

**University of Alcalá**



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**UNESCO World Heritage**

# History and Tradition

The UAH was founded as a **General Study (*Studium Generale*)** by King Sancho IV in **1293**, and took definitive shape in 1499 under Cardinal Cisneros.

In 1998 UNESCO declared it one of the four universities in the world distinguished as a **World Heritage Site** for its impressive architectural inheritance.

World famous for its defense and promotion of Spanish-language literature through the **Cervantes Prize, which is awarded annually.**

It is also the site where King Juan Carlos I awards the **Prize for Human Rights.**





# Data

- **16,000** Undergraduate Students
- **13,000** Graduate Students.
- **1,800** Teaching and Research Staff
- **800** Administrative Staff
- **36** Undergraduate Degrees
- **46** Research Masters Programs
- **25** PhD Programs



# Location

## Strategic Location:

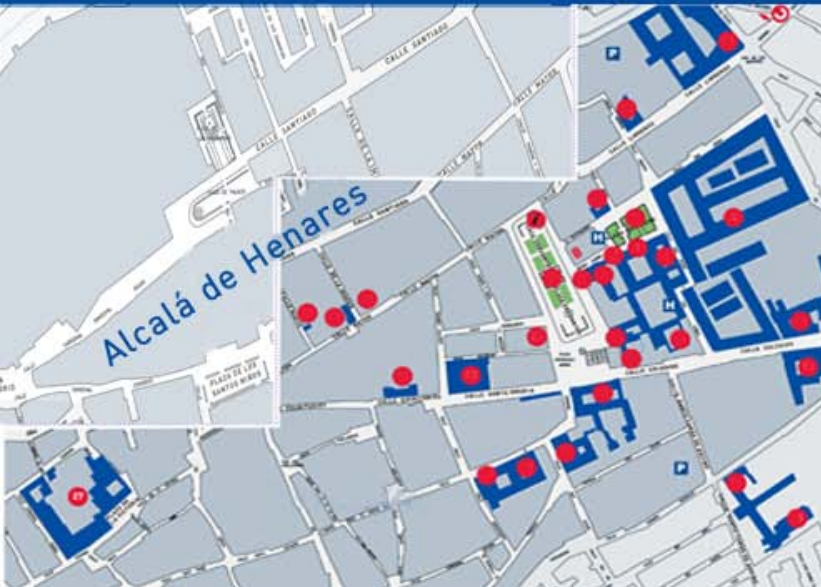
- Mid-size university town with lively student life
- Near Madrid (28 Km; 18 miles): Largest political, economic and cultural centre in Spain
- Well Connected: Bus lines, trains, and highways
- Located in the “Henares Corridor”:  
a dynamic and vigorous business area



# Campuses

Distributed among 3 Campuses:

## Historical Campus



## Scientific-technological Campus



## Guadalajara Campus



## Modern Infrastructures in Historic Buildings

- **9** Schools or Divisions
- **16** Libraries containing 2,700 readers' seats  
(**European Excellence Seal 400 +**)
- **26** Computer laboratories with free access for University Students and Staff
- **24** Multimedia and videoconference lecture rooms, equipped with the latest audiovisual and computer technology
- Over **1,400** Campus residence berths



# Research

- **1,800** Researchers
- **450** Research Assistants
- **140** Research Groups
- Large number of **Patents** and Scientific **Publications**



## 4 Research Support Centres:

- High Technology and Homologation Centre
- Pilot Plant of Fine Chemistry
- Research Support Centre for Biology-Medicine
- Research Support Centre for Chemistry





# Research and Teaching Support Centres

- **3 Research University Institutes:**

Institute of Socioeconomic Analysis (IAES)

Institute for Police Science (IUICP)

Benjamin Franklin Institute for North American Studies

- **Scientific-Technological Park :** Guadalab

- **5 Associated Hospitals where practical teaching sessions are held:**

“Gómez Ulla” Central Military Hospital

National Paraplegics Hospital of Toledo

“Principe de Asturias” Hospital

“Ramón y Cajal” Hospital

Hospital of Guadalajara

- **Botanical Garden Juan Carlos I**



# Research and Teaching Support Centres

## Several Research Institutes and Research Support Centres:

- Madrid Institute of Advanced Studies in Water (IMDEA-AGUA)
- Ramón y Cajal Institute on Biomedical Research (IRYCIS)
- Prince of Asturias Institute of Molecular Medicine (IMMPA)
- Institute for Latin American Studies (IELAT)
- Centre for International Business Training (CIBT)
- Business Administration Institute (IDOE)
- Cervantine Studies Centre (CEC)



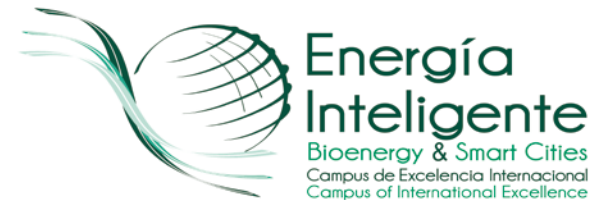
# Campus of International Excellence: “Smart Energy”

• **The University of Alcalá (UAH)**, along with four other Spanish public universities (Rey Juan Carlos University, University of Alcalá, University of Murcia, Polytechnic University of Cartagena and University of Extremadura), has been declared **Campus of International Excellence** on “SMART ENERGY: BIOENERGY & SMART CITIES” relating to the fields of **Bioenergy and Smart Infrastructures**.

## RESEARCH TOPICS:

- Research on new sources of energy that will foster economic growth
- Infrastructure development that will optimize energy use

• <http://campusenergiainteligente.uah.es>





# 11 Endowed Chairs

Chair	Sponsor	Chair	Sponsor
Chair in Corporate Social Responsibility	Santander Bank, 3M Foundation, Mapfre Foundation and Telefónica	Chair in Digital Security and Internet for the Future	Amaranto Eurogroup
Endowment Fund for Chair in Teaching and Research in Primary Care	SEMERGEN (Spanish Society of Primary Care Physicians )	Chair in Information Technologies and Communication, Security and Defense	INDRA
Endowment Fund for Chair in Teaching and Research in Pharmaceutical Care	NORMON Laboratories	Chair in Democracy and Human Rights	Ombudsman
Chair in Personal Autonomy (CAPTA)	Telefónica	Chair in Auto-Immune Inflammatory Diseases of UAH-MSD S.A.	Merck Sharp and Dohme of España
Chair in Information Technology for Health and Accessibility	Vodafone	Chair in Technologies of Monitoring and Wireless Control Applied to Intelligent Environments – Smarththingslab	Advantic Systems and Services, S.L.
		Jean Monnet Chair	European Union

# Many Firms Collaborate with UAH



La Universidad de Alcalá agradece su colaboración a:



# 2500 Agreements for Internships in Firms

**INTERNSHIP agreements with 2500 firms**

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STEVE MSD SIEMENS 3M  
AstraZeneca Pfizer  
NOVARTIS NASA INTA RIKEN OXFORD

**ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT**  
PROFESSIONAL PROJECTION





# A University with Strong Social Commitments

**The UAH promotes social commitment, responsible citizenship and humanistic values through active support for:**

- Respect for diversity
- Support for people with disabilities
- Defence of Human Rights and equality
- Voluntary work, cooperation, and corporate social responsibility



# Positions in Rankings (1/3)

- We rank among the top **650 universities in the world** according to *QS World University Ranking*.
- We have been declared by the Spanish Government **Campus of International Excellence** on “SMART ENERGY: BIOENERGY & SMART CITIES”
- We are **the 1st Spanish university and the 184th in the world in reception of international students**, according to *QS World University Ranking, 2012*.
- Several of our bachelor’s and Master’s degrees rank among the **top 5** in Spain
- **Leading university in Spain** and the 31st in the world **in environmental sustainability** (“GreenMetric”)
- Top ten Spanish universities in **research productivity, number of doctoral dissertations, and patents** (Ranking de la Universidad de Granada)



## Positions in Rankings (2/3)

- We rank among the best universities in Spain in **teaching quality** according to the 2010 report of the CYD Foundation.
- We rank 16th among Spanish universities in **visibility in social networks** according to Facebook and 35th according to Twitter.
- We rank among the **10 most transparent universities in Spain** in terms of the information available on our Web page, (Fundación Compromiso y Transparencia).





## Positions in Rankings (3/3)

- Internationalization
- Engagement
- Teaching
- Innovation
- Facilities

 **STARS** 2013

RATED FOR EXCELLENCE



International Evaluation

**Maximum**  
score for the  
**University of Alcalá**



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# ALCALINGUA: Spanish Language Centre for Foreign Students

- Spanish Language, Culture and Communication. In-class and online teaching
- Courses designed for different levels of knowledge and intensity
- Courses in Spanish for specific Purposes
  - Spanish for Business
  - Spanish for Tourism
  - Teacher Training
- Certified Exams



Alcalingua takes in every year over **1,000 students** from over **50 different countries**

# Other Languages at UAH

- ✓ **British Council**
- ✓ **Goethe Institut**
- ✓ **Foreign Languages Center:**
  - Arabic
  - Chinese
  - French
  - Italian
  - Japanese
  - Portuguese
  - Russian





# Student Guidance & Support

## Guidance Services:

- Pedagogical attention
- Psychological attention
- Educational workshops

## Employment Office:

- Employment guidance
- Assistance to employers in obtaining and selecting student CVs



# Other Centres

- Writing School
- Fine Arts Workshops
- Music Workshops
- University Choir
- University Orchestra
- Film Club
- Theater
- Dance
- Flamenco



# Sports & Recreation

## Sport Clubs

Aikido, Kajukenbo, Kenjutsu,  
Badminton, Boxing, Rock Climbing,  
Fencing, Archery, Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi...

- **Outdoor Activities:**

Field Trips, Mountain Climbing, Hiking  
Skiing Trips

- **Agreements with other Sports Facilities:**

Bowling Alleys, Gyms, Golf Club, Swimming &  
Sailing Clubs, Diving

- **Tournaments**





# We promote internationalisation because... (1/7)

## Attracting international Students, Professors and Researchers

- Allows us to choose the best students and professors
- It enriches our classrooms with students and professors who have diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- It opens new opportunities for our students to visit foreign universities.
- It allows us to increase tuition revenues.
- It increases the production of doctoral theses.
- It generates competitiveness and academic excellence in teaching and research.



# We promote internationalisation because... (2/7)

## Mobility for UAH Professors, Researchers and Students

- It promotes the personal and professional development of the participants in international programmes.
- It facilitates the learning of other languages and cultures.
- It increases productivity and entrepreneurial spirit.
- It improves the employability of our students.
- It increases the attractiveness and adds value to our degree programmes.



# A University Open to the World (3/7)

## International Students at UAH 2011/12

Undergraduate Studies	6%
Master's Degrees	30%
Doctoral Degrees	37%
UAH Degrees	35%
All Degree students	14%
Counting Mobility Programmes	21%



Foreign Exchange Students (Erasmus and others)

Visiting Students

Alcalingua Students

Study Abroad Programs

**TOTAL: 5600**

United States:

900

Latin America:

2200

China:

500

Europe:

1350



## Offices Abroad

- México D.F.
- Santiago de Chile
- Shanghai
- Brussels



# A University Open to the World (5/7)



**5500 INTERNATIONAL** students  
**1500 EXCHANGE** placements in FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES  
**700 AGREEMENTS** with universities from all over the world

**A UNIVERSITY Open to the World**



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# A University Open to the World (6/7)

**9 BILINGUAL Bachelor's Degrees** (Spanish-English)

**140 UNDERGRADUATE** courses taught in English

**6 Master's Degrees** taught in **ENGLISH**

**DISSERTATION RESEARCH** in English in all fields of study

**ENGLISH TEACHING**

Docencia en inglés

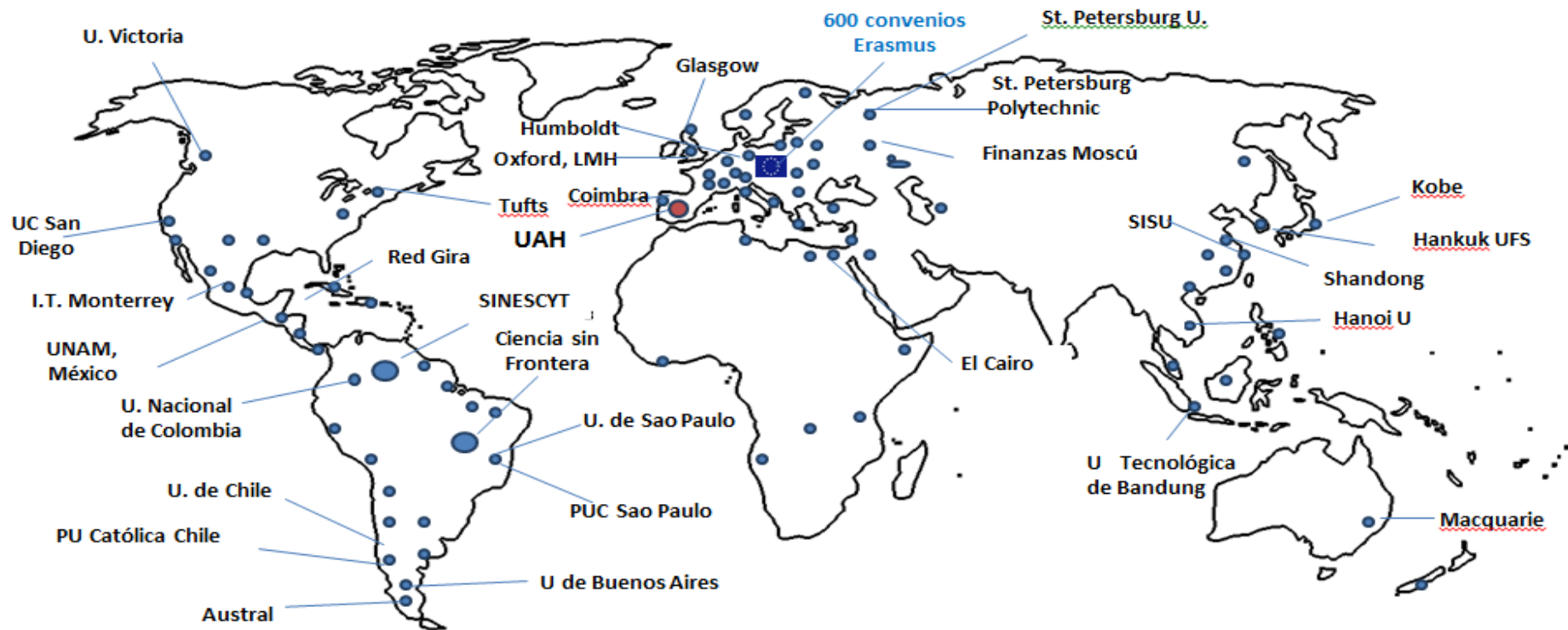


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# A University Open to the World (7/7)

## Universidades Socias de la UAH / UAH Partner Universities



750 Convenios / 750 Agreements

1500 plazas de intercambio en 55 países / 1500 placements in 55 countries



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# Our Studies

## Titulaciones UAH



# The European Education System



## **THREE TIER DEGREE STRUCTURE:**

Under-Graduate Studies, Masters and PhDs

## **QUALITY GUARANTEED:**

The quality of its programmes is officially assessed by the National Agency for Quality Evaluation and Accreditation (ANECA), and is subject to periodic evaluations.

**RECOGNITION OF ALL DEGREES**  
**in the 47 countries belonging to the EHEA**



# Three-Cycle Structure

## STRUCTURE OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN SPAIN FROM 2010

**AGE**    19    20    21    22    23    24    25    26    27

**Bachelor's Degree**

**240 ECTS**

**Master's  
Degree**

**60-120  
ECTS**

**Doctoral  
Degree**

**180 ECTS**

# What can be studied at UAH?

- **Undergraduate Degrees**

36 Undergraduate Degrees in most standard disciplines

- **Postgraduate Degrees**

46 Master's Degrees; 25 PhD Programs;  
Expert courses and ongoing Education

- **Courses in English in every field**

- **Courses of Spanish and Other Languages**

Courses in Spanish Language and Culture. Courses in Spanish for Special Purposes  
Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Russian

- **Courses Specially Designed for International Students**

- **Study Abroad at the Franklin Institute**

- **Summer Courses in a Large Variety of Fields**

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# Undergraduate Studies

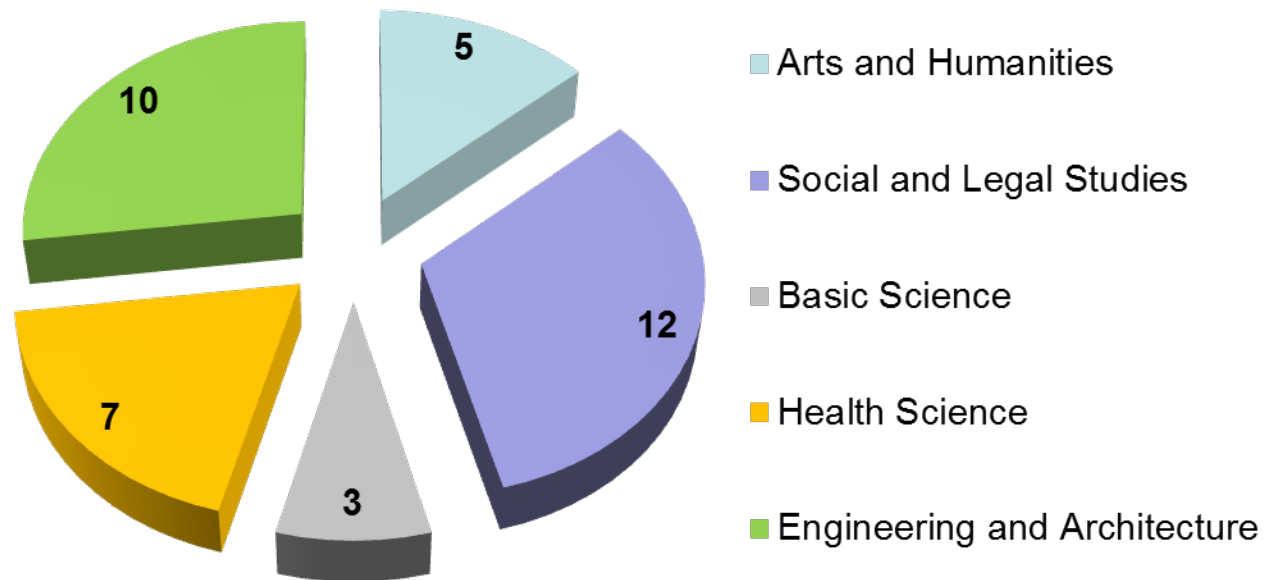
- **Goal:** Prepare students for entry into the **labor market** or for continuing on to pursue **Graduate Studies**.
- **Duration:** 4 years (240 ECTS)
- **Teaching Methods:** Studies fully adapted to the Bologna methodology, including small-scale discussion
- groups and personalized tutorials.
- **Teaching in English** of subjects in numerous undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Two bilingual Degrees.





# Branches of Knowledge of the Undergraduate Degrees

36 undergraduate degrees belonging to five areas of knowledge:



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# Types of Graduate Programmes

**46 Research Master Degrees:** One to two years (60-120 ECTS)

Its completion permits entry to a PhD program

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# Estudios de Posgrado

## 25 PhD Programmes: Research Training

Dissertation research in Spanish and English in most fields of study

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# Other Graduate Studies

## Expert and Specially Designed Courses:

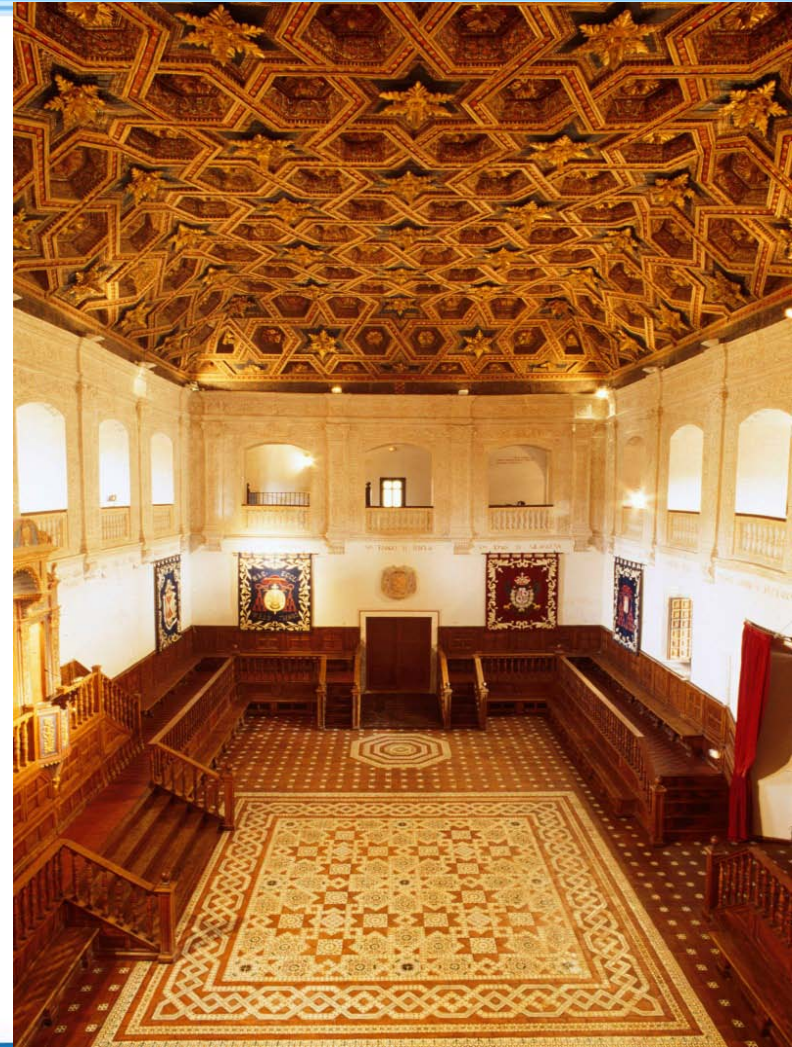
Teaching aimed at achieving specialized professional expertise in areas traditionally not covered by official programmes

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# Teaching in English

- **9** bilingual undergraduate degrees (50% or more taught in English)
- **6** Master's taught in English
- **140** subjects taught in English
- **170** UAH instructors accredited to teach in English by the British Council





# Summer Courses

Wide range of summer courses in different areas

<http://www3.uah.es/cultura/index.php/actividades-culturales/cursos-de-verano>



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# Spanish at UAH

## Alcalingua during the Summer and All Year Around

Through its Centre of Spanish Studies for International Students, the University of Alcalá offers during the academic year as well as during the summer courses in Spanish Language and Culture, courses in Spanish for special purposes and other courses especially tailored to satisfy every need.

<http://www.alcalingua.com/index.php/en/>



# How to Apply for Admission at UAH

- **To Pursue Undergraduate Studies**
  - University Entry Exam
  - Direct Admission
  - Validation of a Foreign University Diploma
  - Recognition of Previous Studies
- **To Pursue Academic Stays**
  - As a Visiting Student
  - As an Exchange Student
- **To Pursue Postgraduate Studies**
  - Recognition of International Undergraduate Degrees
- **Spanish Language**
  - No previous requisites.
  - Placement examinations.





# How to Apply for Admission at UAH

## To Pursue Undergraduate Studies (1/4)

### University Entry Exam

Students must pass the University Entry Exams (*PAU* or *Selectividad*) with the minimum grade required for the Programme to which they seek admission.

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<http://foto.difo.uah.es>



# How to Apply for Admission at UAH

## To Pursue Undergraduate Studies (2/4)

### Direct Admission

Students who have successfully completed their Secondary Education in a country with which Spain has an agreement to that effect, may apply for access following validation of their diplomas and grades.

For further information consult:

[http://portal.uned.es/portal/page?\\_pageid=93%2c932663&dad=portal&schema=PORTAL](http://portal.uned.es/portal/page?_pageid=93%2c932663&dad=portal&schema=PORTAL)



# How to Apply for Admission at UAH

## To Pursue Undergraduate Studies (3/4)

### Validation of a Foreign University Diploma



Students who have obtained a degree from a foreign university may request the validation of that diploma. Following its recognition, they may apply directly for admission at the University.

<http://www.educacion.gob.es/educacion/universidades/educacion-superior-universitaria/titulos/homologacion-titulos.html>

# How to Apply for Admission at UAH

## To Pursue Undergraduate Studies (4/4)

### Recognition of Previous Studies

Students who have initiated studies in a foreign university may be admitted to the University of Alcalá if they have successfully taken at least 30 ECTS credits that can be validated in the degree program to which they seek admission.





# How to Apply for Admission at UAH

## To Pursue Academic Stays (1/2)

### As a Visiting Student

Students who are regularly enrolled at another university and have successfully taken at least 30 credits in their university of origin may apply for admission to UAH as a visiting student for a stay of up to one year.



# How to Apply for Admission at UAH

## To Pursue Academic Stays (2/2)

### As an Exchange Student

Regular students enrolled at universities with which UAH has an official student exchange agreement, may pursue an academic stay at the University of Alcalá if they are selected by the university of origin to participate in the exchange programme with UAH.



The requirements which applicants must meet, as well as the length of the stay and other aspects of the exchange are specified in each individual student exchange agreement.

When the agreement contemplates the possibility, exchange students may pursue a Double Degree agreement.



# How to Apply for Admission at UAH

## As a Postgraduate Student

To apply for admission to a Master Programme students must have an undergraduate degree from Spain or other countries which permits access to postgraduate studies in the country in which the aforementioned degree was issued.

Preregistration and enrollment can be completed following the instructions on the web page.

<http://www.uah.es/postgrado/ESTOFP/OSTG/PrCdAdmision.asp>





# Language Requirements

International students who wish to study at the University of Alcalá should possess prior knowledge of the language of instruction of the courses which they are going to take (Spanish or English) equivalent to or higher than the **B1 level** of the European Framework of Reference for Languages, with the following exceptions:

Students of Hispanic Studies should possess prior knowledge of Spanish equivalent to or higher than the **B2 level** and Students of English Studies or Modern Language and Translation should possess prior knowledge of English equivalent to or higher than the **B2 level** of the aforementioned framework.



# The University of Alcalá offers...

**Strong Teaching and Research**

**Wide range of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees**

**Courses taught in English**

**Automatic Recognition of our degrees in 47 countries**

**Subsidized Tuition Fees**

**Privileged location**

**Magnificent facilities and infrastructures**

**Multicultural environment**



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