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DE ALMERÍA

WELCOME GUIDE

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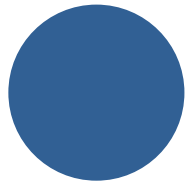
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Rector's welcome message:

Now that you are beginning a new stage in your life — undoubtedly one of the most important — I would like to thank you for choosing the University of Almería for your degree and extend a very warm welcome to our campus. You are now part of our community, and I am certain that this is something you will always take pride in. At UAL, you will have every opportunity to develop your full potential. We are here to provide the support you need to achieve your goals and prepare for your future career, while enjoying a unique university experience in a healthy, sustainable and welcoming environment.

At UAL, you will enjoy close contact with your lecturers and administrative staff and have access to all the University's services and governing bodies. As well as high-quality teaching, including courses taught in English, you will benefit from numerous opportunities for international mobility, first-class sports facilities, an excellent library, a Language Centre offering a wide range of options, an innovative smart campus, a Student House that will become almost a second home, and a vibrant cultural and student life. Above all, our degree programmes offer graduate employment rates well above the average for other universities. The University of Almería also offers outstanding opportunities for direct contact with companies and the professional world. So I congratulate you: by choosing UAL as your university, you have shown that you know how to recognise what makes a difference. We will repay the trust you have placed in us by providing you with a comprehensive, high-quality education that will prepare you for your professional future. **Together, we will create that future.**



José J. Céspedes Lorente

Rector of the University of Almería



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Make the most of them and experience university life to the full!



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1. Welcome to University Life

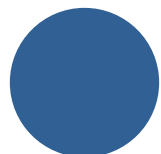
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Welcome to the **University of Almería: your university**. Having completed your Baccalaureate or Vocational Education and Training studies, you are now ready to take on the exciting challenge of university. This new stage marks the beginning of your journey towards becoming the professional you want to be. At a time filled with expectations — and perhaps a few uncertainties — we would like to wish you every success and invite you to embark on this exciting adventure with us.

Starting your degree will bring new and rewarding challenges into your life. During your time at university, you will meet new people, make friends, enjoy new experiences and, of course, acquire knowledge and skills that will help shape the person you become. That is why we want your university experience to enrich you far beyond the academic sphere. We hope you will make the most of the many other opportunities for learning and personal development available to you: languages, mobility programmes, cultural activities, sport and wellbeing, student societies and volunteering. In short, we want to help you grow in every personal and social dimension that university life has to offer.

We have prepared this **Welcome Guide** to help you take your first steps into university life and make your experience at UAL as rewarding and fulfilling as possible. Here you will find information about the services, activities and resources available to you. We hope you find it useful and make the most of everything UAL has to offer.

The Vice-Rectorate for Students is also here to support you and make your transition to university as smooth as possible, providing individual guidance and assistance whenever you need it. **Please do not hesitate to contact us.**



María Encarnación Carmona Samper
Vice-Rector for Students





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Your first steps at UAL are important. Here is a quick reminder of some of the things you should bear in mind during your first few days at the University of Almería.

Your Virtual Campus Login Details



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When you enrolled, you used a username and password. These are very important, so we recommend keeping them safe, as you will need them to access UAL's various online services, including the Virtual Learning Environment and your institutional email account. We refer to these login details as your Virtual Campus Login Details.

Your username will remain the same throughout your time at university. For security reasons, you must change your password every six months. Your Virtual Campus login details are essential for checking your academic record, applying for scholarships and grants, booking appointments with different services and accessing the materials uploaded by your lecturers to the Virtual Learning Environment. They are your key to accessing UAL's online services.

Your Enrolment Confirmation

It is important to check and save your enrolment confirmation to make sure that all the information is correct, including the modules you have selected and the fees payable. You may also need this document to obtain discounts on public transport or to provide proof of your student status. If you did not download your enrolment confirmation when you enrolled, you can download a copy from your Virtual Campus.

Your Virtual Campus



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Your Virtual Campus is the platform where you can access your academic record, book spaces in the Library and consult information relating to your studies. It gives you access to a wide range of online services at the click of a button. Make the most of it, as it provides useful services that you will need throughout your time at university.





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Your UALCLOUD Account



www.ual.es/ual-cloud

UALCLOUD gives you access to a range of Google communication and collaboration tools specifically designed for educational environments (Google Workspace for Education) and customised for UAL. You will have access to a full range of applications, including institutional email through Gmail, cloud storage and collaborative file editing with Google Drive, an online calendar, messaging, calls and videoconferencing for up to 15 participants, and much more. All you need to do is register and create your personal UAL email account.



UAL Wi-Fi Network



www.ual.es/wifi

UAL's Information and Communication Technologies Area provides a wireless network with coverage throughout the campus, allowing you to stay connected and making it easier to work and study. The Eduroam network not only allows you to connect to Wi-Fi on the UAL campus; it is an international network used by many universities and research institutions around the world.

As a member of the UAL community, you can connect to the wireless network at any institution participating in Eduroam. You will not need to complete any additional registration procedures at the host institution: you simply need your email address and password.



Virtual Learning Environment



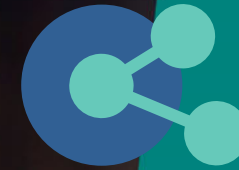
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This platform will provide online academic support throughout your time at university. Here you will find materials for your different modules, take part in discussion forums and contact both your lecturers and fellow students. You will also find your weekly timetable and announcements from the lecturers teaching each module.

All UAL modules combine face-to-face teaching with support through this platform (Blackboard Learn).

From September, you will have access to the online courses for the modules in which you are enrolled. You will also have access to the course "Getting Started as a Student in Blackboard Learn", which includes a user guide and video tutorials explaining how to use the platform.

This tool will be extremely useful throughout your studies, so we recommend familiarising yourself with it and making the most of everything it offers.



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RECTOR'S OFFICE

The Rector is the University's highest academic authority and appoints the Vice-Rectors responsible for specific areas. The Rector is elected by the University community.

GOVERNING BODIES

UAL's governing bodies set the University's strategic direction and work towards its established objectives. However, the most important decisions are taken democratically by collegiate bodies – that is, bodies made up of different members of the University community – in which all groups at UAL have a voice.

VICE-RECTORATES



Click on each Vice-Rectorate for further information.

- Vice-Rectorate for Culture and Society
- Vice-Rectorate for Students
- Vice-Rectorate for Undergraduate Studies and Teaching Innovation
- Vice-Rectorate for Equality, Inclusion and Social Engagement
- Vice-Rectorate for Research Policy
- Vice-Rectorate for Postgraduate Studies and Institutional Relations
- Vice-Rectorate for Academic Staff and Teaching Planning
- Vice-Rectorate for International Relations
- Vice-Rectorate for Sustainability, Health and Sport
- Vice-Rectorate for Digital Transformation and Infrastructure

COLLEGIATE BODIES

Governing Council

Together with the Rector and the members of the University's governing team, the Governing Council is responsible for the governance of the University. This is where some of the most important decisions affecting your day-to-day university life are taken. Students are represented on the Governing Council and can therefore bring their concerns and interests before it.

University Senate

The University's highest representative body for the entire University community. It includes representatives of academic staff, students and Technical, Management, Administrative and Services Staff (PTGAS).

Social Council

This is the body through which wider society participates in the University. It is made up of members of the University community and representatives of society as a whole. It takes decisions on matters including University budgets, fees for non-official courses and student progression regulations.

OTHER BODIES

University Management

General Secretariat





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Your faculty or school at UAL

Teaching, study and research take place within UAL's Faculties and Schools. Your Faculty or School also has democratically elected governing bodies representing academic staff, students and Technical, Management, Administrative and Services Staff (PTGAS).

Each Faculty is managed by a Dean's team or, in the case of the School of Engineering, by a management team, headed by the Dean or Director. Its members are academic staff elected by the University community to take responsibility for specific areas organised into Vice-Dean's Offices or Deputy Director's Offices. You can find information about these in the governing bodies section of your Faculty or School website.



Faculty of Law



Faculty of Experimental Sciences



Faculty of Health Sciences



Faculty of Psychology



Faculty of Education Sciences



Faculty of Humanities



Faculty of Economics and Business Studies



School of Engineering



Postgraduate and Continuing Education Centre



Click on each Faculty or School for further information.

University Departments



www.ual.es/universidad/departamentos

Departments are responsible for teaching within UAL's Faculties and Schools. A Department is made up of a Head of Department and a group of lecturers belonging to one or more Areas of Knowledge. Each Department organises teaching, study and research within its academic field and coordinates the teaching of all modules associated with its Areas of Knowledge.

Student Representation



Student Representation

Students are represented on all the University's collegiate bodies, both at central level and within Faculties, Schools and Departments. Student representatives are elected by the students themselves. These representatives are your voice, so it is important to take part in their election. They will bring your views, concerns and interests to the University's different governing bodies.





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- 6.Faculty of Law
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- 8.Faculty of Psychology

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CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The Central Administration Office will assist you with all administrative procedures, from the beginning of your studies through to the issue of your degree certificate. It will be your main point of reference for any questions or difficulties relating to admission to your studies, applications for scholarships and grants and enrolment each academic year, including changes of group, cancellations and fee refunds, as well as other administrative procedures concerning your academic record, such as academic certificates, recognition of modules and the issue of your degree certificate. Any questions relating to your academic record can be dealt with here. We recommend familiarising yourself with its online information and administrative platform and with the Electronic Registry.

 **Central Building · Ground Floor**

Academic Procedures >

Contact us >

Electronic Registry >



VICE-RECTORATE FOR STUDENTS

The Vice-Rectorate for Students provides support and assistance to students throughout their university journey. Its responsibilities include supporting and promoting student representation, developing student support policies, managing scholarships and study grants, university entrance procedures (PAU) and admissions (pre-enrolment), and maintaining links with secondary schools and their students. You can ask the Vice-Rectorate to support initiatives you would like to develop as a student or to help you set up a student society. The Vice-Rectorate can also provide personalised guidance and advice on your studies, your choice of degree and career, and your professional future.

 **Student House. Second Floor**

Vice-Rectorate website >

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The main resource for **supporting and guiding students** enrolled on UAL degree programmes is Degree Tutoring. Degree Tutoring forms part of the tutorial support established in the University of Almería's regulations governing the organisation and coordination of undergraduate and Master's degree programmes. It gives you access to a Degree Tutor who can support and guide you during your first year at university. Degree Tutors are lecturers on your degree programme who can give you an overview of your studies and support you as you begin your degree. Make the most of their availability whenever you have questions and contact your tutor if you need advice about your degree.

It is important to take advantage of this opportunity at the beginning of the academic year, as you must ask your Faculty or School to assign you a Degree Tutor.

Faculty/school management and degree coordination teams

Each degree programme has a coordination team made up of Year Coordinators, the External Placements Coordinator and the Degree Coordinator. This team works with the Dean's Office or management team of your Faculty or School to resolve issues specific to your degree programme. If you have any academic questions or difficulties, you can contact your Degree Coordinator or Year Coordinator. These coordinators are lecturers who teach on your degree. You can find their contact details in the "Coordination" section of your degree webpage.

[See full details for each degree programme here](#) >

Module tutorials

All the lecturers teaching your modules have specific office hours set aside for student tutorials. We encourage you to make use of these tutorials to get the most out of your academic studies.





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SOA Student Guidance and Advice Service

If at any point during your time at university you need support in dealing with circumstances that are making your studies more difficult, you can contact the Student Guidance and Advice Service (SOA). The service provides personalised guidance to help students address difficulties related to the learning process, planning and organising their studies, academic stress, possible educational pathways, academic and career choices, and the transition into employment.

The **Student Guidance and Advice Service** is designed to guide and support university students when making key decisions throughout their studies:



ACADEMIC

Guidance and Advice

Are you finding it difficult to cope with your studies?



DEGREE AND CAREER

Guidance and Advice

Have you chosen the right degree for you?



PROFESSIONAL

Guidance and Advice

Are you concerned about your professional future?

At the SOA, we help you find the answers!

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Inclusion and Diversity Support Unit

If you are a student with specific educational support needs, have a recognised disability, or are experiencing any other circumstances that may affect your learning, you can request the support you need from the Inclusion and Diversity Support Unit. The Unit provides guidance and advice, support resources and reasonable adjustments tailored to your individual needs, helping to ensure equal opportunities and full participation in university life. You can contact the Unit in person or by email to find out more about the resources and services available and receive the support you need to pursue your studies under the best possible conditions.

Inclusion and Diversity Support Unit >

📍 Central Building · Ground Floor · Office 0.86

✉️ diversidad@ual.es

📷 [@ualinclusiva](https://www.instagram.com/ualinclusiva)

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND MEDIATION COMMITTEE

Your resource for a peaceful and respectful campus

UAL's University Community and Mediation Committee is responsible for helping to ensure a peaceful and diverse university environment based on mutual respect. With equal representation from students, academic staff and Technical, Management, Administrative and Services Staff (PTGAS), its main purpose is to prevent and resolve conflicts that may disrupt everyday life on campus. If you find yourself in a situation that is having a negative impact on university life, you can request the Committee's intervention or mediation, safe in the knowledge that all proceedings are strictly confidential and designed to safeguard your rights and dignity.

How can I get in touch? If you would like to raise a case, you can start the process by emailing: ✉️ cconvive@ual.es



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Equality Unit. University of Almería

At UAL, people come first, without labels or distinctions. The University of Almería's Equality Unit works to promote and ensure an academic environment in which everyone has the same opportunities to develop and succeed, regardless of gender, identity or background.

Guided by the principles of justice and equality, the Unit develops educational programmes and campaigns to raise awareness of gender equality, combat gender-based violence and actively remove barriers and biases that may exist within our university community. Taking part in its events and projects is an excellent way to help build a more inclusive and socially responsible future, right from the start of your university journey.

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 igualdad@ual.es

www.igualdad.ual.es 

Social Media:



@UALigualdad



Psychological Support Unit

At UAL, we have a Psychological Support Unit (UAT). University can be a time of significant change, during which you may experience anxiety, low mood, difficulties in your relationships with others or other personal challenges. The UAT provides individual psychological support to help students through periods of crisis or psychological difficulty. We also offer group activities aimed at developing emotional skills and improving interpersonal relationships. If you are experiencing difficulties, we can help.

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UAL encourages students to participate in its collegiate bodies, as your voice and your ideas are essential to ensuring participatory, high-quality university governance. Any student can be elected by their fellow students to serve on these bodies, from acting as a Course Representative to becoming a member of a Faculty or School Board, a Department, the University Senate or UAL's highest collegiate governing body, the Governing Council.

 www.ual.es/vida-universitaria/representacion-estudiantil



COURSE REPRESENTATIVES

At the beginning of the academic year, UAL holds elections for Course Representatives, giving you the opportunity to stand for election and represent the concerns, needs and problems of your fellow students.

It is a rewarding way to get involved in university life and take part in the decisions made within your Faculty or School. And you will not be doing it alone: you will also have a Deputy Representative to support you in your role.



FACULTY AND SCHOOL STUDENT DELEGATIONS

The Student Delegation of each Faculty or School is made up of all students who hold representative positions within that Faculty or School. This includes Course Representatives, student members of the Faculty or School Board and student members of the University Senate.

Any issues or concerns affecting students in your Faculty or School can be raised and addressed through your Student Delegation. You will also have the opportunity to play an active role in your Faculty or School, from welcoming new students and organising courses, activities and events to representing your Faculty or School in other areas of university life.



STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council (CEUAL) consists of 32 students representing UAL's eight Faculty and School Student Delegations. Each Delegation elects representatives to the Student Council, both to raise issues affecting its own Faculty or School and to put forward and defend proposals affecting the student body as a whole. Its responsibilities are wide-ranging and affect all UAL students in areas such as examination regulations, student progression regulations and the right to call student strikes. It is the highest student representative body at the University.



DID YOU KNOW?

Your participation in any student representative body — from serving as a Course Representative to being a member of the Student Council — can be recognised through optional credits. These credits recognise both your involvement and the skills and knowledge you acquire through university governance and student representation. Your experience as a student representative can therefore also be formally recognised in your academic record.





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UNIVERSITY OMBUDSPERSON



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The University Ombudsperson is responsible for safeguarding and defending the rights of all members of the university community. It is important to bear in mind that the Ombudsperson only intervenes once the University's established channels for resolving an issue have been exhausted. This is why you should first contact, depending on the nature of your problem, the Central Administration Office, your lecturers, the Head of Department, your Degree Coordinator and/or your Faculty or School management team. The Central Administration Office can advise you on the appropriate procedure to follow.

If you have followed the appropriate administrative procedure and your problem remains unresolved, you can then contact the University Ombudsperson's Office. You can also contact the Office by email: defensor@ual.es

The University Ombudsperson's Office deals with enquiries, complaints and claims and provides mediation and conciliation procedures to help resolve disputes.



SERVICE INSPECTORATE



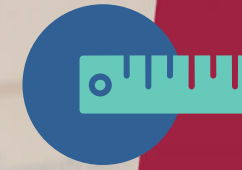
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The Service Inspectorate is responsible for ensuring the proper functioning of the University of Almería's services and monitoring teaching schedules and teaching obligations, among other duties.

Its fundamental role is to ensure that the rights enjoyed by all members of the university community are compatible with the responsibilities that are also part of university life.

If at any point you believe that a University service has not functioned properly, or that a member of the university community is failing to fulfil their obligations, you can contact the Service Inspectorate.





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SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

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Can I reduce my tuition fees?

➤ **99% tuition fee discount for credits passed at the first attempt.** The Regional Government of Andalusia introduced this rebate in 2017. Students with a good academic record can complete their undergraduate studies while paying almost exclusively for their first year, saving up to 75% of the cost, and can complete a Master's degree virtually free of charge.

➤ **General Scholarships from the Spanish Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sport (MEFP).** These are awarded to students from low-income households. They provide support with tuition fees, and the amount of the scholarship may include fixed and variable components depending on the student's personal circumstances.

➤ **UAL Study Support Scholarships.** UAL provides support with tuition fees and financial assistance if your household income is low. These include meal, travel and social support grants.

Are your grades excellent?

➤ **UAL Excellence Scholarships.** €1,000 if you achieve excellent grades, plus a free language course.

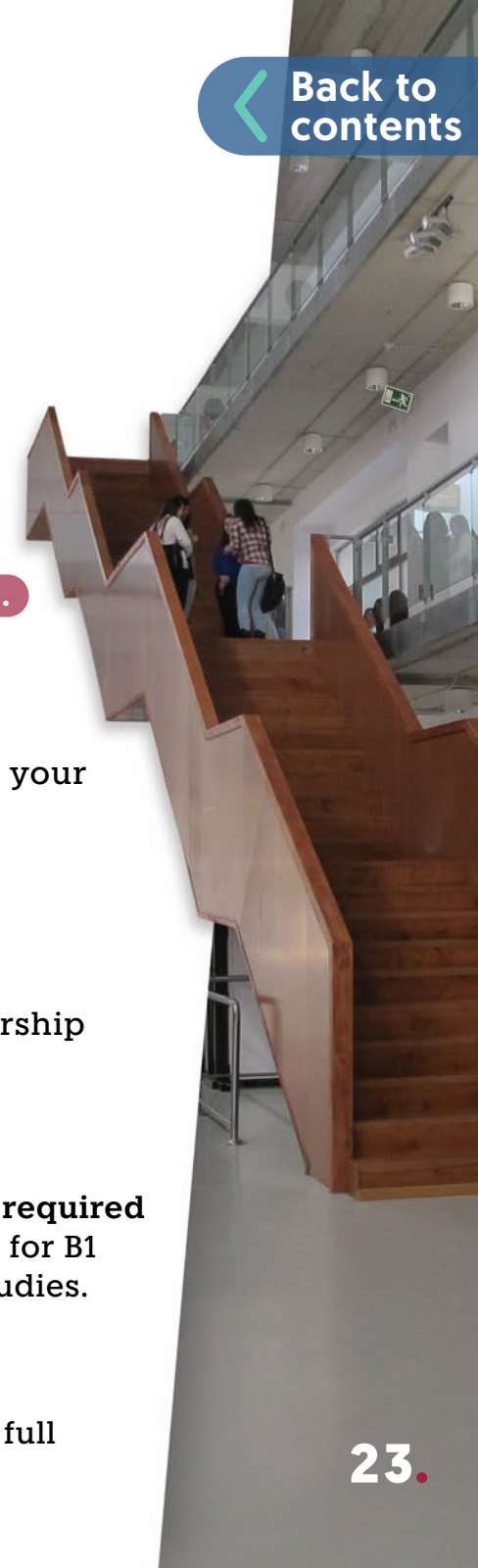
➤ **UAL Plus Scholarships.** €350 for high-achieving students who have received either a General Scholarship from the MEFP, a UAL Study Support Scholarship or a Social Support Grant.

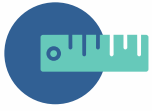
Do you need language certification?

➤ **UAL-Regional Government of Andalusia Grants for the acquisition and certification of language skills required to obtain an undergraduate degree.** These grants cover the cost of a language course and examination fees for B1 level or above, provided that you have received an MEFP General Scholarship during your undergraduate studies.

Will you be living away from your family home?

➤ **UAL Residence Scholarships.** We provide scholarships covering accommodation in a shared room with full board at the CIVITAS University Residence.





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TALENT PROGRAMMES

The **University of Almería** is committed to helping you prepare for your professional future right from the start of your studies. To support your transition into employment, UAL offers two programmes:

Sponsor a Talent Programme

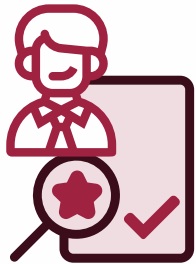
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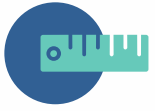
This programme is aimed at second-year students and offers work placements in companies throughout the four years of your degree. During the first three years, you will complete two-month placements, preferably outside teaching periods. In your fourth year, the programme culminates in a one-year placement through the Dual Talent Programme.

Dual Talent Programme

[More info](#)



The Dual Talent Programme is designed to help you specialise professionally and acquire the skills you need to enter the workplace. It consists of a full-year placement in a company, where you will learn under the supervision of a company employee. Your placement will be recognised as part of your degree, and you will also have the opportunity to complete your Final Degree Project within the company.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION



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At UAL, learning does not end with your undergraduate degree. Through Continuing Education, you have access to a wide range of courses and activities that complement your academic studies. It offers a fast and flexible way to specialise in areas that interest you, acquire skills for the professional world and enhance your future career prospects while you are still at university.

The programme is aimed at both students and professionals and includes a diverse range of UAL's own qualifications and courses that you can take during your degree or at any other stage of your life.

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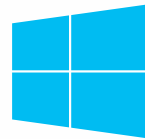
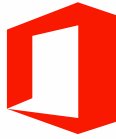
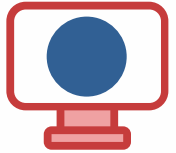
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Through its agreement with Microsoft, the University of Almería provides free software downloads via two platforms linked to Microsoft 365 and Azure. You will have access to a range of services and can install the software on up to 5 PCs or Macs, 5 tablets and 5 mobile phones, and receive 1 TB of OneDrive storage.

To access these tools, you simply need to activate your UAL email account.

You may also want to practise using the same software available in UAL's computer rooms. You can borrow a laptop or use one of the open-access computer rooms.



If you want to use the same software from home, connect to AVLA (Virtual Open-Access Computer Room) and use the software without having to install it on your computer. Much of the software available in the computer rooms can also be installed directly on your own device.





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NICOLÁS SALMERÓN LIBRARY



Library Website

The UAL Library is much more than a building where you can study and consult books. It is one of the leading university libraries in Spain and will be your main point of reference for finding **bibliographical resources**, **specialist materials** and **tools to support your coursework and learning**. And, of course, there are books too! You have access to more than **600,000 different books**, in print or electronic format, and over **30,000 academic journals**.

You can use the Library to consult its collections, study, reserve one of its **135 loan laptops**, book group study rooms or attend workshops designed to help you learn how to find, manage and use information and bibliographical resources.

During examination periods, a **study room is open 24 hours a day**, helping you make the most of your study time. The Library will support you throughout your university journey, from your first year right through to your Final Degree Project.

All Library services are just a **click away**. Through the Library website, you can reserve books or laptops, renew loans and book rooms where you can meet your classmates and work together.

All the recommended reading for your degree can be found here, so make the most of everything your Library has to offer.



GROUP STUDY ROOMS

Spaces designed for study, research and teamwork, providing access to the Library's technological tools and resources.



COMPUTER ROOMS

There are **70 desktop computers** available for individual work, with remote printing facilities. Photocopying and remote file storage services are also available.



LAPTOP LOANS

No need to carry your own computer around. The Library has **135 laptops** available to borrow for up to three hours.



The Library has several Wi-Fi-equipped study rooms providing **470 study spaces** and extended opening hours throughout the year, including **24-hour opening during examination periods**:

[Check the availability and opening hours of the special study rooms here](#)





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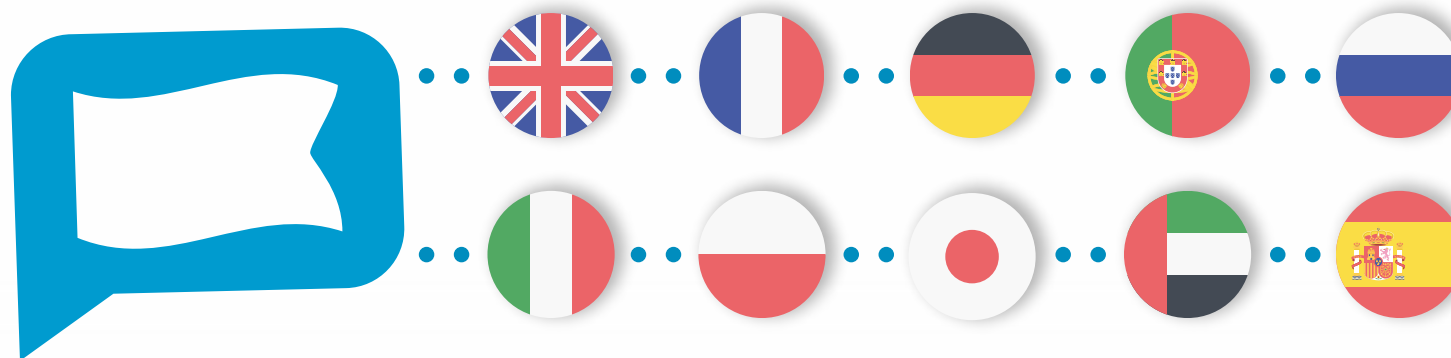
LANGUAGE CENTRE

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Make the most of your time at UAL to start learning a new language, improve your existing skills or obtain an official language qualification. UAL has its own Language Centre, which offers both face-to-face and online courses, as well as official certification in a range of languages and levels, including English, French, Italian, Portuguese, German, Japanese and Spanish.

Our Language Centre brings together students from many different countries, providing opportunities to share cultures and experiences through educational and social activities. You can enjoy small-group classes in modern, fully equipped facilities by the sea, as well as a dedicated library, language exchanges and cultural activities.



Language qualifications can help you complete your degree requirements, access Master's programmes, take part in international mobility programmes and improve your employability. As at other Spanish universities, the Language Centre offers its own Digital CertAcles accredited examinations (Powered by Cambridge) for French B1 and German B1. If you pass, your examination fee will be refunded.

We also work with internationally recognised institutions: Cambridge English (B1 Preliminary, B2 First, C1 Advanced, Linguaskill), British Council (APTIS), Alliance Française (DELFI, DALF), Instituto Cervantes (DELE, SIELE), ETS (TOEFL, TOEIC).

Language skills are an investment in your professional future.

You choose the language. We help you learn it.





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EXPLORE THE WORLD!

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Vice-Rectorate for International Relations

At UAL, we know that students who do not master a second language or experience other cultures are not fully prepared for their professional future. The world has changed. It is as simple as that.

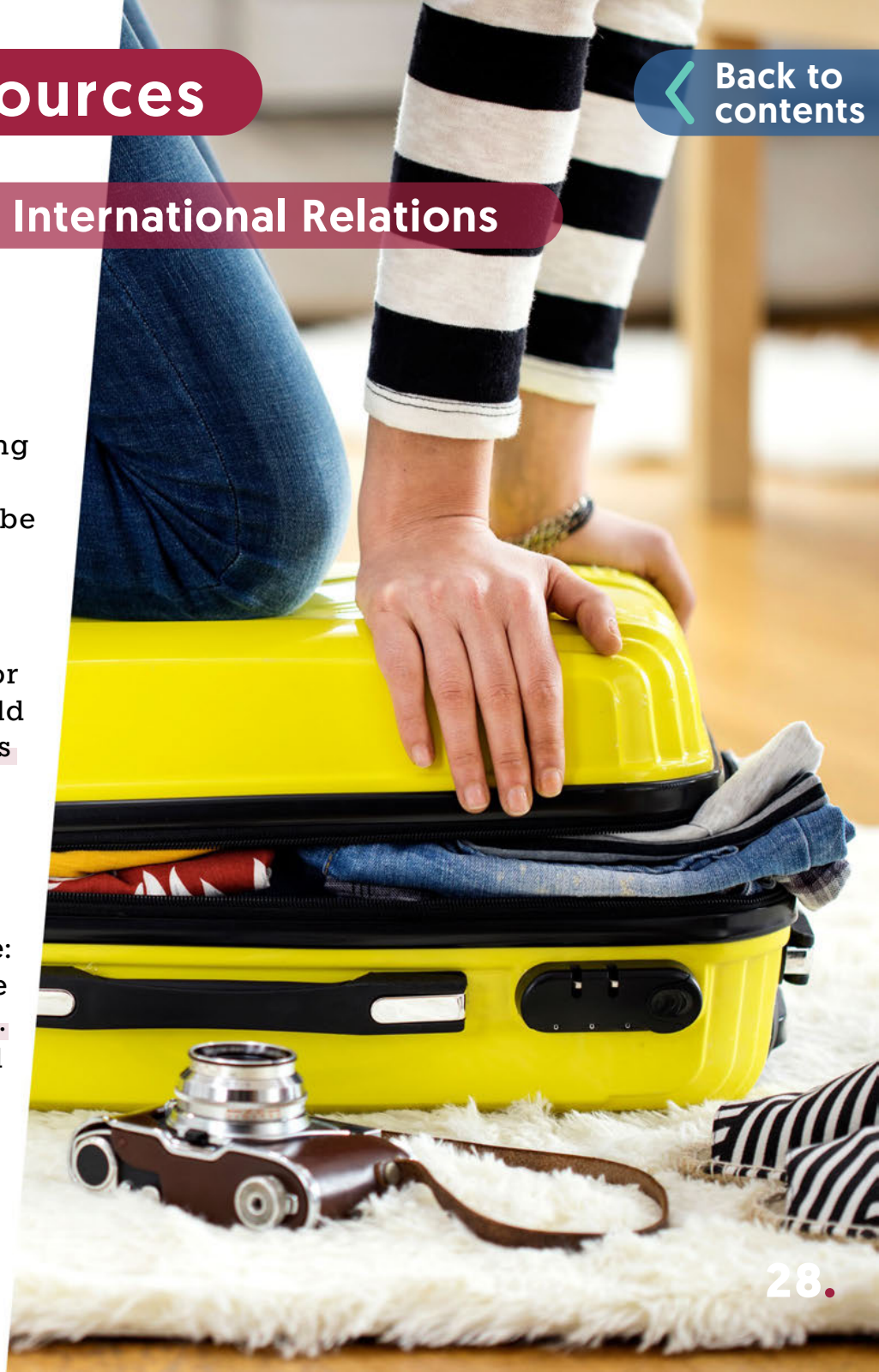
What is Erasmus+, and what does studying abroad involve? It means broadening your education, discovering what you want for your future, gaining self-confidence, developing new skills, making friends, building professional contacts and enjoying an experience that those who have tried it often describe as one of the best of their lives.

Our International Relations Service works hard to ensure that you have opportunities from your very first day on campus. You will be surrounded by 854 students from 46 different nationalities. More importantly, you can study or undertake work placements in countries across Europe and the rest of the world at one of our partner universities. UAL has 907 agreements with 528 institutions in 65 countries.

This means that, whatever you study, you can spend one or more semesters of your degree abroad — in Korea, Canada, Germany, Finland, Brazil, France and many other destinations.

We also know that studying abroad can raise concerns or doubts. For example: “You need a lot of money to go on Erasmus+.” Not necessarily. Depending on the student and the funding available, you may receive more than €1,173 per month. “My English isn’t good enough.” A certified B1 level is enough to get started. And 90% of students improve their language skills during their stay, usually after a very short adjustment period. “I’ll miss my friends and family too much.” In the 2024/25 academic year, 483 UAL students studied abroad through one of our programmes, and none of them returned home early. A sign that they were enjoying the experience? You will have to find out for yourself.

Explore the world. Erasmus+ is for everyone.





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YOUR NEXT STEP TOWARDS YOUR PROFESSIONAL FUTURE

The **Vice-Rectorate for Postgraduate Studies and Institutional Relations** is responsible, among other areas, for supporting the university community, employers, public authorities, jobseekers and wider society through specific guidance, work placement, entrepreneurship and employment services. Its work is based on continuous improvement and social responsibility towards people, the environment and the resources available.

Through the **Employability and Social Policy Service and the University of Almería Foundation**, UAL works to enhance the employability of students and graduates through the following programmes:

WORK PLACEMENTS:

The aim is to give you your first experience of the workplace through a placement lasting no more than six months.

- **Curricular placements:** academic activities forming part of the degree programme you are studying.
- **Extracurricular placements:** voluntary placements that you can undertake during your studies. Although they have the same general objectives as curricular placements, they do not form part of your degree programme. They provide valuable professional experience that can help you enter the labour market.

CAREERS GUIDANCE:

Through careers guidance, you will receive support throughout your journey towards the labour market, with specialist information and advice at each stage.

Employability and Social Policy Service

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME:

This programme provides comprehensive support to members of the university community with an entrepreneurial mindset who are interested in creating their own employment, whether through self-employment or another legal business structure.

Entrepreneurs are offered advice and support to help turn their business ideas into reality. Fancy giving it a go?

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY:

The Agency's main objective is to help you find employment by working with businesses and identifying vacancies that match your profile. At the same time, it supports employers by identifying suitable candidates for their vacancies.



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UAL SPORTS

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UAL DEPORTES

If you enjoy sport, UAL makes it easy for you. You have access to an indoor swimming pool, sports hall, gyms, tennis and padel courts, volleyball courts, football and rugby pitches, an athletics track and much more. Join one of our instructor-led training programmes, compete with your friends in our internal leagues or simply use the facilities independently.

You can also represent UAL at the Andalusian and Spanish University Championships. Join one of our training groups and show us what you can do for the chance to be selected.

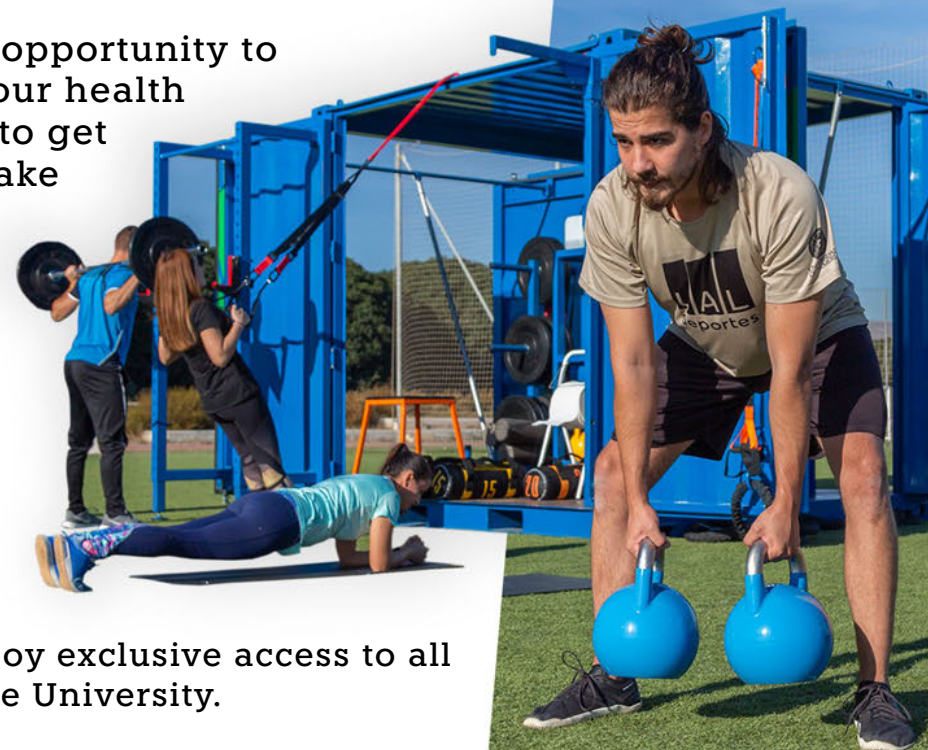
Through **UAL Sports**, we are firmly committed to giving everyone the opportunity to take part in sport — whether you want to participate, compete, improve your health or simply have fun. Whatever your reason, there is always a good reason to get active. Every year, we offer a University Sports Programme designed to make a significant contribution to the health and quality of life of the entire university community, particularly our students, by making physical activity as accessible as possible within university life.



UAL Sports Card

The **UAL Sports Card** is at the heart of the University of Almería's sports programme and gives you access to an ever-growing range of high-quality sports services.

For a very affordable €90 per year, you can enjoy exclusive access to all UAL sports services throughout your time at the University.





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A SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY UNIVERSITY



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The University of Almería, through the Vice-Rectorate for Sustainability, Health and Sport, is **firmly committed to tackling climate change and protecting the environment.** For this reason, a Sustainability Action Plan is drawn up every year to address challenges in areas such as mobility, energy, sustainable waste management, sustainable procurement, efficient water use, urban planning and biodiversity, the promotion of good environmental practices and environmental impact assessment.

We also organise awareness-raising activities, including Amboblitz, Recapacicla workshops and Urban Biodiversity Days. We promote the use of renewable energy through charging points for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. We also have an internal cycle path running throughout the campus and connecting with the city's cycling network. Campus gardens have also been improved – including the Mathematics, Aromatic, Culinary and Medicinal Gardens – together with additional information panels to help visitors discover and understand them.



Everyone in the University community can take part in these sustainability initiatives and suggest new actions to help improve our biodiversity and environment. And don't miss our Health Promotion and Education activities, which can help you adopt healthier habits and lifestyles in areas such as nutrition, physical activity, mental health, sexual and emotional education, the prevention of harmful habits and road safety, all with the aim of improving your quality of life. We also have a Psychological Support Unit, where we can help you if you are going through a difficult period in your life:

YOUR UNIVERSITY, HEALTHIER THAN EVER!



[UAL's Commitment To Environmental Sustainability](#)





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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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We offer an extensive cultural programme with more than one hundred activities organised through our **10 Culture Hubs**, where you will find theatre, drawing and music workshops, together with a wide selection of photography courses and film events. You can also take part in our five book clubs, theatre group, radio workshops and Astronomy Hub. Each activity is carefully planned and designed with your development in mind and to make your university experience as enriching as possible.

Our programme also includes concerts, films, exhibitions and guided tours, all carefully selected to help you make the most of your university experience.

If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, you can join one of our two musical ensembles: the **UAL Orchestra** or the **Polyphonic Choir**.

Come and visit our office and get to know us.

Follow us on social media: **@ualescultura**

We want you to get involved. Send us your ideas!



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SUMMER COURSES



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Summer Courses are a fantastic opportunity to enjoy yourself, make the most of your free time and continue learning. Every year, they attract large numbers of students and professionals who want to complement their academic education with a more relaxed learning experience outside the classroom, designed according to the highest standards of excellence and quality.

Each edition brings together prominent figures from the worlds of culture, politics, economics, business, the arts, science and literature, as well as leading specialists, outstanding researchers and experts from universities and research centres in Spain and abroad.

Make the most of the opportunity offered by UAL's Summer Courses to explore subjects that interest you with leading speakers and experts.

JUMP PROGRAMME



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UAL runs the “Jóvenes Universitarios Muy Profesionales” (JUMP) Programme, designed to give you access to training in transferable professional skills that will help you enter the labour market more successfully.

The content of the JUMP Programme has been designed in collaboration with the Human Resources departments of its sponsoring companies, which have highlighted the importance of university graduates possessing these skills when they join their organisations. The programme covers areas including advanced English, communication skills, commercial skills, teamwork and leadership, emotional intelligence in the workplace and entrepreneurial skills.





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STUDENT SOCIETIES



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Joining a society is a way of combining efforts and sharing common interests through collective action. Your time at university gives you the opportunity to meet a diverse range of people who share your interests and concerns and, by working together, can help you achieve your goals.

There are currently 14 student societies covering areas as diverse as the promotion and representation of specific degree programmes, role-playing games, culture and the humanities, and environmental protection. One of them might be just right for you.

You can choose to join an existing society or set up a new student society to bring together other young people who share your interests, values and commitment. UAL will support your initiatives by helping you organise events or fund your activities. You may also have the opportunity to use dedicated premises and facilities where you can meet and work towards your goals.

VOLUNTEERING



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UAL has a Volunteering Programme that can help you become a volunteer with one of the more than 35 organisations taking part in the programme. These organisations work in areas including disability, the environment, children and young people, vulnerable groups and health, among others. Their work helps improve the quality of life of individuals and communities while contributing to the conservation and sustainability of our environment.

You will gain a better understanding of the realities around us and become part of a network of people committed to solidarity, diversity and social justice, while acquiring and developing valuable personal and professional skills.

“Many small people, in small places, doing small things can change the world” (Eduardo Galeano).

Do your bit to help change the world! If you are ready to commit to building a better world, this is your opportunity.





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DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING



The world of debating is not only exciting: it can also open doors to your professional future and contribute to your personal development. *Shall we debate it?*

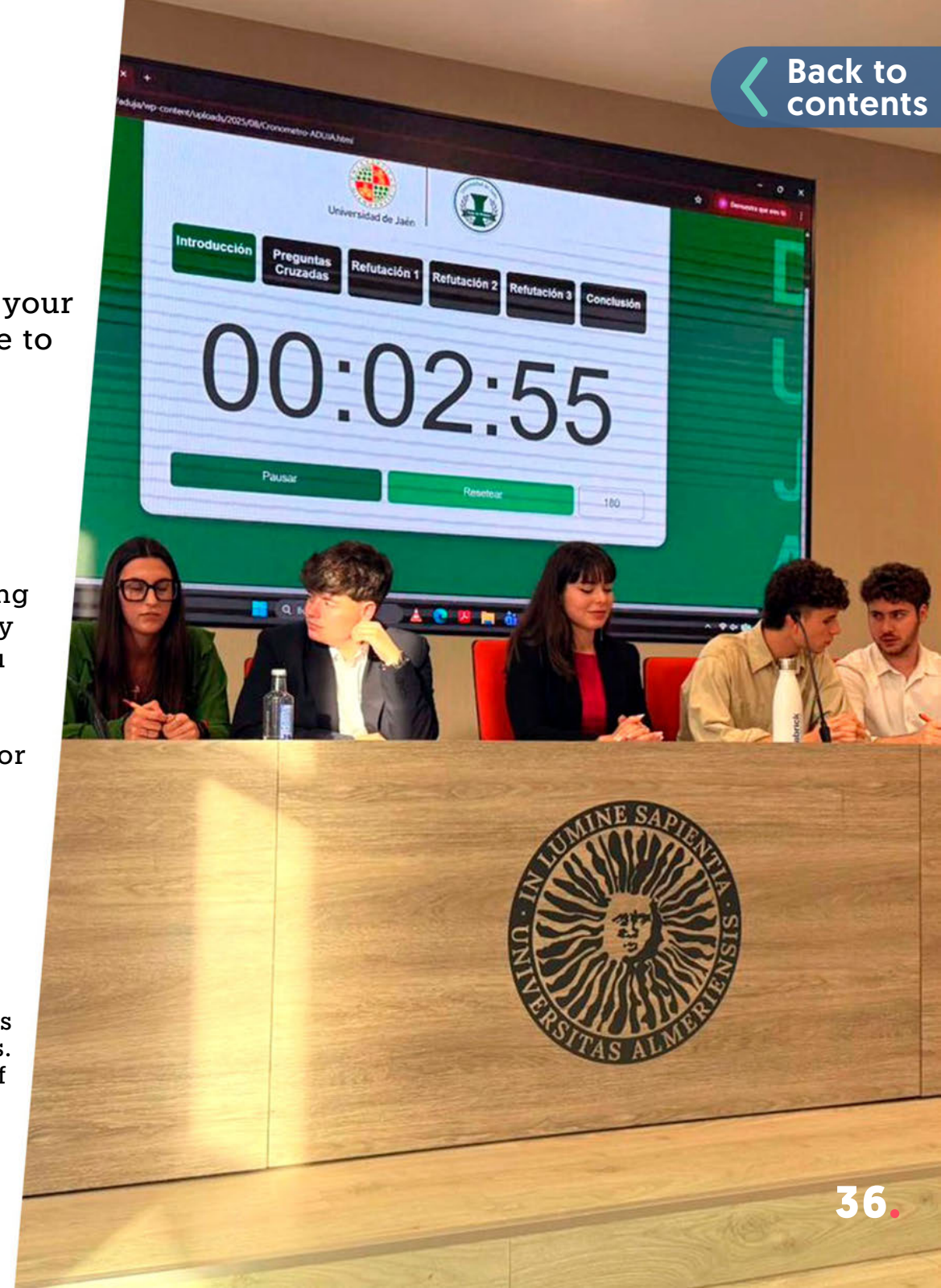
UAL's Debating and Public Speaking Club focuses on developing two fundamental skills: public speaking and critical thinking. These two skills must go hand in hand. The aim is not simply to produce persuasive talkers, but to develop critical citizens capable of addressing the challenges of the world today. The Club gives you the opportunity to learn and put your communication skills into practice, helping you argue your case and defend your ideas, opinions and projects effectively. If you are interested in university debating, you can also take part in our Debating League and represent UAL at national and/or international university debating tournaments.

TRANSPORT



The University campus is approximately 7 km from Almería city centre, but getting to university every day is easy, with several options available. You can combine exercise with helping the environment by cycling to campus each morning, or use public transport with your classmates. If you prefer to travel by private vehicle, you can use any of the car or motorcycle parking areas available on campus. UAL is connected to the city by a cycle path that takes you right into the centre of Almería. The route runs alongside the beach and the mouth of the River Andarax.

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ACCOMMODATION

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If your family home is a long way from Almería, you may need some help finding somewhere to live. We can help you with that too. UAL provides a tool to help you explore different accommodation options. On our website, you can find information about the university residences available in Almería, as well as an online service that can help you find rental accommodation and put you directly in contact with property owners.

We also provide access to different online accommodation search platforms, so finding somewhere to live does not have to be a problem.



CIVITAS

University Residence

- >Single room with private bathroom.
- >Special rates for full-year stays.

- Savings
- Security
- Study areas
- More time to study
- Excellent standards of cleanliness
- Gym and leisure areas
- University community
- No need to commute

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 Click on each heading to go directly to the relevant link.

Contact us

• If you have a question or need to submit a request, you can do so through this link.

UALBot Academic

• Our virtual assistant can answer your questions about university entry, pre-enrolment, enrolment, scholarships and grants, as well as other academic matters.

UALBot ICT

• Your virtual assistant for ICT support. It can help answer your questions about the services provided by the Information and Communication Technologies Area.

University of Almería App

• Discover the UAL app. It will keep you up to date with the latest University news and allow you to check your grades, weekly activities calendar, degree programmes, scholarships and study grants, as well as contact details for the University's main services. It is available for iOS and Android and can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store.

Official UAL Social Media

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Academic Calendar

- Here you can find all the important dates relating to your academic activities during the current academic year, including holiday periods.

My Administration Office

- You can find all the administrative procedures you may need throughout your time at university on this webpage.

Electronic Registry

- Some procedures must be submitted through the University's official registry. You can do this online from your computer.

Appointments

- If you would like to visit the Central Administration Office in person to ask a question or start an administrative procedure, we recommend booking an appointment in advance.

Contact Directory

- Use this directory to contact an administrative unit or one of the governing bodies of a Faculty, School or the University.

Student Insurance

- All students have compulsory student insurance. You can find further information about it through this link.

Complaints and Suggestions

- If you need to submit a complaint because you believe we have made an error, you can do so through the Complaints and Suggestions system available on your Virtual Campus.

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There are several regulations that directly affect your enrolment, your studies, the way in which you are assessed and graded, and the length of time you can take to complete your degree at the University of Almería. It is important to be familiar with these regulations, as they cover matters that directly affect you, ranging from changing your class group or timetable to the way in which you must be assessed.

University of Almería Enrolment Regulations

These regulations cover everything from the tuition fees you are required to pay to the options available for changing your class group or timetable and the number of years you may remain enrolled at the University of Almería:

ENROLMENT REGULATIONS

UAL Student Progression Regulations

Do you know how many years you can take to complete your degree? Or whether you need to pass certain first-year modules in order to retain your place? You can find the answers here:

STUDENT PROGRESSION REGULATIONS

Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations

Can modules be recognised if you have previously completed an Advanced Vocational Training qualification? What if you have already studied another degree? Can you receive credits for taking part in university activities or volunteering? You can find the answers to all these questions in these regulations:

CREDIT RECOGNITION AND TRANSFER





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University of Almería Student Statute

- These regulations are particularly important for you. They bring together in a single document your rights and responsibilities as a member of the university community. They include your general rights as well as specific rights applying to different groups of students. They also cover student representation, student societies and students' relationship with the University Ombudsperson.



UAL STUDENT STATUTE

University of Almería Student Assessment and Grading Regulations

- If you would like to know more about how your examinations may be organised, how the grading process works or how you can appeal against a mark if you disagree with it, these regulations are particularly relevant to you. They regulate the entire assessment process applicable to UAL students and will answer many of the questions you may have about assessment and grading.



UAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND GRADING REGULATIONS

Regulations on Student Representation and Student Societies

These regulations explain the procedure for electing your representatives, how Faculty and School Student Delegations operate and how you can set up a Student Society:



STUDENT REPRESENTATION, SOCIETIES AND VOLUNTEERING

