UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE VALÈNCIA

International Exchange Programmes Office

Oficina de Programas Internacionales de Intercambio

Universitat Politècnica de València

UPV is a public, dynamic and innovative institution focused on research and high-quality education. We maintain strong connections with our socio-economic context and focus on our internationalization.

General and contact information

UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE VALÈNCIA

www.upv.es/index-en.html

Campuses
Valencia (Main Campus)
Gandía
Alcoy

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📎 **Get to know us!**

Why UPV?

UPV 360° virtual visit

Bachelor's Programmes

Master's Programmes

Schools and Faculties

Faculty of Business Administration and Management (FADE)
Faculty of Fine Arts (FBBAA)
School of Agricultural Engineering and Environment (ETSIAMN)
School of Architecture (ETSA)
School of Building Engineering (ETSIE)
School of Civil Engineering (ETSICCP)
School of Design Engineering (ETSID)
School of Engineering in Geodesy, Cartography and Surveying (ETSIGCT)
School of Industrial Engineering (ETSII)
School of Telecommunications Engineering (ETSIT)

Higher Polytechnic School of Gandía
(Gandía Campus) EPSG

Higher Polytechnic School of Alcoy
(Alcoy Campus) EPSA

📎 International offices in each School / Faculty

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www.enhanceuniversity.eu

Application information

Only for student exchange programs with UPV Partner Universities

Incomings info

AIRE

APPLICATION PERIODS

PERIOD OF STUDIES IN UPV

	SEM A (Sept-Jan)/ Full academic year	SEM B (Feb-Jul)
Nomination	30 April	30 September
Application EU/EFTA	1 Apr - 15 May	1 Sept - 15 Oct
Application non-EU/EFTA	20 Mar - 15 May	1 Sept - 15 Oct

3 STEPS TO APPLY

Step 0. Your home university sends your nomination before the deadline (30 April, 30 September)

Step 1. Requesting User and Password

The International Exchange Programs Office validates the request (validations only during the application periods)

Step 2. Fill in the online application form and confirm

Step 3. Download and print the overview of your online application. Obtain signatures and upload it, along with any documents requested by your UPV host School / Faculty, as explained in the application instructions you will receive

Selecting your courses (!)

Course Search Tool

Course Restrictions

AVERAGE COURSE LOAD PER SEMESTER 25/30 ECTS (around 4 to 5 courses).

- UPV Schools recommend (in some cases require) a minimum course load of 20 ECTS per semester.

- Students are allowed to take courses from different Schools, However at least 80% of the credits must belong to their UPV host School/Faculty.

- When selecting courses, keep in mind that EPSA and EPSG Schools are located in the cities of Alcoy and Gandia respectively (around 80 km from Valencia).

- Some Schools may have some pre-requisites for certain courses or restricted programs. Insufficient background may result into course denial. See list of course restrictions

- During the application phase, you may receive some comments about your pre-selected courses, but do not expect a full confirmation of availability an registration for each course. Course timetables are released around June and they may be difficult to understand at first.

- You will reconfirm your choice of courses and timetable choices at the beginning of the semester. You will receive further information about course registation "matrícula" during the pre-arrival phase.

TIPS FOR YOUR COURSE SELECTION

- Have a look at the course contents and units (availabe at upv.es). Make sure that the selected courses are taught in the semester you are to come (A or B)

- Creating a study programme with English courses taught in different UPV Schools is not a good idea. Focus mainly on the courses of your host School. A good background of Spanish language and flexibility in your choices will boost your possibilities, think about it!

- Think on alternative options in case you have to change your preliminary course list (timetable overlaps, course is full or unavailable...). Our course offer is huge, so don't panic!

Spanish and English as Tuition Languages

Courses in English Full List
Updated in April/May each year

UPV offers more than 300 courses in English, distributed along our 13 Schools / Faculties. Non-native English speakers will be asked to prove a B2 level of Engish. Some UPV Schools offer a larger number of courses in English than others. English courses have great demand and limited places for enrolment. Check the availability and requirements with the exchange coordinator in your UPV host School / Faculty. See here the full list LINK

Spanish language background is a must for a successful exchange experience; besides, the majority of our courses ara taught in Spanish. Language requirements may vary slightly depending on your exchange program or host School / Faculty. As a rule, we require proof of an intermediate language level during the application phase.

Academic Calendar

See full Calendar 📎

* Calendars may slightly differ from one School to another and from bachelor's and master's programs.

SEMESTER A

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan

Exams periods

SEMESTER B

Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June

Exams periods

UPV Grading scale:

Fail < 5   Pass: 5-6.9   Good: 7-8.9   Excellent:9-10

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Prepare your stay

Spanish language courses

PRE-SEMESTER INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSE (GANDIA CAMPUS)
Fee Paying
40 hours - 4 ECTS / Levels from A1 to C2
+ Info / Separate registration and transcripts.

REGULAR SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES
Free for Exchange students
4,5 ECTS each semester
Level A1: only for students from Asian universities
Levels A2-B2 (Alcoy campus only B1)
Registration opens at the beginning of each semester; Once the students' current Spanish level has been checked and validated, they can apply for the next level of CEFR.

Mentor (Buddy) Program

Buddy Program aims at partnering UPV students with incoming exchange students from the same School. Buddy partners will help with daily life, administrative and academic issues during the stay.

Interested students should apply under the "mentor" section in the online exchange application form.

Visa

Non EU-EFTA/EEA nationals must obtain a visa to enter Spanish territory, and regulate their stay in Spain before the visa expiration date.

Immigration Support Service 📎

Accommodation

UPV does not provide accommodation for exchange students. It is usually quite easy to find housing in private apartments near our 3 campuses any time of the year (both before arrival or in the first days of your stay). For housing in student dorms, we recommend you book in advance.

SHARING OR RENTING A FLAT
This is the most common choice among exchange students.
Price: from 250 to 350€ per room.

STUDENT DORMS
There are many student dorms around our Campuses.
Prices: around 600 to 700€ with meal plans.

UPV Searching engine or private providers 📎

Orientation Sessions

At the beginning of each semester, a general orientation meeting or Welcome Day is organized at the central UPV level for new exchange students in any study field. In 2020-21 we have held virtual Welcome Days. Details are sent by email to all students a few days in advance.

Additionally, many UPV Schools/Faculties often organize a faculty-level information meeting for their own students, with more in-depth instructions. Other Schools provide orientation on an invididual basis.

App PoliExchange 📎

COVID-19 info 📎

ESN UPV 📎

SURE_Valencia (STEM Undergraduate Research Exchange) at UPV

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See Exchange @ UPV Video

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP AT UPV

Program Description

Research Internships offer exchange students with the possibility of working with UPV faculty on an arranged research topic depending on both the student´s interests and the professor´s research area of expertise.

3 Options

1) Research only
2) Research + Spanish:

Pre-semester two weeks Spanish language course (see description bellow)
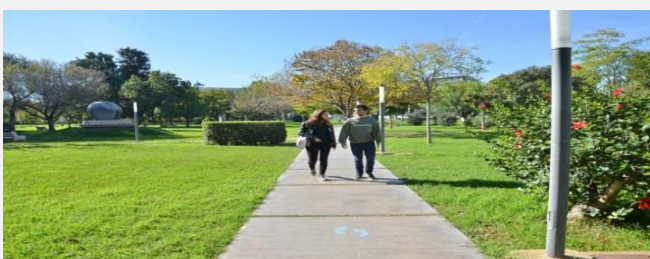Regular Spanish language course during the semester

3) Research +Course credits:

Students may also take one course and gain additional credits

Objectives

- The objective of this programme is to give students the opporunity of integrating in the several UPV research lines by working along with UPV Faculty on an arranged research topic at the UPV Departments and Research Institutes.
- Students will also put into practice their research competency
- Students will earn intercultural skills by working in an International research group

➡ *This program also aims at linking research and researchers at both universities through the accademic supervission of participants.*

How to apply

Exchange students interested in conducting a research internship have to be nominated by their home university and apply as exchange students following the instructions at:

http://www.upv.es/entidades/OPII/infoweb/pi/info/818854normali.html

Internship allocation

The UPV hosting school international office will work with the student on identifying a Faculty to supervise his/her research at UPV according to the research interests of the students and the professor´s research area of expertise.

Students and professors need to reach and agreement on the internship topic, duration and dedication. The curriculum is established in dialogue with the professor supervising the Research Project.

Duration

From 3 to 6 months

Internship credits

Internship credits can be gained depending on the total number of hours dedicated to the internship. This will be determined by the UPV Faculty supervising the student. Normally a semester-long research would count as 15-20ECTS credits. Students may get more credits by taking Spanish or course credits along with the research.

Language riquirement

Internships can be conducted in Spanish or English.

Student's status at UPV

Internship students will be considered as Exchange students at UPV. This means that they may also benefit from the Spanish language courses, the buddy program and the guidance and orientation of the UPV hosting school.

COURSES TO BE ADDED TO RESEARCH

Pre-semester Intensive language course (Gandia Campus)

Fee Paying
40 hours - 4 ECTS
Levels:
- A1, A2 - Basic User
- B1, B2 - Independent User
- C1, C2 - Proficient User
http://www.upv.es/contenidos/ORI/info/789401normalc.html

Regular Spanish language courses

Free for Exchange students
3.6 ECTS
Courses in Valencia and Gandia
Levels:
- A1, A2 - Basic User
- B1, B2 - Independent User

Course Credits

Research students may also take course credits choosing from the courses offered at the student´s hosting school. Courses related to the research area or methods are strongly recommended.

See course offer at:

https://aplicat.upv.es/buscasiupv-app/?p_idioma=i

ACCOMMODATION

Sharing or renting a Flat

This is the most common choice among exchange students. Price: from 250 to 350€ per month.

It is recommended to rent the flat through providers that will provide students with guidance, support and mediate with landlords.

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Living with a Family

Price: from 200 to 600€ per month (higher prices if meals are included)
Tools: UPV Searching engine or private providers
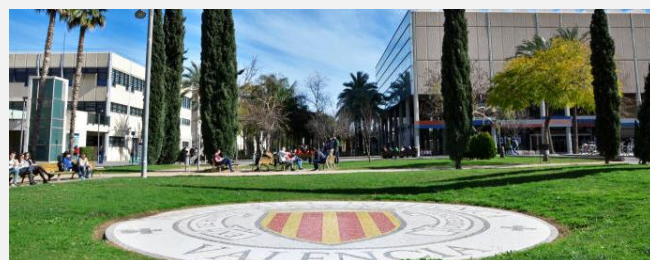https://www.upv.es/perfiles/estudiante/alojamientos-buscador-en.html

Students dorms

There are many student dorms around our Campuses. There is on-campus accommodation in the Valencia Campus, but also many in the near surrounding area.

Prices: around 600 to 700€ with meal plans

https://www.upv.es/perfiles/estudiante/alojamientos-residencias-en.html

VISA requirements

Students will be accepted as Exchange students and will have to obtain a student VISA. Once accepted by the corresponding UPV School, the Central International office will issue the required acceptance documents for VISA purposes.

Insurance

Students are required to bring their own Health Insurance for the whole period of their stay. Students will not be allowed to register provided they reproduce sufficient coverage.

VALENCIA

UPV is located in the city of Valencia, an industrial and touristic city in the East coast of Spain. Valencia is one of the most important cities of Spain and a top destination for Erasmus students in Europe.

The city of Valencia has an international airport connecting with most European capitals as well as with Madrid and Barcelona. The high speed train AVE also connects Valencia with Madrid and Sevilla.

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PROGRAM

COURSE SELECTION

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Selecting courses and Course restrictions:

Selecting Courses:

In the "Academic Agreement" section of the online application students must request the intended course selection. Please note the following:

- Students are allowed to take courses outside their UPV Hosting School, however at least 80 % of the selected courses must belong to the hosting school. Hosting schools can only guarantee for acceptance in their own courses. Enrolment in courses outside the hosting schools will depend on the spaces available after registering their own students. It is highly recommended not to take more than one course outside the hosting school to avoid overlaps and other conflicts!

- UPV Schools recommend and in some cases require a minimum course load of 20/25 credits per semester.

- It is important to make sure that the selected courses are taught in the semester the student is to come.("Semester A" stands for Sept to January and "Semester B" stands for February to June-July. "T" stands for yearlong courses)

- When selecting courses from different Schools students should bear in mind that EPSA and EPSG are located in the cities of Alcoy and Gandia respectively (around 80km from Valencia)

- Class availability cannot be confirmed until enrolment once students have arrived in UPV

- To take classes in Spanish students must prove to have a B1 level of Spanish or be native speakers. Students interested in taking courses in English must prove to have a B2 level or English or be native speakers .Check the language of instruction of the courses you select and make sure you fulfill the requirements.

Use the online course searching tool at: https://aplicat.upv.es/buscasiupv-app?p_idioma=i

The Course Search Tool shows the entire UPV academic offer. Some courses or degrees may be restricted by the interuniversity agreement. If this is the case, the course or degree may not appear as offered and be available to choose in the learning agreement section of the AIRE incoming online application.

Restricted programs/Course restrictions:

- The Biotechnology degree in English is closed to exchange students.

- Acceptance in Business courses for students outside the FADE School is extremely unlikely.

- Aerospace courses in English are only available for students with aerospace/aeronautical background.

-Acceptance in courses in design, animation, photography for students outside the Faculty of Fine Arts (FBBAA) is very unlikely. BA in Design and Creative Technologies programme has very limited vacancies and will not accept students from other UPV Schools/Faculties, as well as the MA courses offered at the FBBAA.

- ETSINF (School of Informatics) courses in English are limited to students with ETSINF as their hosting school.