

GUIDE FOR ERASMUS + INCOMING STUDENTS

In this guide you will find useful information for your stay in Burgos at Universidad Isabel I.

UNIVERSIDAD ISABEL I

Location

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

Methodology

Our methodology at Universidad Isabel I is based on blended learning, innovative education and ICTs. Most courses are online, complemented with face-to-face sessions.

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.

Courses

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

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

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

Grading system

Check this table published by the Spanish Ministry of Education to compare the Spanish grading system with the system used in other countries:

Link: <http://www.mecd.gob.es/servicios-al-ciudadano-mecd/dms/mecd/servicios-al-ciudadano-mecd/catalogo/general/educacion/203615/ficha/203615/Anexo1-escalas--1-.pdf>

School year 2017/2018

The school year is divided into 3 terms:

- First term: from **25/09/2017** to **20/12/2017**
- Second term: from **8/01/2018** to **27/03/2017**
- Third term: from **2/04/2018** to **26/06/2018**

Exams are held at the end of each term. The above mentioned end dates for each term already include exam dates.

Resit exams are held in July.

Holidays

- Christmas break: 19/12/2017 – 7/01/2018
- Easter break: 27/03/2018 – 1/04/2018

Staying at UI1 as an Erasmus+ student

Incoming students will have to apply through their institution of origin, following the standard procedure for Erasmus + mobility and as per the interinstitutional agreement signed between the sending institution and Universidad Isabel I. The sending institution will provide all information prior to the acceptance of the mobility period.

Once the mobility period has been accepted and confirmed, students can also seek information and assistance writing to the International Relations Office at Universidad Isabel I (international.relations@ui1.es).

If your institution is interested in signing an interinstitutional agreement, contact international.relations@ui1.es

Spanish language courses

Universidad Isabel I offers all incoming students the possibility to take intensive online Spanish language courses with concessionary rates. Students who wish to do so, can also take the Instituto Cervantes online [SIELE](#) exam to test their proficiency level in Spanish at our university and go back home with a certificate.

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

Nearby airports:

- Madrid Barajas
- Bilbao
- Valladolid

You can fly to any of the nearby airports and then take a train or bus to Burgos.

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. From the station to the city centre you can take a bus or taxi.

Go to the following site for 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.

Click on the following link for 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>.

Single tickets are sold for 1 EUR. A cheaper option is to buy a BonoBús, with 10 trips at 0,45 EUR per trip.

Taxi

There are 2 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 are encourage to make house arrangements before or upon arrival. There are various alternatives:

To rent a flat

Most students go for renting a room in a shared flat. Most are fully furnished.

Rent prices for a shared are between 150 EUR – 200 EUR per month, plus utility bills.

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

University residences

Residences offer various services, including board (fixed many and set meal times), laundry, etc.

Certain residences accept both men and women, while others do not.

They are more expensive than a rented flat, at around 350 EUR y 600 EUR per month.

List of university residences in Burgos:

- [Residencia Universitaria “San Agustín”](#)
- [Residencia de estudiantes Estela](#)
- [Residencia “María Inmaculada”](#)
- [Residencia “Sunser”](#)
- [Residencia “Teresa Guash”](#)

Temporary accomodation

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.

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 y Yoigo, Jazztel, Ircrom, Hits Mobile, Happy Móvil, Digi mobil, Lebara, Lycamobile, etc.

You can by pre-paid cards at any mobile phone shop.

Internet

If you rent a flat you may have to hire internet services. You can do so for a limited period of time. 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. You have to register 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 will need the European Health Insurance Card. Click on this link for further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=509&langId=es>

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

It is always advisable to find out about health services 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.

External links

- City Council Burgos: <http://www.aytoburgos.es/>
- Turist office Burgos: <http://turismoburgos.es/>

ERASMUS + PAPERWORK

Before the mobility period

Selection at sending university

Students cannot apply directly to Universidad Isabel I for a mobility period. They must apply first to their university. The sending university will send Universidad Isabel I the information on applying students.

Paperwork at Universidad Isabel I

Upon selection, students will be informed of the paperwork to be done at Universidad Isabel I. They will be assigned a contact person (Erasmus coordinator) to guide them through the process.

Upon arriving at Universidad Isabel I

Information days

The International Relations Office will organise information days and cultural activities to facilitate incoming students' integration.

At the end of the mobility period

Students must get their certificate of stay filled out, signed, and stamped by their Erasmus coordinator.

