

## GUIDE FOR INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### UNIVERSIDAD ISABEL I

#### Location

Universidad Isabel I offers online and blended higher education. It is located in Burgos (Calle Fernán González, nº 76).

#### Methodology

The methodology at Universidad Isabel I is based on blended learning, innovative education and use of ICTs.

Universidad Isabel I relies on the World Wide Web as a tool and an environment to offer a unique and innovative teaching-learning process. It enables students to be part of a big online community, where shared knowledge building is encouraged and where students count on the ongoing support of fully qualified professionals. Our university offers tailor-made studies; students can manage their own schedule.

This methodology helps students to harness their full potential and bring out new talents and skills. Additionally, it promotes experience exchange and new knowledge acquisition.

#### Courses

Incoming students can choose courses within their field-programme, within the limits established by both the sending and receiving university.

All the courses follow the ECTS credit system. Subjects are worth 6 ECTS. Students are strongly encouraged to verify which subjects are taught during their mobility period (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> tem).

Students can find out information on courses in, syllabus and programmes for each degree on the following link: <https://www.ui1.es/oferta-academica>

## Grading system

Students at Universidad Isabel I have two grading options during the ordinary examination session. It is essential that students choose one of the options before the due deadline.

Option 1: Continuous assessment 60% + Final exam 40%

60% of the final grade is made up with the exercises and homework assigned during the course. The remaining 40% is the final exam which must be taken face-to-face.

Option 2: Competency Evaluation Task 50% + Final exam 50%

50% of the final grade is made up by a multi-part assignment due at the end of the course. The remaining 50% is the final exam which must be taken face-to-face.

Students must obtain a mark of at least a 4 in both parts in order to calculate the average. The final grade, average of both marks, must be greater or equal than 5.

The Spanish grading systems is as follows:

Range	Grade
9 – 10	Sobresaliente / Outstanding
7 – 8,9	Notable / Good
5 – 6,9	Aprobado / Pass
0 – 4,9	Suspendo / Fail

## School year 2022/2023

The school year is organized in three terms.

- First term starts on **27/09/2022** and ends on **12/12/2022**.
- Second term starts on **10/01/2023** and ends on **20/03/2023**.
- Third term starts on **28/03/2023** and ends on **12/06/2023**.
- Exams are taken at the end of each term in the following dates:
  - First term: 16, 17 and 18 /12/2022
  - Second term: 24, 25 and 26 /03/2023
  - Third term: 16, 17 and 18 /06/2023

The extraordinary examination season (resit) takes place during the month of July (7, 8 and 9)

## BURGOS

### Basic information

Burgos is a pleasant medium-sized city with a population of over 170.000 people. It is part of the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León. It enjoys a continental climate with cold winters and warm summers. The highest temperatures occur in July, January and February are the coldest months.

You can check the weather in Burgos or elsewhere in Spain here: <http://www.aemet.es>

### Getting to Burgos

#### Airports

There are two nearby international airports, Madrid-Barajas Adolfo Suárez and Bilbao's airport. From there it is possible to travel to Burgos by car, bus or train.

#### Train

RENFE is the main railway company in Spain. The train station in Burgos is called Burgos - Rosa de Lima, in Avenida Príncipe de Asturias, s/n. There is a taxi stop and city buses connecting the station with the city centre.

The following site has more information on train schedules, prices, etc.: <http://www.renfe.es>

#### Bus/coaches

ALSA is the main bus company running buses to and from Burgos. The bus station is in Calle Miranda 4 y 6, right in the city centre.

The following link has more information on bus schedules, ticket prices, etc.: <http://www.alsa.es>

### Moving around Burgos

#### Bus

Burgos boast a good public transport system. You can find information on bus lines, prices, etc. here: <http://www.aytoburgos.es/movilidad-y-transporte/mapa-lineas-autobus>.

## Taxi

There are two taxi companies in Burgos. You can hail a taxi on the street, at a taxi stand or on the phone:

- ABUTAXI: 947 27 77 77
- ATABU: 947 48 10 10

## Housing

Students can make house arrangements before or upon arrival. There are various alternatives:

### Renting a flat

Renting a room in a shared flat is the most popular option. Usually flats are fully furnished. Rent prices for a shared flat are between 150 EUR – 250 EUR per month, plus utility bills.

Certain landlords require a minimum stay or leaving a deposit (one month worth of rent).

### Temporary accommodation

If you decide to wait until you arrive in Burgos to look for housing, you can book temporary accommodation in advance. Online booking is easy and there is a wide range of accommodation services in the city for all budgets. You can search at *Idealista*: <https://www.idealista.com/>

## Mobile Phone

Students coming for short periods of time tend to use pre-paid mobile phones. You pay a certain amount upfront and top up your credit when it runs out.

Various operators work in Spain: Vodafone, Movistar, Orange and Yoigo have their own network. You can buy pre-paid cards at any mobile phone shop.

## Internet

If you rent a flat you may have to get your own internet services. You can do so for a limited period. Major operators are Vodafone, Orange, Jazztel, MásMóvil, Pepephone, Movistar, etc.

The Burgos City Council has rolled out a wifi network offering free access in various places across the city. Registration is required on WifiBur. More information here: <https://www.wifibur.es/>

### Health services

Students coming from EU or EEA countries can enjoy public health services. For that, they must obtain the European Health Insurance Card in their origin country. Click on this link for further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=509&langId=es>

If students do not have such card, they will need a private insurance policy to have medical assistance in Spain.

It is always advisable to find out about health clinics in your area as soon as you settle down. Find a list of public health centres here:

<http://www.jcyl.es/web/jcyl/Portada/es/Plantilla100DirectorioPortada/1248366924958/0/1142233507662/DirectorioPadre>

### Banking

ATMs are everywhere, available 24/7.

You can open a bank account if you wish; paperwork is relatively easy. You will need an ID card and an address in Burgos.

### Shops opening hours

Opening hours in the city are usually from 10:00 to 14:00, and from 17:00 to 20:00. Supermarkets and shopping centres are mostly opened from 9am to 9pm. Most shops close on Sunday.