document before the arrival of the student. Using this online option, you have the possibility to have this document ready, with the signature and the stamp of UMA, to send it to your home university to be approved. Due to the normal changes in this document, the definitive one will be checked and signed by the UMA Academic Coordinator upon arrival of the student.

DO NOT send by post or email the *original* version of the Learning Agreement from home universities. Please be patient until the 15th of June 2015 and use the UMA online version from EMI, with the information up-to-date. Please understand that original documents WILL NOT be processed before the arrival of the student.

On EMI, on the pre-enrolment form and the Learning Agreement section, Erasmus students must respect the norms established by the UMA. As mentioned above, they are obliged to take 60% of subjects in the Field of Study agreed in the Bilateral Agreement.

Medicine Students

To avoid academic problems, Medicine Students (*first and second semester*) are *obliged* to send the Learning Agreement (*EMI version*) to the Academic Coordinator email address (movilidad@med.uma.es) before the 15th of September 2015.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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

CREDITS AND GRADING SYSTEM AT UMA

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

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

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

Maximum credits permitted

In accordance with the European Commission and the new System of European Credit Transfer, exchange students, accepted by the University of Malaga, 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.

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. It should be noted that the grade *Matrícula de Honor* is rarely given.

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

ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

Online and in person

Students can complete the online pre-enrolment before arriving at UMA, choosing the subjects they are interested in, in accordance with the rules established. The sections for the activation of the pre-enrolment form as well as the Learning Agreement will be activated in July.

Once in Malaga, students must confirm their prior registration. Before completing the enrolment process, and during the first weeks, exchange students will be allowed to attend lectures from several courses to help them make a choice. If you decide to drop or add new subjects, you will have to modify your pre-enrolment form before printing it out and getting the approval signature of the Academic Coordinator.

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

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

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

Enrolment period

- First semester: From the September 21 until October 30, 2015
- Second semester: From the February 8 until March 27, 2016

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

Student card

The staff will provide you with a Student I.D. card.

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

All Transcripts of Records will be sent to the International Offices or Central Offices of the different partner institutions. Students are asked to collect them from the home institutions.

- First semester: April-May 2015
- Second semester and full year: August-September 2015.

Those students who require the grades before the established dates have two options:

- To obtain the electronic copy on EMI. Click on *Expediente*.
- To request from their lecturers a letter with the information on the subjects taken and the marks obtained. Lecturers are, however, not obliged to issue such letters but may do so at their discretion.

OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE

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

Facebook

Facebook is a social networking site which has more than 150 million active users all over the world and is very popular among students.

In 2009 we decided to use this service to better help international students and we encourage them to subscribe to the page to receive information from the International Office and interact between them exchanging information, photos, messages, invitations to events, etc.



Official Facebook Page, from where we send all official communications to students. All information coming from the International Office is published here. Facebook Page:

<http://facebook.com/relacionesinternacionales.uma>

Twitter

You are also welcome to follow our account on Twitter: @RRIIUMA
<http://www.twitter.com/rriiuma>

STUDENT VISA

(For Non-European International Exchange Students)

BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE

Student visa is mandatory for any foreigners who don't belong to any of the countries of the European Union, Norway, Island and Liechtenstein wishing to study in Spain for more than 3 months.

The visa is processed in your country of residence prior to your departure. To find the closest Spanish Embassy in your country, visit:

<http://internacional.universia.net/eeuu/embajadas/espanya.htm>

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

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

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

ONCE IN SPAIN

(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.

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

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

Contact information about the Consulates and Embassies from different countries in Malaga, can be found on the web page:

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

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

ACCOMMODATION

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

The CIE (Centro Internacional de Español) will also provide you options about accommodation. Please contact them at cie@uma.es.

Accommodation help through the ESN (Erasmus Student Network):

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/430068013732332>

ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK (ESN) – MALAGA

ESN is a very well-known 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 aimed not only at Erasmus Students but also at Non-European Students.

ESN Office

Faculty of Economics and Business

Calle El Ejido, 6

El Ejido Campus

Office schedule in fan page: Oficina ESN Malaga

Facebook: ESN Malaga

Facebook group: Erasmus Malaga 2015/2016

Accommodation help: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/430068013732332>

Web: www.esn-malaga.org

Email: esn.malaga@gmail.com

BUDDY PROGRAMME

The object of this Programme is to put International Students in touch with members of Malaga University's student body, who have offered voluntarily to help them during their stay.

If you want to have a "Buddy" in Malaga, you can request the service through voluntariado@uma.es or through the ESN – Malaga.

- Link: <http://goo.gl/urfPjL>
- Monthly report: <http://goo.gl/vdowWx>

Volunteer Office

University of Malaga, Vice-Rectorate for Students

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Campus de Teatinos 29071 Málaga

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Web site: <http://www.uma.es/oficina-voluntariado>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/oficinavoluntariadoUMA>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/VoluntariadoUMA>
Youtube: <http://youtube.com/voluntariadouma>

LIBRARIES

To use the University libraries international students must have been officially enrolled since they will be required to present their Student I.D. 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.

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

Web site: <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 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 centre 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.

Web site: <http://www.uma.es/uma-deportes>

CULTURE

The activities organised by the Culture and Sports Services in the last few years have transformed UMA into a cultural centre of great importance at both local and national level. Besides sponsoring different citizens' and university projects, it is geared towards the visual arts (with numerous exhibitions inside and outside the university and a regular programme at

the University Art Gallery located in the Plaza de la Merced), cinema (weekly programmes, “Fantastic Film Festival,” “Summer Cinema,” among others) and drama (regular theatre courses, workshops, etc., activities which have led to the establishment of the Andalusian Theatre Centre in 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.).

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

LIVING IN MALAGA

TRAVEL EXPENSES

To cover all eventualities students are advised to travel with about 30 € in cash. A taxi from the airport into town costs 22 € and a normal meal around 7-11 €/menu.

Students who wish to take a bus into town should obtain some small change at the airport as the drivers will not accept anything larger than a 5 € .

The bus from the airport into town costs 3.00 € and the train 1.70 €.

It may be helpful to keep a supply of coins on hand, especially for buses, public telephones, where the exact change is required.

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 are generally open from 9:00 to 14:00 pm weekdays. In addition, many banks have 24-hour automatic teller machines, ATM, that give you access to most bank services.

MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

Bus	1.30 €
Cinema	7 € (<i>special prices depend on the day</i>)
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 €

HEALTH INSURANCE

European Students must obtain the *European Insurance Card* before travelling. This entitles the student to free or reduced cost medical treatment in the countries of the European Economic Area. Non-European students, before travelling, should 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. Students may also wish to take out additional insurance to cover liability and personal belongings during their stay in Malaga. UMA will not be held responsible for the loss of personal belongings.

VACCINATIONS AND PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES

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

WEATHER/CLOTHING

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: 9.30-13.30 and 17.00-20.30.

There are many Shopping Centres open from 10.00 to 22.00.

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

CHEMIST 'S

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

BUS

Application for Student Bus Card

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

For further information about the buses in Malaga: <http://www.emtmalaga.es>

Bus prices

Fixed rate per trip	1.30 €
Airport ticket	3.00 €
The “Multitravel card” (10 trips)	8.30 €
The “Monthly student card” (unlimited number of trips)	27.00 €
The “Monthly card” (unlimited number of trips)	39.95 €

Students can apply for a monthly student card which 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.

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

WEEKEND FUN

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

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 MALAGA UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY

THE UNIVERSITY

Web site: <http://www.uma.es>

<http://www.uma.es/cms/base/ver/section/document/9917/la-uma-multimedia/>

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/>
General information: <http://www.malagaturismo.com/> and <http://www.webmalaga.com/>
Consulates: <http://www.webmalaga.com/organismos/consulados/>
City Buses company-EMT: <http://www.emtmalaga.es>
Airport: <http://www.aena.es>
Train: <http://www.renfe.es>

Tourist Office

Malaga Municipal Tourist Office
Plaza de la Marina, 11
29015 Málaga
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 Málaga
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

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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

Security/Hospitals/Transport

Bomberos (*Fire brigade*): 080
Policía (*Police Station*): 092
Emergencias Sanitarias (*Emergency service*): 061
Carlos Haya/Hospital Civil/Hospital Clínico Universitario: +34 951 29 00 00
Aeropuerto (*Airport*): 902 04 88 04
Estación de Autobuses (*Bus Station*): +34 952 35 00 61
Taxis: +34 952 32 00 00 and +34 952 33 33 33
Estación de Trenes-Renfe (*Train Station*): +34 902 24 02 02