

	Exchange Students at the Universitat Jaume I
SEMESTERS	ORIENTATION meeting: please, come to UJI one week before the start date for Semester 1, and 4 days before fo Semester 2.
000000	SEMESTER 1 (Autumn): from 11 th of September 2023 to 24 th of January 2024 (exams from 8 th to 23 rd January 2023 approx).
	SEMESTER 2 (Spring): from 24 th of January 2024 to 6 th June 2024 (exams from 22 nd May to 6 th June 2024 approx). 2nd Call of exams: from 11 th June to 5 th July 2024, approximately
	Note: if your semester at your home university starts before UJI exam period ends, you can ask UJI professors to take exams earlier. The final decision is up to every professor.
COURSES	IF STUDENTS ARE PROFICIENT IN SPANISH: They are allowed to take any course from any degree (no restrictions). Syllabuses are available a
	https://ujiapps.uji.es/sia/rest/publicacion/2022 (in Spanish or Catalan; also in English if the course is taught in thi language). There you will find full info about every course, its semester, its credits, exam dates, the professors language of instruction, etc.). Please, select Castellano language on the top-right. To check the program of course, just click on it and then select the column on the left "Guia Docente", some information could also be available in English.
	IF STUDENTS AREN'T PROFICIENT IN SPANISH: They should take courses taught in English. We offer them in the following areas (this could be changed close to the beginning of the academic year): - Business/Economics/Finances (Semester 1 or 2) - Tourism (Semester 1 or 2)
	- Audiovisual Communication (only Semester 2) - English Studies (Semester 1 or 2)
	- Mechanical Engineering (only Semester 1)
	- Industrial Technology Engineering (Semester 1 or 2) - Industrial Systems Engineering and Design (Semester 1 or 2)
	- Technical Architecture (only Semester 2)
	- Chemistry (Semester 1 or 2) https://www.uji.es/serveis/ori/base/incoming/orientacio/estudiar uji/aspectes academics/
	Additionally, the Bachelor's Thesis can be produced in English on most degree courses.
	Almost all courses at the UJI have 6 ECTS credits. Local students take 30 ECTS/semester. We are very flexible with exchange students, and we do not obligate them to take a minimum number of credits. We normally advise exchange students to take the Intensive/Semi-intensive Spanish course + 2 or 3 additional courses if they are no proficient in Spanish. You can change courses until 1.5 months after your arrival.
ACCOMMODATIO	3 ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (all options include expenses):
N I	1) FAMILY PROGRAMME: Approx. €480/month (full board). Available scholarship of €80/month approx. for a full semester homestay. Please contact us at incoming@uji.es , if you are interested.
	2) SHARED FLATS : Approx. €150-250/month (no meals or bills included) in a flat shared with other students. We advise students to book a hotel for 2-4 days and look for a flat once here.
	This is the list of flats currently available for students: https://www.uji.es/perfils/estudiantat/v2/uji/vidauniversitaria/allotjament/#bolsa
	You can also find offers on Facebook before you come; search for Intercanvia't Or (https://www.facebook.com/intercanviat.ori.5/) and become our friend.
	3) PRIVATE HALL OF RESIDENCE ON CAMPUS : Approx. €651/month (with breakfast and one meal). Rooms are equipped with a kitchenette. Students should contact <u>castellon@residencias-estudiantes.com</u>
	See:https://www.residencias-estudiantes.com/en/student-residences-castellon
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NOMINATION	SEMESTER 1: 15 th of June



The home University must send an email nominating their students to bduran@uji.es and incoming@uji.es, (with student's full name, degree, semester of stay and student's email). After that, we will reply by contacting the students with the application procedure.

We will also accept later applications if there is enough time to obtain the visa.

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS



For EMERGENCIES, call 112

On campus security guards: +34964729191

INTENSIVE SPANISH COURSES

There are two intensive Spanish courses:

1) The <u>intensive Spanish</u> course starts at the beginning of each semester. Students take a test to place them in the right level. The course comprises 45 hours and is taught at different levels (A1, A2, B1 and B2), three hours a day, five days a week, over three weeks. Classes can be taken in the morning or in the afternoon. The price for them is about €116 (+5€).



2) The <u>semi-intensive Spanish</u> course starts after the intensive course has finished. Students' progress to the next level. This course runs for two months and a half, for a total of 70 hours, 3 hours per day, 3 days a week, and the levels taught are A1, A2, B1 and B2, and C1. The price is about €171 (+5€).

These credits can be included in your academic transcript. Ask us about it when you have arrived at the UJI.

You can find all the information about these courses using the link below:

https://www.uji.es/serveis/slt/base/adf/serveis/cursos/arxiu/2223/general/cele2223/

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us at infocal@uji.es

INFO F INCOMING STUDENTS

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For general information for incoming students, please visit: http://www.international.uji.es/



https://www.uji.es/serveis/ori/base/incoming/orientacio/

HOW TO GET TO CASTELLÓ?

The UNIVERSITAT JAUME I is in CASTELLÓ (Valencian Community).



The nearest airport is in Castelló (CDT), 40 km away. In addition, Valencia (VLC) is very convenient, 65 km away. However, you can also fly to others such as Barcelona (BCN), 300 km away; Madrid (MAD), 500 km away, or Alicante (ALC), 250 km away. This means you have various options, and you should decide depending on the weight of your luggage, the fare, the travel time, and the number of transfers:

1) From Castelló airport (CDT)

Castelló has just got an airport and began operating in September 2015 from London Stansted (STN) and Bristol (BRS). To get to the city of Castellon de la Plana from the airport you can take a taxi (about €35-45) or a bus (about €12, but you have to reserve the bus online otherwise it will not stop at the airport). Estimated time 30 min.

2) From Valencia airport (VLC)

You have 2 options:

- A) Taxi to Castelló (65 Km): approximately € 85-100 (price shown by the taximeter, but it should not exceed €100). Estimated journey time: 50 min.
- B) A direct metro from the airport of Valencia to the stop called Xàtiva, in front of the **Valencia Estació del Nord** Railway Station-RENFE (a one-way metro ticket costs €4, and the estimated journey time is 25 minutes). At Valencia Estació del Nord Railway Station, buy a train ticket to Castelló de la Plana at the ticket windows or at the

machines (tickets for trains called "CERCANÍAS/RODALIES" are cheaper). There are frequent trains to Castelló: approximately every 20 minutes on working days and every hour at weekends. A one-way ticket costs about €6 and the journey takes about 1 hour 15 minutes).

3) From Barcelona airport (BCN)

There is a non-stop train from Terminal T2 at the airport to Barcelona-Sants Railway Station-RENFE (a one-way ticket is about €6 and the estimated journey time is 30 minutes). At Sants Railway Station, buy a train ticket to Castelló de la Plana at the long distance windows ("Llarga Distància"). Trains to Castelló run frequently - almost every hour (you should book well in advance on Sundays and public holidays, since trains tend to get quite busy). The price is between €20-40. The estimated journey time is between 2 and 3 and a half hours, depending on the type of train you take. Train types and timetables can be consulted at www.renfe.com. You can also buy your ticket online on this site, but remember that if you do this and you arrive late, you will lose it.

4) From Madrid airport (MAD)

You have 2 options:

A) By train to Castelló. Go to Terminal T4 at the airport and take the train RENFE C1 (they run frequently, every 30 minutes) and get off at Atocha Railway Station (a one-way ticket is about €3, and the estimated journey time is 30 minutes). At this station, ask for Madrid Puerta de Atocha (a 2-minute walk away).

From Madrid Puerta de Atocha Railway Station-RENFE, take a high-speed train (AVE) to Valencia Joaquín Sorolla Station. There are AVEs almost every hour. The price is between €59-69,70. The estimated journey time is 1 hour 53 minutes. You can buy tickets at the station, and you can check the train types and timetables at <u>www.renfe.com</u>. You can also buy your ticket online on this site, but remember that if you do this and you arrive late, you will lose it.

Once you are at Valencia Joaquín Sorolla Railway Station, you have 2 options:

- A.1) Take a train to Castelló from this station. Trains run approximately every 2-3 hours (a one-way train ticket costs from €7,50 to €26,90, and the estimated journey time is between 38 minutes and 1 hour).
- A.2) Change station by taking a free bus to the Valencia Estació del Nord Railway Station-RENFE just 1 minute away (the buses run every 5 minutes). Once there, buy a train ticket to Castelló de la Plana at the windows or at the machines (tickets for trains called "CERCANÍAS" are cheaper). Trains to Castelló run frequently: approximately every 20 minutes on working days and every hour at weekends. A one-way ticket costs about €6 and the journey takes about 1 hour 15 minutes).
- B) By non-stop bus to Castelló from the T4 (arrivals platform) or T1 (bus parking area) terminals with the company Auto Res-Avanza. A one-way ticket costs around €55,25 and the estimated journey time is 6 hours 30 m.). You can check the schedules and the terminal on https://booking.avanzabus.com/web/index.php. You can buy tickets online, but remember that if you arrive late, you will lose it, so it might be better to buy it on the bus. You will arrive at Castelló Bus and Railway Station.

5) From Alicante airport (ALC)

Take the C6 Subus bus (in the departures avenue on the 2nd floor) straight from the airport to Alicante Railway Station (a one-way bus ticket costs about €3,85, the estimated journey time is 15 minutes). At the RENFE-railway station in Alicante, buy a train ticket to Castelló de la Plana at the windows. There are trains approximately every 2 hours until 18.25 (the last one). The price ranges from €30,90 to €34,75. The estimated journey time is 2 hours 40 minutes. Visit www.renfe.com to check the trains and timetables. You can buy your ticket online, but remember that if you do this and you arrive late, you will lose it.

THE UJI?

HOW TO GET TO Getting to the UJI from Castelló Train and Railway Station-RENFE is very easy. Just take the tram or the bus in front of the station. The journey takes 5 minutes.



You can contact our INTERNATIONAL OFFICE (ORI) upon your arrival. We are open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our phone numbers are +34 964 38 70 61/73/63/58 and our e-mail is incoming@uji.es

Due to Covid-19 we are receiving face-to-face visits with appointment.

You will find a UJI map at the link below:

https://www.google.es/maps/place/Universitat+Jaume+I/@39.994007,-0.069994,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0xd5ffe0fca9b5147:0x1368bf53b3a7fb3f

And at the link below you will find a map with the location of the International Relations Office on campus: https://www.google.es/maps/@39.9935014,-

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THE UJI

Around 300 international students choose to study on exchange at the Universitat Jaume I every year, primarily for



seven reasons that set us apart from other universities in Spain:

- A well-structured single campus
- Interesting courses
- Warm and personalized attention
- A very safe university and city
- Nice weather and excellent beaches
- Low cost of living
- New technologies always available on campus

Please watch this video: https://www.uji.es/serveis/ori/base/incoming/perque_uji/

THE CITY



Castelló de la Plana (or simply Castelló or in Spanish, Castellón) is a city on the Mediterranean coast with beautiful sandy beaches all along its coastline and orange groves. It is a small but modern provincial capital with everything you might need. Its moderate size (180,000 inhabitants) makes it the perfect place to live, with the best of a big city (cultural events, shops, nightlife, facilities and local amenities) and a small town (Spanish traditions, relaxed lifestyle, integration with locals and nature). It is a very safe city, and much cheaper than larger cities such as Madrid, Valencia or Barcelona.



The UJI is only a 20-minute walk from the city centre or a 10-minute ride by tram/bus. The tram links the UJI with the beach in journey that takes just 25 minutes. a

VIDEO City: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dw--cZCxjOU the

THE WEATHER



Thanks to the city's location on the Mediterranean coast, the weather in Castelló is very pleasant for most of the year. It is warm in summer and the temperatures in winter are mild. There is little rainfall and always plenty of sun!

COST OF LIVING

Here

is an

estimate

your

possible

monthly living

expenses:

- Accommodation (electricity, Internet, etc., included) and meals:

Shared flat: €150-250/month (rental) + €200/month on meals approx + bills

With a family: €480/month (full board)

Private hall of residence on campus: http://www.residencias-estudiantes.com/en/res5/residencias-de-estudiantes- <u>castellon</u> €474+€41/month (without meals + internet). You have the option of 1) cooking using the kitchenette inside your room (estimate for your own meals €200/month), which makes a total of €988/month; or 2) arranging half board (€680/month from Monday to Friday only) and cooking dinner and meals at weekends estimate for your own meals €150/month = a total of €830/month; or 3) arranging full board (from Monday to Friday only) for €760/month and cooking meals at weekends, estimate for your own meals 80€/month, which makes a total of €840. (The hall of residence does not provide you with sheets or kitchenware, and does not provide meals on holidays. Water and electricity cost are not included). It is necessary to pay a deposit depending on the selected modality. Fee: €300

- Transport: €25-35/month - Personal expenses: €100/month - Books: around €100/semester

You can eat at the University at one of our four refectories on campus. There is a **set menu for about €6** (having lunch at a restaurant in the city would cost between €8-15 on weekdays).

Fruit and vegetables are very cheap Spain. Clothes are also cheap.

SHOPS Opening hours depend on whether it is a big company (open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) or a small shop (Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m.). Castelló has an outdoor market in the city centre and two shopping malls, which are a 25-minute walk or a 10-minute bus ride from the campus. You will also find several shops on our campus (optician's, photocopying shop, bank and bookshop, among others) and there is a supermarket just opposite the entrance to the campus. The University Library is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. It is also open all night long (24 hours a day) during exam periods. **BANKS** The Banco de Santander office on campus offers our international students the opportunity to open a bank account free of charge. Bank opening hours in Spain are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Friday. **CULTURE** Many cultural events and activities take place in Castelló and at the UJI: theatre, exhibitions, museums, concerts, etc. Our International Office also organizes a comprehensive programme of activities for exchange students each semester, with excursions, Spanish cultural activities such as Spanish cooking or cinema, etc. to make your stay a very pleasant one. You can see an example at the link below: https://www.uji.es/serveis/ori/base/incoming/orientacio/integracio cultura/activitat cultural/ **SPORTS** There are many sports options on campus. The UJI has soccer fields, basketball courts, an athletics track, tennis and paddle tennis courts, gyms, etc. You can take courses in Pilates, step, bodyweight, dance, capoeira, aerobic, karate, judo, and swim in the new indoor swimming pool. In addition, you can do many other sports that the UJI offers off campus, such as diving, sailing, hiking, horse riding, skiing, caving, trekking, roller skating, and more. We will help you to make your choice and enrol after you arrival. **HOLIDAYS SEMESTER 1:** - 15th of September, 9th of October, 12th of October, 1st November, 6th of December and 8th of December. - Christmas: from 22nd of December to 6th of January. If you want, you can celebrate it with a Spanish family. Ask us how! **SEMESTER 2:** - 23rd of February. - Castelló's local festival (Magdalena 2024): from 12th to 18nd March 2024. If you are here in the second semester, you will be able to experience our amazing traditional local festival, with plenty of cultural events, concerts, gastronomy and Spanish and Valencian traditions. - Easter: from 5th to 15th of April approx. - 1st of May. - 24th and 29th of June. **SUMMER HOLIDAYS:** from mid-June to the end of August **ASSISTANCE** We will assign you a lecturer who will be your tutor, and he/she will advise and assist you academically during your stay. Moreover, if you would like a Spanish friend upon your arrival, we can assign you a mentor. This is the best way to make a local friend and learn more about our culture and traditions. **SOCIAL LINKS** Join our Facebook group, intercanvia't Ori, to keep you up to date, get to know other students, find accommodation, etc. we create WhatsApp groups to communicate quickly and effectively with all We also have WhatsApp

international students and notify them of everything important in real time. We will send you the link once you pre

