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You are now part of the University of Valencia – a modern, dynamic university promoting cultural activity and scientific dissemination. It is also a community with shared values that has made a firm commitment to our society.

I invite you to get to know Valencia and make the most of all the possibilities that the University of Valencia offers you. Thousands of professors, lecturers, researchers, technical staff and administration staff are ready to help you broaden your knowledge and enjoy a once in a lifetime experience that reminds you that the University of Valencia is and always will be your university.

Esteban Morcillo Sánchez

PRINCIPAL

## HISTORY

At the beginning of the XV century, the Judges of Valencia brought together the courses depending on the city and the church, leading to the establishment of the Universitat de València on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1499 with their own Constitutions, created at the request of the Council of the city of Valencia.

In 1501, the Pope Alejandro VI signed with the royal privilege of Fernando II the pontifical pope's bull, sealed a year later, leading to the official opening of The Estudio General de Valencia in 1502 and was compared in prerogatives and distinction to the uni-

versities of Rome, Bologna, Salamanca and Lleida on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1502.

Initially there were studies of medicine, humanities, technology and law, but new programmes and institutes were added and gave form to the university we know today, a modern European university. It offers practically all branches of knowledge in humanities, basic and technical sciences, health sciences and education as well as social sciences, legal sciences and economics.

In addition to these studies, there is an important commitment to research and to transfer of the results achieved by research and scientific knowledge, to the development of our society and to the promotion of culture and sports.



Today, the Universitat de València is a research oriented, general, public, European university. The university is situated in Valencia, the third biggest Spanish city and the 21<sup>st</sup> most populated one of the European Union.

Here are the most important figures:

The Valencian **UNIVERSITAT** with the largest number of students: 45,000 in degrees, 8,000 in masters and doctorates and 6,000 following postgraduate studies of our own.

The Valencian **UNIVERSITAT** with most staff: 4,000 teachers and researchers, and 1,800 technicians and administrative staff.

The most internationalized Valencian **UNIVERSITAT**: 2,000 students in undergraduate studies and 952 students in masters, coming from institutions from around the world.

The Valencian **UNIVERSITAT** most devoted to research: 50 million euros budgeted for research.

The Valencian **UNIVERSITAT** with the largest bibliographic collection: 1,200,000 monographs on paper, 280,000 in electronic version; 5,000 periodicals on paper and 35,000 in electronic version; and 100 online databases.

The Valencian **UNIVERSITAT** with well-established buildings: 18 faculties and schools, 19 research institutes and 92 teaching and research departments.

The Valencian **UNIVERSITAT** with most degrees in undergraduate studies, masters and doctorates

## CAMPUS



Tarongers: 119.670 m<sup>2</sup>



Blasco Ibañez: 186.015 m<sup>2</sup>



Burjassot-Paterna: 142.135m<sup>2</sup>

The UV is structured in three urban and specialised campuses: Blasco Ibañez 186,015 m<sup>2</sup>; Tarongers 119,670 m<sup>2</sup>; Burjassot-Paterna 142,135 m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Blasco Ibañez Campus

Where you can find the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry, Psychology, Geography and History, Philosophy and Education Sciences, Language Studies, Translation and Communication, Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, Nursing and Physiotherapy. Here you can also find the “Rectorado” or

main administrative building and the Central Services of the Universitat de València.

#### Tarongers Campus

Where you can find the Faculties of Economics, Law, Social Sciences and Teacher Training.

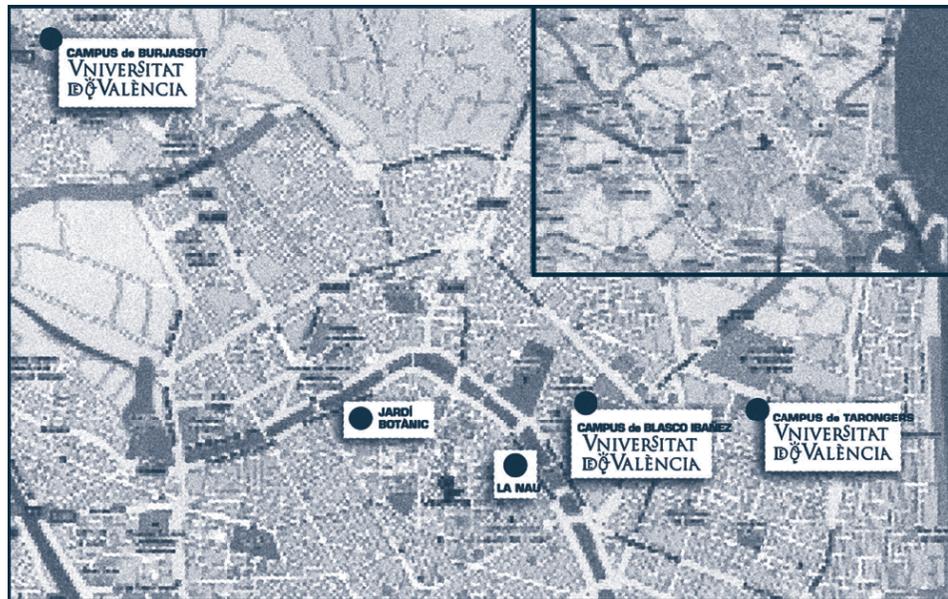
#### Burjassot-Paterna Campus

Where you can find the Faculties of Biological Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Pharmacy and the School of

Engineering. The Scientific Park of the Universitat is located there and hosts research institutes, a business incubator, and scientific and technological companies.

Through [mediauni.uv.es](https://mediauni.uv.es) you can find videos about the UV

## CAMPUS



## OTHER CENTRES OF THE UNIVERSITAT DE VALÈNCIA

Besides these campuses, the Universitat owns other buildings in the city, such as the historic site of the Universitat, known as “La Nau”, (named after the street where it is located), which is currently a cultural centre; the Botanical Garden, situated in the heart of Valencia, calle Quart, nº 80, and the “Palau de Cerveró”, which hosts the International Relations Service and the Science History Museum, in the middle of the historical centre of Valencia.

The Universitat de València also organizes activities in Ontinyent, through a University Extension, and in Gandia, through the International Centre of Gandia.

The Universitat de València offers undergraduate and postgraduate studies (master and doctorate). You can find all academic information about each of our degrees on the following websites:

- Undergraduate students access at:

[www.uv.es/acces](http://www.uv.es/acces)

- Postgraduate students access at:

[www.uv.es/postgrado](http://www.uv.es/postgrado)

If you want to know more about the Universitat, you can find more information on:

- The videos of each UV Centre and Research Institute

 • The You Tube video of the Universitat de València at: [www.youtube.com/uvmedia](http://www.youtube.com/uvmedia)

- The TV channel of the Universitat at <http://mediauni.uv.es> 
- Its Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/universitatdevalencia](http://www.facebook.com/universitatdevalencia)
- Its Twitter page: [www.twitter.com/UV\\_EG](http://www.twitter.com/UV_EG)
- [www.uv.es](http://www.uv.es) > The University > UV Life

## HISTORY

The city of Valencia was founded in 138 B.C. by the consul of Rome Decimus Junius Brutus Galaico. Since then, our city has been a culture crossing. It was a Muslim capital for five centuries from year 711 until the conquest of King James I, who established the old Valencian Kingdom.

Valencia was an important commercial port in the XV century, a main manufacturer of

silk and other materials, like tile or glazed ceramic in the XVIII century, a major exporter in the XIX and XX centuries and a tourist destination since the second half of the past century.

As a consequence of constant evolution, dynamism, intensive cultural life and the mixture of cultures, the changes can be seen across the city. You can enjoy a Roman, Ar-

abic, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Modernist and Rationalist Valencia, along with its constant growth and expansion, its welcoming and integrating nature, all of which together comprise the latest trends worldwide.

Valencia is the capital of the “Comunidad Valenciana”.

Today, Valencia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> city of Spain, both in importance and in population (800,000 inhabitants). This number doubles when the metropolitan area is taken into consideration, which assumes that the city of Valencia, on its own, accounts for 16% of the population of the “Comunidad Valenciana”.

The geographic location of the city offers one of the mildest climates of Europe: a soft Mediterranean climate, with average tem-

peratures between 11° and 26°. The natural environment, the attractive culture and the beaches with fine sand have turned the city into an international tourist centre.

Today Valencia is a city that offers services not only in its own municipality but also beyond its boundaries, mainly focused on final demand activities, retail and wholesale trade, specialized services for firms and professional activities that accounts for 74% of the local employment. It is completed by an important industrial basis within the following sectors: paper

and graphic art, wood and furniture, steel products, shoes, textiles and car manufacturing.

Valencia has important cultural institutions and a rich heritage of art history such as the “Lonja” -a monument which was declared a World Heritage site-, the Towers of Serranos and Quart, the Cathedral and the Basilica of the “Virgen de los Desamparados”, situated in “Plaza de la Virgen” where you can also find the “Palacio de la Generalidad Valenciana”, headquarter of the Local Government.

## VALENCIA TODAY

Furthermore, we can highlight the important entrepreneurial activities that take place at the Valencian Fair, at the Convention Centre, and the big international sport events.

+ info:

[www.valencia.es](http://www.valencia.es)



The city of Valencia

Valencia is situated on the eastern coast of the Iberian peninsula, on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, approximately 350 km away from Madrid and Barcelona.

Valencia is easy to reach by plane, boat, train and road.

 You can get to Valencia by plane through the airport of Manises, 4.97 mi (8 km) away from the city centre, connected by the subway. The airport has direct connections with the main Spanish cities and with

other cities like London, Paris, Lisbon, Amsterdam, Brussels, Zurich, Frankfurt, Milan, Rome, Bucharest, Sofia, Casablanca, Istanbul or Kiev among others.

 By boat, since it has an important commercial port and a sea terminal.

 By train – its modern central station is situated in the heart of the city and has railway connections to the rest of Spain and Europe. On the other hand, you can travel from Madrid

to Valencia on the AVE (Alta Velocidad Española = Spanish High Speed), which arrives at Valencia Joaquín Sorolla Station.

 On the road, either by bus or car, via the European Motorway network of the Mediterranean passage E-15, and especially the motorway AP-7, which runs along the Levante seaside, and the highways A-23 Sagunto–Somport, and A-3 Madrid-Valencia.

+ info:  
Spanish airports (AENA)

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

Port of Valencia

[www.valenciaport.com](http://www.valenciaport.com)

Spanish Railway Company (RENFE)

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

## THE CITY HOW TO ARRIVE

### BURJASSOT-PATERNA AREA

In these two municipalities, you can find the Burjassot-Paterna Campus of the Universitat de València.

Burjassot has nearly 40,000 inhabitants and its origins date back to the Muslim period.

Paterna has more than 60,000 inhabitants; in its municipality there are several industrial parks, the “Parque Tecnológico” and the UV “Parc Científic”.

Only 4,5 mi away (7 km), the area is very well connected with lines 1 and 4 of MetroValencia, and bus lines of the Municipal Transportation Bureau (Empresa Municipal de Transportes EMT) and the Municipal Transportation Consortium (Consortio Municipal de Transportes CMT).



The city of Valencia

International Programme students who are not EU-citizens: To enter and stay as a student in Spain, you must apply for the study visa at the Spanish Embassy or Consulate in the country in which you reside.

If your stay is going to be longer than 180 days, you will get a 90-day visa, and within the first month after arriving in Spain, you will have to go to the International Relations Service (Palau de Cerveró, Plaza de Cisneros, 4, 46003 Valencia) so we can apply for an appointment for you with the Police Station, where you will process your TIE (*Tarjeta de identificación de Extranjeros*); If,

instead, your stay/visa lasts up to 180 days, you don't have to do anything about it.

Erasmus students with non-EU nationalities and Erasmus students citizens of the European Union or Associated States: see information at

[www.uv.es/relint](http://www.uv.es/relint) > Erasmus  
Study Programme > Incoming  
> Student permits

+ info:

Comisaría Valencia-Patraix  
C/ dels Gremis, 6  
Polígono Vara de Quart

## LANGUAGE

The languages spoken in Valencia are Castilian or Spanish, as well as Valencian, the native language of the Valencian Community, which is spoken in other Spanish territories, like in Catalonia, in the South of France and in Andorra, where it is the only official language. It is also spoken in Alghero, an Italian city situated on the island of Sardinia.

Both Castilian and Valencian are present in all the spheres of everyday life. Both of these languages are used as a normal vehicle of expression at the Universitat de València. The Universitat offers you several means -free of charge- enabling you to learn Valencian if you are interested. At the Language Policy Service you can find all information about it.

+info:

[www.uv.es/spl](http://www.uv.es/spl)

# Living in Valencia

## COST OF LIVING

Please find below some of the main expenses of a student in Valencia:

- Costs for electricity, water and gas (on average per person, if you share an apartment): around 25 € monthly
- Internet Access: At the Universitat de Valencia and in its halls of residence, internet is free for all students, using the UV Wi-Fi network (eduroam). If you want to have broadband internet access at home, it will cost you approximately 40 € monthly.
- Food at the cafeterias of the UV can come in a daily menu (two courses, dessert and a drink): around 6 €
- Maintenance costs (grocery shopping and small expenses) per person: approximately 200 €/month
- Public transport (EMT bus network): less than 2 € per trip and less than 10 € for a card with 10 trips.
- Bicycle subscription (Valenbisi): less than 30€/ year
- Room in a shared flat (excluding bills): between 200 and 250 €/ month

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Financial institutions, such as banks and savings banks, are open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 2 pm; a few banks are open in the afternoon. Most offices have an ATM (24 hours).

There is a great variety of banks and savings banks, some of which have offices located on the UV campuses. These institutions offer favourable conditions to students who are enrolled at the UV, for instance the Santander Bank:

**Banco Santander  
Campus Blasco Ibáñez**  
Av. Blasco Ibáñez, sin número  
(Aulario I)  
46010 Valencia  
Tel.: 96 393 48 33

**Banco Santander  
Campus dels Tarongers**  
Av. Naranjos, sin número  
(Aulario Norte, Acceso Oeste)  
46022 Valencia  
Tel.: 96 372 83 02

**Banco Santander  
Campus Burjassot-Paterna**  
Av. Dr. Moliner, 50  
(in a building inside the Campus)  
46100 Burjassot  
Tel.: 96 390 03 66

## YOUTH CARD

If you are 30 years old or younger, you can obtain a youth card at the Valencian Youth Institute (Instituto Valenciano de la Juventud (IVAJ)). (It costs approximately 9 euros.)

With this card you can obtain discounts at certain cinemas, theatres, museums, shops, hostels, hotels, restaurants, etc . There is also a debit card version of this card, which allows you to use it as a form of payment.

+ info:

[www.gvajove.es](http://www.gvajove.es)

Phone: 963 108 670 (TURIVAJ)

Address: C/ Guardia Civil, 21-ground floor

Opening hours: 9 am - 2.30 pm

## ACCOMMODATION

Valencia is a city with several universities where thousands of students live in. Students are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. Nevertheless, although the UV has no housing office, it does offer a few options of its own:

- *Halls of residence of the Universitat de València*

The Hall of Residence Rector Peset is a centre of the Universitat de València that provides residence with priority to UV members and encourages the human, cultural and scientific

training of those who live in it. The Hall of Residence Rector Peset is located in a noble house of the historical city centre. In 1997 it was restored and adapted to its new university function.

+info:

Colegio Mayor Rector Peset  
Pl. Horno San Nicolás, 4  
46001 València

[www.uv.es/cmrrpeset](http://www.uv.es/cmrrpeset)

+34 963 16 60 00

- *Damià Bonet Hall of Residence*

This hall of residence is located on Tarongers Campus, on the northeast of the city, and is well communicated with buses and MetroValencia. It has single studios with bathroom and kitchen, heating and air conditioning, telephone and computer connection with internet access.

+info: RESA

[www.resa.es/es/residencias/valencia/residencia-univeritaria/damia-bonet/residencia](http://www.resa.es/es/residencias/valencia/residencia-univeritaria/damia-bonet/residencia)

+34 962 050 500

- *Other Halls of Residence*

There are other Halls of Residence in València. The Information Service of the Universitat de València (SEDI) can give you more information about these halls of residence.

+info:

Information Service (SEDI)  
Universitat de València  
[www.uv.es/sedi](http://www.uv.es/sedi)

## HEALTH CARE

### • *Sharing a Place*

Valencian students normally share an apartment with other students. In Spain, rent is paid monthly at the beginning of every month. It is common to be requested a security deposit. There are different real estate and other agencies that offer apartment rentals. The UV Information Service (SEDI) provides you information about flats rented by private owners.

+info: SEDI  
Universitat de València  
[www.uv.es/sedi](http://www.uv.es/sedi)

### • *Hotels and Youth Hostels*

When you arrive in Valencia, it is normal to stay in a hotel or youth hostel while you are looking for a place.

+info:  
[www.turisvalencia.es](http://www.turisvalencia.es)

If you are a citizen of the European Union, you need to apply for the health card of the European Union before leaving your country.

If you are not a European, you will have to inform yourself about health care before going to Spain. You need to explain the reasons and conditions of your stay, as well as the means you have to support yourself. **Inform** yourself at the Spanish Consulate/Embassy nearest to your home:

[www.exteriores.gob.es](http://www.exteriores.gob.es)

The UV International Relations Service requires from non-European students who come through an International Programme that they take out an international health insurance. This insurance has to cover at least:

- Medical assistance in case of accident as well as of illness
- Repatriation or medical transport in case of injury or illness
- Repatriation or transport in case of decease
- Travel costs for a family member in case of illness or decease
- Public liability

## HEALTH CARE

You will have to prove that you have taken out the insurance providing:

- the policy
- the receipt showing that you have paid the fee

If you have “extended” a preexisting policy, please ask for a certificate specifying the coverage. The registration of the academic year includes a school insurance if you are younger than 28. This insurance covers for accidents occurring within the university. For other first aid

you need to use your medical insurance.

On the other hand, the UV Health Offices offer a service of attention to students:

- **Assistance in case of common illness**, during office hours. There are some countries that have an agreement with the Social Security which offers them medical attendance. To find out which is your health centre, you can phone the information service of the Valencian government /

Generalitat Valenciana: **012**. It depends on your address. At the health centre, they will appoint a family doctor to you. There will be no problem in arranging examinations, making blood tests or special proofs you may need. It would be helpful if you could bring the health insurance student card when you go to the health office.

- **Emergency Assistance and First Aid**
- **Assistance in case of accident**

- **Health promotion**
- **Health education and information**

Schedule of the UV Health Offices:

BLASCO IBAÑEZ CAMPUS  
Faculty of Geography and History

Monday to Friday: 9am to 11am.

Monday and Wednesday: 4pm to 6pm.

Phone: 96 386 42 87

## GETTING AROUND VALENCIA

**TARONGERS CAMPUS**  
Aulario Norte (Lecture room building)  
Monday to Friday: 9am to 11am.  
Tuesday and Thursday: 4pm to 6pm.  
Phone: 96 162 54 81

**BURJASSOT-PATERNA CAMPUS**  
Behind Block B of the Faculty of Biology (Dr. Moliner, 50)  
Monday to Friday: 9am to 11am and 2pm to 9pm.  
Phone: 96 354 43 21

Valencia's good climate and orography makes walking and biking a perfect way to get around. If you bike, there is an extensive bike track (CarrilBici) across the city, but remember to follow the circulation rules.

Furthermore you have the possibility to use Valenbisi: bikes which are placed all over Valencia. At the station of Valenbisi you take a bike by using your season ticket and return it at the station of your destination without paying anything during the first 30 minutes.

Valencia also has a vast network of public transport comprising

buses, metro and tram or streetcar, which allow you to move through the whole city.

The 55 EMT bus lines (red colour) allow you to get everywhere in the city. Five metro lines connect other places of the city and the metropolitan area. Through lines 4 (Tarongers station and Vincent Andrés Estellés station), and 3 (Facultats station) you can go to the campuses of Tarongers, Burjassot-Paterna and Blasco-Ibáñez respectively (it takes half an hour, approximately). There is also a bus service that connects Valencia with several municipalities next to the city. These buses (yel-

low colour) are called MetroBus.

There are various types of tickets and passes for buses and the metro, as well as combined ones that allow you to use different transport networks. The metro of Valencia also has a system of intelligent cards (Mobilis) which can be reloaded at automatic ticket machines or at ticket booths.

Fares, tickets and pass types, network maps, and search engines to view routes you can take can be found on the web pages of the Municipal Buses Office (EMT) and MetroValencia.

## GETTING AROUND VALENCIA

## CULTURE

The Universitat de Valencia has an agreement with MetroValencia with special prices for UV students. You can find this information on [www.uv.es](http://www.uv.es) > Studying at the University > University Life > Transport.

+info:

**EMT**

Phone: 963158515

[www.emtvalencia.es](http://www.emtvalencia.es)

**METRO**

Phone: 900461046

[www.metrovalencia.es](http://www.metrovalencia.es)

**VALENBISI**

[www.valenbisi.es](http://www.valenbisi.es)

Valencia is a city offering a significant number of cultural activities.

The city has many theatres, out of which the Main Theatre (Teatro Principal) is the most important. Valencia also has two big concert halls: the “Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía”, in the Arts and Science City (Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciències), and the “Palau de la Música”.

+ info:

[teatres.gva.es](http://teatres.gva.es)

+ info:

[www.palaudevalencia.com](http://www.palaudevalencia.com)

The city also has a wide range of museums with temporary and permanent exhibitions. Among the numerous museums in the city, some not to be missed are the Museum of Fine Arts, the IVAM, the Science Museum Príncipe Felipe at the Arts and Science City, the Museum of Illustration and Modernity, or the National Museum of Pottery and Sanctuary Arts, sheltered in the Palace of Marqués de Dos Aguas.

The Universitat de Valencia also shelters the Museum of Science History in Cerveró Palace, situated in the historical centre of Valencia.

+info:

[www.valencia.es](http://www.valencia.es)

+ info:

Museo Valenciano de la Ilustración y la Modernidad:

[www.muvim.es](http://www.muvim.es)

+info:

Museo Nacional de Cerámica:

[www.mecd.gob.es/mnceramica/home](http://www.mecd.gob.es/mnceramica/home)

+info:  
Museo de Historia de la Ciencia:  
[www.uv.es/IHCD/museo.html](http://www.uv.es/IHCD/museo.html)

The Universitat de València plays an important role in cultural activities, especially in

its facilities at the historical building in the city centre “La Nau.” Here, several events take place such as exhibitions, film screenings, theatre plays, concerts and conferences together with other activities. At the

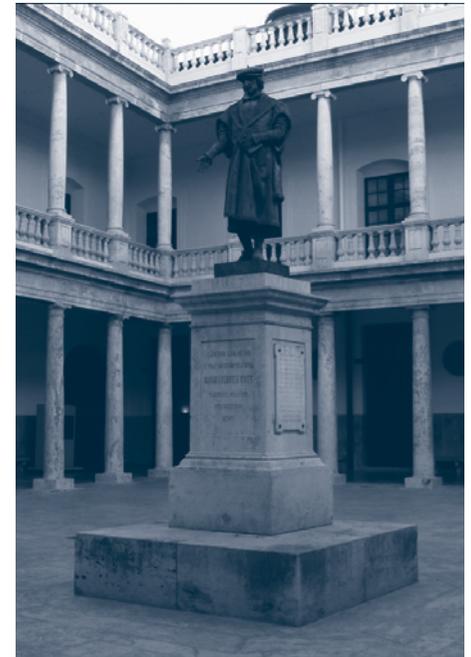
“Colegio Mayor Rector Peset” -the UV hall of residence- there are continuous cultural activities, as well as at the UV Botanical Garden.

Visit the websites to keep up to date with all the cultural activities your university has to offer.

+ info:  
[www.uv.es/cultura](http://www.uv.es/cultura)

+ info:  
Jardín Botánico  
[www.jardibotanic.org](http://www.jardibotanic.org)

more info:  
Colegio Mayor Rector Peset  
[www.uv.es/cmrapeset](http://www.uv.es/cmrapeset)



## BEACHES, GARDENS AND NATURAL SITES

Valencian beaches add up to 12.12 mi (19.5 km). Some of them are public such as “La Malvarrosa” and “Las Arenas”.

+ info:

[www.valencia.es](http://www.valencia.es)  
[www.turisvalencia.es](http://www.turisvalencia.es)

In Valencia, you can also find the Parque Natural de La Albufera with a surface of 51,89 acres (21.000 hectares). This park is one of the best known natural sites of the Valencian Community and is formed by the great lake of La Albufera,

the largest of the Iberian Peninsula. The Parque Natural de La Albufera has many beaches like Pinedo, L'Arbre del Gos, El Saler, La Garrofera, el Recatí-Perellonet and the unexplored beach of La Devesa.

+ info:

Parque Natural de La Albufera:  
[www.albufera.com](http://www.albufera.com)

Valencia is known as the city of flowers and of the Mediterranean light. Across the city, you can find a lot of historical and picturesque gardens. The

Jardines del Turia cross the city of Valencia throughout the old riverbed of the Turia, The Jardines de la Glorieta are characterized by century-old trees (*ficus macrophylla*); the Jardines de Monforte and the Jardines del Real by their neoclassic and romantic XIX-century style. A beautiful area of gardens and landscape houses the cultural complex of the Arts and Science City, an example of modern international design, located in the old riverbed of the Turia.

A place that is worth mentioning is the Botanical Garden of the UV, which dates back to the XVI century, located in the heart of the city centre.

+ info:

[www.jardibotanic.org](http://www.jardibotanic.org)

## LEISURE AND FESTIVALS

Valencia is a Mediterranean city, fond of festivals, group celebrations, preservation of traditions, festivals and habits.

Mostly, festivals in Valencia are celebrated in the streets due to the good climate and are enjoyed in groups. Music, gunpowder and fire are the main ingredients accompanying celebrations, reflecting a millennial Mediterranean heritage.

One of the most famous festivals in Valencia is “Las Fallas”, celebrated in March and ending on the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month. “Corpus Christi,” “La Semana Santa Marinera” and “October 9” are other remarkable celebrations.

+info:

[www.fallas.com](http://www.fallas.com)

The climate and lifestyle will allow you to enjoy lots of meeting points around the city. Areas to spend time out in patios, pubs and night clubs in Valencia are: Aragon Avenue, next to Blasco Ibáñez campus, La Plaza del Cedro, next to Tarongers Campus, La Plaza de Cánovas and the area of La Malvarrosa at the beach, or El Carmen.

Valencia is famous for its gastronomy and especially for its world famous paella.

There are several types of paella as well as different typical rice dishes, such as the “arroz al horno”, “arroz negro” or “arroz a banda” and other internationally well-known Valencian meals, like the “fideuà”.

The Valencian gastronomy is typically Mediterranean, based on meats, fish, vegetables, olive

oil and fruits. You mustn't miss the Mediterranean diet, healthy, nutritious and well-balanced.

One of the Valencian traditions is to have a dinner based on “tapas” in bars, where you will have the chance to get to know Valencian wines, which are more and more valued for their quality and the grape varieties used for their production.

In all the faculties and schools of the Universitat de València

you can find cafeterias where snacks, sandwiches, combined plates and set meals are served.

Valencia is much more than just a city. Given its location, you can enjoy the seaside as well as the nearby mountains, allowing you to enjoy an urban and rural environment.

We advise you to visit other villages, cities and places in the Valencian Community, which includes a rich ecological environment and an important tourist sector.

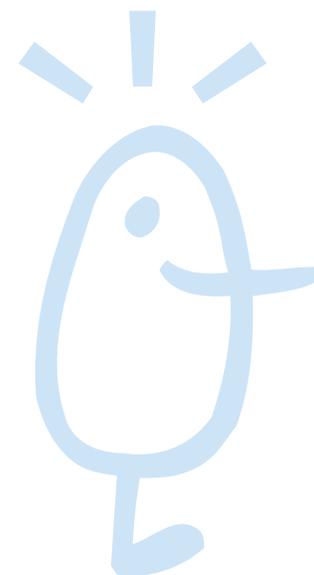
more info:  
[www.comunitatvalenciana.com](http://www.comunitatvalenciana.com)

Studying at the Universitat de València is much more than just going to class. The UV offers you a series of services and facilities to improve your stay at university.

To organize yourself, you have to take into account the usual class schedules. You can find them on the web pages of the faculty or school where you are enrolled. Many degrees have courses taking place in the morning or afternoon; other courses take up a whole day during several days of the week. In the morning, classes normally start at 8 or 8:30 am. In the afternoon classes normally begin at 3 or 3:30 pm and finish before 9:30 pm.

+info:

[www.uv.es](http://www.uv.es) > **Studying at the University**



## CULTURE

The Universitat de València organizes multiple activities such as exhibitions, concerts, seminars, conferences and more.

There are also important cultural activities organized on campus:

- The “Orquesta Filarmónica” and the “Orfeón Universitario de Valencia”.
- Cinema: screenings, lectures and seminars.
- Theatre, dance and workshops (training in drama arts, both theoretical and practical).

- Poetry: presentations, recitals, debates and promotion of new poets.
- Debates Forum: a place where lectures and round table discussions are organized about current topics of academic and social interest.

As a student of the Universitat de València you can participate in all of these activities. Some of them, such as theatre, have specific activities for international students such as the European Theatre Project. Send an e-mail to [escena.erasmus@uv.es](mailto:escena.erasmus@uv.es) if you want to participate.

The main residence halls and the Botanical Garden of Valencia play also an important role as regards cultural activities.

+info:

[www.uv.es/cultura](http://www.uv.es/cultura)

The Universitat de València has a wide range of sports in its Sports Campuses, located on Blasco Ibáñez Campus and Tarongers Campus.

On Burjassot-Paterna Campus, in addition to the sport facilities, there is an agreement with the municipality of Burjassot to use the municipal sports facilities, next to the Campus.

Among the main sports you can play there are soccer, indoor football, basketball, handball,

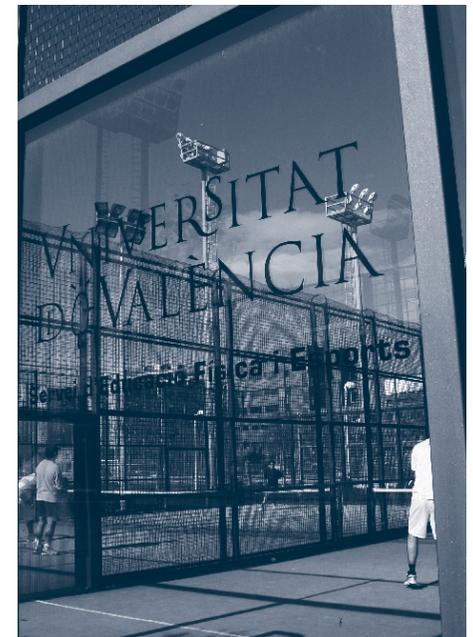
volleyball, rugby, judo, karate, taekwondo, kendo, tennis, table tennis, badminton, fencing, squash, padel tennis, “frontenis”, athletics and triathlon among others.

The university also organizes sporting and recreational activities such as aerobics, contemporary dance, jazz, Spanish dance, “sevillanas”, yoga, martial arts and others.

At the Universitat de València, there are male as well as female

teams participating in different university leagues and competitions, where awards have been won.

more info:  
Sports Service  
[www.uv.es/sesport](http://www.uv.es/sesport)



## INFORMATION SERVICES

The Universitat de València has an Internet Wi-Fi network (eduroam) in all of its buildings and facilities, where students have free access to internet using their student ID and password.

In addition, all UV students have an e-mail account, room to store information on a virtual drive, personal spaces to host their websites and a personal blog service.

There are also several computing services available to stu-

dents, supporting teaching and administrative proceedings. The Virtual Classroom, the Virtual Secretariat and the Student Gate.

**When you enrol at the “Secretaría” of your Faculty/School, you will be given your username, password and e-mail account. It’s very important that you check the inbox of your UV e-mail account, as UV Offices/Centres/Lecturers will send you all the necessary communications to that account.**

more info:

Computer Service:  
[www.uv.es/siuv](http://www.uv.es/siuv)

The UV has developed an official application for mobile devices. The functions of this version include:

- Geolocation of all UV buildings
- Phone numbers and e-mail addresses of all UV centres, unities and offices
- People search at the UV
- Official UV TV and Radio
- Information about the official studies offered by the UV

- News
- Messages from the UV

Besides, UV students can access a personal area where they can look up:

- Class schedules
- Information about the courses they have enrolled in

+info:

<https://uvapp.uv.es/>



## WELCOME WEEK

The Student Delegation organizes –through the Information Service (SEDI)- a Welcome Week for UV students, every year in the second half of October. It's a week with diverse activities, conceived for new students: music concerts, sport competitions, debates, exhibitions and more.

more info:  
[www.uv.es/sedi](http://www.uv.es/sedi)

## STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY

### ADMISSION PROCESS FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS

If you want to come to the UV with the Erasmus Programme, the first step is to check if there is a bilateral agreement between your home university and the University of Valencia in the field of your degree. Otherwise, you cannot come as an Erasmus Student.

Therefore, there has to exist a bilateral agreement between both your home university and the University of Valencia in the field you wish to study here. Furthermore, your home university has to inform us that you have been granted the status of an Erasmus Student.

Our deadlines to receive nominations from universities are:

- **Fall semester or full year** (starting in September): **June 15th.**
- **Spring semester** (starting in February): **November 15th.**

After receiving your nomination, the International Relations Service will check if you can be accepted according to our bilateral agreement and send you an e-mail with your password. Thus you will be able to fill in the online application form and upload the following documents:

- Passport or identity card

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERVICE (CENTRAL OFFICE)

- Photograph (passport size, jpg format)
- European Health Card or a private medical insurance covering the full length of your stay in Spain
- Learning Agreement or list of subjects you would like to study at the UV

To find out more about the different areas of the Universitat please visit [mediauni.uv.es](http://mediauni.uv.es), where you can find videos about the UV.

Two or three weeks after the nomination deadline, the International Relations Service will send you an e-mail with information about the Reception Day and other relevant dates, requirements or activities. The Reception Day will usually take place on the week before the semester starts.

At the beginning of the session, you will be given your Certificate of Arrival, a temporary student card and a welcome pack. Please note: the date of arrival on the Certificate will be the date of the Reception Day.

For any doubt or problem coming up during your stay at UV and which you are unable to solve at the Faculty/School, we recommend you to go to the International Relations Service, whose office is located at the following address: Palacio de Cerveró, Plaza Cisneros, 4, 46003 Valencia.

If you are an Erasmus or SICUE student (coming from a European university) who will be studying at Burjassot-Paterna Campus, you can go the International Relations office located inside the library building “Bib-

lioteca de Ciencias”, Avenida Dr. Moliner, 50, 46100 Burjassot.

Opening hours are: 9 am - 2 pm, from Monday to Friday.

On the day of your last exam at UV you should apply for your Certificate of Attendance through our Electronic Office (ENTREU). This certificate will contain the dates of your arrival and of the end of your exchange period. Before the examination period, you will receive a guide explaining to you, step by step, how to apply for it and how to download it later on.

more info: [www.uv.es/relint](http://www.uv.es/relint)

## LECTURES

Each centre of the Universitat de València has its own classes, training modules and other activities.

Normally, each class lasts one or two hours. Many of the programmes have more than one set of schedules. All courses have their own teaching guide, including for instance the evaluation criteria, the teaching objectives, the subjects involved, the bibliography recommended to prepare them, further activities to be carried out apart from studying, (such

as training, case solving or papers), the lecturers and their office hours.

You can check the course descriptions:

[www.uv.es](http://www.uv.es) > **Undergraduate Studies**

After clicking on the desired degree, you will have to take the following steps: Click on “Curriculum” >

Click on “Check info” for the courses you are interested in (here you will find **schedules,**

**place, dates** and further information) >

Click on the groups and have a look at the start date and the summons date 1 to see if it's a 1st semester course, a 2nd semester course or an annual course >

Click on “Teaching guide” >

A pdf with all the information on the course will emerge.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic calendar is divided into semesters, although some courses have an annual calendar. The academic year begins towards the second week of September and the first semester ends in December. At the end of the semester, when classes finish, students have two weeks of exams in January.

The second semester starts by the end of January or at the beginning of February until the second or third week of May. After this semester the exams run until mid-June. From the end of June to the second week

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

of July you can repeat the exams of the first as well as of the second semester.

The resit (or second examination call) is a second chance to take an exam (if you did not take the first exam, if you failed or if you want to improve your mark). As an exchange student you are entitled to go to the resit. If your exchange period takes place during the first semester, you will have to come back to the UV to repeat an exam.

You can find a detailed calendar on our webpage:

[www.uv.es/relint](http://www.uv.es/relint) > **Erasmus Study Programme > Calendars, subjects and schedules**

If you are a student coming for one single semester, we recommend you to look carefully at our academic calendar, as it may be incompatible with the academic calendar of your home university. Please take into account that you can't take exams outside our examination periods, unless the professor in charge of the course authorises it, and these authorisations happen only very rarely.

## LIBRARIES

The UV has several big libraries in each of its academic campuses: the science library “Eduard Boscà”, the science library for health “Pelegrí Casanova”, the humanities library “Joan Reglà” and the social science library “Gregori Maians”, and other libraries located in some of the faculties and schools of the Universitat.

These libraries have 1,200,000 monographs on paper, 280,000 in electronic version; 5,000 periodicals on paper and 35,000

in electronic version; 100 on-line databases.

+info:  
[biblioteca.uv.es](http://biblioteca.uv.es)



## COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE EDUCATION

In addition to its vast programmes, lectures and debates, the Universitat de València offers an important range of complementary educational activities for other qualifications, managed by the University Extension Service.

+info:  
University Extension Service:  
<http://extensiuni.uv.es/>

You can improve your Spanish or learn other languages at the UV Language Centre, situated on Blasco Ibañez Campus where you have access to a wide range of courses and activities. Additionally, you can prepare yourself to obtain the official Spanish language diploma : DELE (Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language).

More information:  
<http://diplomas.cervantes.es>  
more info:  
[www.centreidiomes.es](http://www.centreidiomes.es)

The language offer of the Universitat de València includes the possibility to learn the Valencian language through the Language Policy Service. You can find resources, help and possibilities to practise it with other students in their offices on the three campuses.

more info:  
[www.uv.es/spl](http://www.uv.es/spl)

You have also the opportunity to learn Chinese and Japanese at the Confucius Institute. The Confucius Institute, located on Blasco Ibañez Campus, is an official centre authorized by the Chinese government to teach Chinese language and culture abroad.

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

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+ info:  
[www.uv.es/confucio](http://www.uv.es/confucio)

A dial up and wireless network (Wi-Fi) allows you to have access to the internet, to have an e-mail address, a personal website and disk space. In addition, the university has created a “Aula Virtual” (Virtual Classroom) where students have access to information about their courses, to keep a steady contact with professors and to download the information and documents provided by a lecturer through this means.

+info:  
[aulavirtual.uv.es](http://aulavirtual.uv.es)

There is also a “Virtual Secretariat” service, where students can look up information about their academic records.

All these services are accessed from the student webpage “Portal del Alumno”.

+info:  
[www.uv.es/portalumne](http://www.uv.es/portalumne)

The University of Valencia is part of your future. Get to know it, share it and get passionate about it in every dimension. Certainly not everything is mentioned in this guide.

Get to know the UV thoroughly and create your own experience.

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