



PLANNING FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PROGRAMMES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MURCIA DUE TO COVID-19 FOR 2020/21

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

- Incoming students may carry out blended mobilities (physical mobility combined with virtual mobility) or fully virtual mobilities, in any case with the possibility of travelling to the University of Murcia (UMU), under the conditions established by each international mobility programme, and in accordance with the provisions of this section, as long as the competent health authorities and the students' home university allow it. The Governing Council of UMU or its Rector may establish limitations in this respect.
- Regarding **blended learning**, the Governing Council of the University of Murcia approved on 10 September 2020 to start the academic year 2020/2021 in the blended learning modality, which combines classroom teaching with online teaching.
- Information on how each Faculty at UMU has organised **blended learning is available** on their own websites, along with timetables and exam schedules. This information can be accessed from this [link](#). However, there are plans in place for the event that the health situation should worsen, that include turning to **fully virtual learning**.
- Regarding **virtual learning**, most of the Faculties at UMU offer courses taught **100% virtually**, which international students can take, either physically being in their countries of origin or by travelling to the University of Murcia and taking online courses in Murcia. Information on the virtual offer of UMU can be consulted here <https://www.shorturl.at/rW259>
- and also obtained through the incoming international student service (incoming@um.es). Likewise, the international coordinators of each faculty can provide information about the respective faculty's online offer.
- In relation to the foregoing, and particularly taking into account that the European Commission recognises in the current context the realisation of wholly virtual mobilities in circumstances of force majeure, it is recommended that all UMU faculties offer some virtual courses, allowing international students to take, at least, 18-24 ECTS per semester.
- International students who opt, in accordance with the conditions established under each international mobility programme, for virtual mobility without travelling to UMU, will be able to register virtually at UMU and to take their exams remotely.
- International students will be responsible to check with their home university the cancellation and/or scholarship payment policies in the case of virtual mobility. Please note that in the case of the Erasmus+ programme, students will only receive funding for the periods of their actual



physical stay at the host university.

- International students are requested to remain attentive to the travel restrictions applicable to Spain, for which they can consult the website of the Spanish Government. <https://travelsafe.spain.info/en/> It is also recommended that they take out travel insurance. For **students coming from countries outside the European Union** who do not have the European Health Insurance Card, it is **compulsory to take out medical insurance**.
- In relation to the above, from 23 November 2020, and until the Spanish Government declares the end of the health crisis situation caused by COVID-19, it is mandatory to present the health control form (HCF) and a negative PCR test result carried out within 72 hours prior to arrival (in paper or digital format), if you are travelling from a high risk country <https://www.mscbs.gob.es/en/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/spth.htm>. The <https://www.spth.gob.es/> can be consulted in relation to this requirement, as well as the Spanish Official State Gazette.
- On the other hand, the University of Murcia does not require PCR tests, or any other kind of tests, nor does it finance them. In any case, we invite students to remain attentive to the updates published in the UMU webpage on COVID-19. <https://www.um.es/web/universidad/contenido/coronavirus>
- Incoming students are also encouraged to arrange their accommodation through the International Relations Department's accommodation service: <https://vimur.um.es/>. The University of Murcia will not be responsible for any expenses arising from eventualities caused by the pandemic. Incoming students are advised to include in their rental contracts the return of the deposit if they are forced to give up international mobility for reasons related to the present pandemic.

We look forward to welcoming you!