
UCV – UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE VALENCIA

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OVERVIEW

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

The Universidad Católica de Valencia “San Vicente Martir” was founded in 1952 and it is located in Valencia, Spain. Wide variety of fields of study in undergraduate studies (25 Degrees), Masters (more than 50 Master Programs) and Doctorate level. International English classes are offered in the following Degrees: Biotechnology, Business & Administration, Education-Teacher Training, Law, Nursing, Multimedia & Arts, Oceanography, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Psychology, Sport Sciences, Medicine and Veterinary. A Spanish program is offered for the Incoming students. Students are also offered a Buddy program with the aim of being assisted by a UCV volunteer student in both academic and social life issues.

LOCATION

UCV is located in Valencia, the third largest city in Spain after Madrid and Barcelona, and has 13 different locations in 5 cities in the Region of Valencia. Valencia has excellent connections with the rest of Europe with low cost daily flights to major cities with companies like Ryanair or Easyjet. All the campuses are easily reached by metro, bus or/and bicycle. Each building has its own facilities and services: computers lab, library, coffee area, students’ counselor, sports service office, etc.

PROGRAM TYPE

Semester or year Exchange program.

CHANCE OF PLACEMENT

Chances of placement are excellent.

PROGRAM DATES

Academic Year: early September to mid-June; SM1: September to mid-January; SM2 mid-January to mid-June.

ACADEMICS

FAST FACTS

Valencia, Spain (pop. 786.424)

Student Enrollment: about 16,000

Language of instruction: Spanish; a selected number of classes are taught in English

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[International Student Guide \(PDF\)](#)

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PROGRAMS

The university is organized in ten schools: Medicine and Dentistry; Law; Psychology, Teacher Training and Sciences of Education; Sciences of Physical Activity and Sports; Physiotherapy and Podiatry; Philosophy, Anthropology and Social Work; Veterinary and Experimental Sciences; Economics and Business Sciences; Nursing; Canon Law.

ACADEMIC NOTES

Benedictine College students are required to meet the Registrar before going abroad to make sure the courses they intend to take abroad are transferable to Benedictine.

UCV offers a Spanish program for the incoming students. The Spanish program will take place either in the first semester and second semester. A test placement is done at the beginning of the semester to place students depending on their Spanish level. Student interested in DELE certificate (Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera) can take the exam at UCV institution.

Students generally enroll in 30 ECTS per semester (corresponding to 15 credit hours)

Exam sessions: 1st semester: 15 – 23 February 2019 and 2nd semester: 3 – 13 July 2019

Holidays breaks: Christmas break from December 24th to January 6th.

Please check the [Academic Calendar 2018-2019](#)

TRANSCRIPT DETAILS

Transcripts are sent to Benedictine College at the end of the semester.

CREDITS AND GRADES

The academic credits system in Europe is different from the US, and is based on ECTS credits. Credit conversion is usually determined based on the number of contact hours as specified in the course syllabus. The unofficial credit conversion rule of thumb from ECTS to US credit hours is as follows: ECTS = 1/2 US (example: 4 ECTS = 2 US credits).

Grades in Spain are expressed on a 10-point scale. This is how approximately Spanish grades compare to US grades:

Course Grade	Interpretation	Grade Point Equivalent
10	Sobresaliente / Matrícula de Honor	Excellent, outstanding performance.
9	Sobresaliente	Very good with some errors.
7-8	Notable	Good with a considerable number of errors.
6	Aprobado	Satisfactory but with significant mistakes.

5	Aprobado	Sufficient, performance meets minimum criteria.
3-4	Insuficiente	Below average, failed, some more work is required to pass.
0-3	Muy deficiente	Below average, failed. Much work is required to pass.

LANGUAGE NOTES

As an exchange student, a B1 Spanish Level is required. All Dentistry Incoming Students must have a B2 Spanish Level. All the Business Incoming must have a B1 English Level. For Traineeships in Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Nutrition and Medicine, the exchange student must hold a B2 Spanish Level. Our institution offers 6CTS Spanish course, either on the 1st or on the 2nd term, to all our incoming students who need it on the learning agreement.

Classes offered in English on a regular basis are listed [here](#).

SPECIAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Students must have a minimum 2.5 G.P.A. to apply.

HINTS FOR RESEARCHING COURSES

See [here](#) for classes offered in English. For classes offered in Spanish, you have to choose a specific “grado” (degree/major) [here](#), then click on Plan de Estudios and download the specific course information.

CAMPUS LIFE

HOUSING AND MEALS

The Universidad Católica de Valencia has 14 different [locations](#) in 6 cities in the Region of Valencia. Each campus has its own facilities and services: library, coffee area, students’ counselor, etc.

The international office at UCV provides contacts to find accommodations.

Recommended contacts in Valencia are [Colegio Mayor Ausias March](#) and/or [EUROACE](#).

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Accommodation: Between 600€ and 900€ per month in a Students Residence (included meals, laundry, gym, wi fi, etc)

Between 250€ and 350€ per month one room in a shared flat plus bills.

Books/Meals/Transport: About 250€ per month.

ORIENTATION

All students are required to attend the one-day mandatory orientation upon your arrival in Valencia. It will cover essential information about your stay in Valencia, including our Health services, Insurance coverage, what to do in case of an emergency, etc.

ARRIVAL DETAILS

Arrival details will be provided by UCV International Office.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- [UCV-Buddy program](#) is offered with the aim of being assisted by a UCV volunteer student in both academic and social life issues. Also program offers [sports, events, and guided excursions](#) to [Madrid](#), [Barcelona](#), [Sevilla](#), [Córdoba](#) and other destinations.

MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

By uniting faith and reason, the UCV seeks to facilitate a strong college community through an atmosphere of academic friendship, while also providing a highly personalized experience for each student.

See [here](#) for more information (in Spanish).

APPLICATION PROCESS AND COSTS

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1. Students must turn in a Study Abroad application to Benedictine College. Forms are available [here](#).
2. After the Study Abroad office confirms the student that his or her application has been accepted, the student must complete the UCV application form and send it to UCV with all the required documents within the following deadlines:
 - 1st semester and full year: 1st April- 1st June.
 - 2nd semester: 15th September 15th November.
 - 1st to 30th September for Traineeships in Dentistry, Nursing, Medicine, Physiotherapy & Podiatry.
3. You will receive and Acceptance letter (to your e-mail given on the application).
Once your application is accepted by the UCV Departmental Coordinator, you will receive an e-mail with your username and password, and the link to fill in the on-line Learning Agreement that you will have to print, get signed by your home coordinator and send directly to the UCV Departmental Coordinator.
Then they can apply for a student visa to Spain (see below.)
4. You will be asked to fill in the application form and upload the following documents:
 - Copy of Student Passport or Identity Card.
 - European Health Insurance Card / Health Insurance Policy.
 - Certificate of their Spanish level (B1 level required). If they don't have a Certificate, they can do an on-line test (they will receive more information by e-mail).
 - A Passport size picture.
 - Third part Liability.
 - Criminal Record Certificate (required for Traineeship's exchanges).

Once UCV verifies the required documents, you will be officially admitted to our institution.

For more information about exchange applicants, [click here](#)

Besides, find the following useful information:

- The [Academic Calendar 2018-2019](#)
- Our [English Program](#), where you can check the Degrees including English courses.

STUDENT VISA

Exchange students must obtain a student visa prior to departing for Spain. As soon as students are accepted, they should start the process for obtaining their visa. The local Spanish Consulate is the official source of all visa information.

Students will require either a Student Visitor. You must apply for and obtain your visa prior to coming to Spain. Certain countries do not need a visa for a stay till 90 days, you can check this list at www.maec.es. If you need any document from UCV institution to get your VISA please, don't hesitate to contact UCV through: incoming@ucv.es

PLEASE BE AWARE that if you have a Student Visitor Visa you will be unable to work (either paid work or unpaid/voluntary work).

You should apply for your visa to the Spanish Consulate in your country with jurisdiction over your state. Spanish Consulates will not accept visa applications from applicants who do not live within the jurisdiction of that consulate.

Visit the following website to find which is the Spanish consulate with jurisdiction over your state: <http://www.spainemb.org/>

Applications will often not be accepted more than 90 days before you are due to travel, or less than 45 days before your departure date. It may take 4 weeks or longer to process your application. You should check this with your local Spanish Consulate.

The cost depends on the Spanish Consulate of your country. You should take a Money Order for this amount with you, made payable to the Consulate General of Spain, when you go to the Consulate to apply for your student visa. Personal checks are unfortunately not accepted. This visa processing fee is non-refundable.

Visas are often only issued for an initial period of 6 months. If you are staying in Spain for longer than this, you should go to your nearest police station, in Spain, directly after your arrival, to extend your visa.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students will have to get Travel Medical Insurance through Benedictine (\$90). This coverage is essential in case students need to be repatriated for health reasons.

COSTS

Students pay tuition at Benedictine College and can apply their financial aid. In addition to the tuition cost, Benedictine College will charge \$750 study abroad fee, and \$90 Travel Medical Insurance.

Students are responsible for lodging and meals in Spain (see Housing and meals section above).

Students will also have to pay for their plane ticket, as well as books, visa application fees, and personal expenses.