The University of Alcalá (UAH), justly considered one of Europe’s oldest, may trace its origins to the “General Study” (Studium Generale) created on 20 May 1293. In 1499, Cardinal Cisneros gave a new impulse to that institution by founding a “Greater” College (Colegio Mayor), from which point the University of Alcalá became one of the world’s first university cities. It was declared World Heritage Site in 1998.

One of the best universities in the world according to the prestigious QS World University Ranking.

With a clear international vocation, the UAH is one of the most prestigious public universities in Spain. The UAH is widely recognised for its role in defending and strengthening Spanish language and culture, and the Cervantes Prize, considered the most prestigious prize in Spanish literature, is awarded annually in its auditorium.

Forming an integral part of the city of Alcalá de Henares, University of Alcalá is located 30 kilometres from Madrid and 20 kilometres from the Madrid-Barajas airport.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALCALA IN FIGURES**

- 28,000 students
- 2,500 university teaching staff and researchers
- 10 students per teacher
- 6,300 international students
- 40 undergraduate degree courses
- 70 PhD and Master’s degree courses
- 7 libraries and Learning and Research Resource Centre -CRAI-, which have obtained the European Seal of Excellence 400+
- 180 research teams

[conoce.universidaddealcala.es](conoce.universidaddealcala.es)

The university experience is much more than just studying and the University of Alcalá can offer you a wide range of sporting, cultural and volunteer activities.

[vivela.universidaddealcala.es](vivela.universidaddealcala.es)
STUDY AT THE UAH

94% of our students are satisfied with the university teaching quality, according to the student satisfaction survey conducted by QS.

1st Spanish university in employability. Our students among the most demanded, according to the MECD report on graduate employment.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSES

Degrees in the fields of Arts and Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences and Law, Health Sciences and Engineering and Architecture on our three campuses: The Historic Campus (located in the historic centre of town), the Science and Technology Campus (5 minutes away by public transport) and the Guadalajara Campus (20 km from Alcalá de Henares).

We offer the possibility of obtaining work experience on all our degree courses. More than 4,000 companies enabling our students to complete their training, many of them sector leaders, such as Telefónica, AENA, NASA, ADIF, Acciona, 3M or Banco Santander.

Our location, in the heart of the business area called the “Corredor del Henares”, and the strong support we offer students and recent graduates, encourages close ties with the labour market.

Find out more about our courses:

grados.uah.es

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

We offer one of the widest ranges of official postgraduate and continuing education courses in Spain.

Our doctoral programmes are among those providing the best quality teaching in Spain.

Work experience forms a key element linking our students to the real world and facilitates their entry into the labour market.

Further information on our Postgraduate School can be found at:

www.uah.es/posgrado
www.uah.es/escuela_doctorado
LEARN SPANISH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALCALÁ

The UAH is an international benchmark for teaching Spanish. Every year, more than 1000 students from 50 countries learn Spanish at the UAH at Alcalingua www.alcalingua.com, the Centre for Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language at the University of Alcalá, officially authorised by the Cervantes Institute as an accredited centre for the Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language [DELE].

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALCALÁ, A UNIVERSITY WITH AN INTERNATIONAL VOCIATION

- The University of Alcalá is ranked among the top 200 universities in the world in reception of international students, according to the 2015 QS World University Ranking.
- Maximum score of five stars for teaching, internationalisation, equipment and infrastructures, innovation and social outreach, according to the QS Stars international quality accreditation system.
- More than 6,300 international students study at the UAH, every year.
- Around 1,000 agreements with universities on five continents, allowing our students complete their studies in other countries.
- International Offices in Santiago, Chile, and Shanghai.
- Specific support programmes for international students.

www.universityofalcala.com

A LIVELY UNIVERSITY

- Wide and attractive range of cultural, sporting and leisure activities.
  www.uah.es/cultura_deportes

- Comfortable residence halls and a wealth of opportunities to share flats with other students or families.
  bit.ly/AlojamientoUAH

- Quality transport by train or bus between the three campuses and the possibility of renting bikes on the Science and Technology Campus.
RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The University of Alcalá is committed to research as the driving force behind innovation and change.

- Ranked among the top universities in Spain as regards number of doctoral theses, patents and research projects.
- Learning and Research Resource Centre -CRAI-. More than 9,000 m², 1,200 workstations, 24-hour study room, 20 rooms for group work, 5 multimedia rooms. Adapted to disabled persons.
- Research and technology transfer through companies located in our Science and Technology park.
- 180 research teams.
- 11 million Euros devoted to competitive R&D&i projects.
- 6 Teaching and Research Support Centres.
- 8 University Research Institutes.
- 5 associated University Hospitals and leading biomedical research centres.

investiga.universidaddealcala.es

A UNIVERSITY COMMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

- First university of Spain in environmental sustainability policies for the 5th consecutive year, according to the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking
  greenmetric.ui.ac.id

- Campus of International Excellence in Smart Energy: Bioenergy & Smart Cities
  campusenergianfavorreciente.uah.es

- Headquarters of the Madrid Institute for Advanced Studies-IMDEA Water
  www.agua.imdea.org
## OUR DEGREES

### ARTS AND HUMANITIES
- Interior Design *** [4]
- Fashion Design *** [4]
- Double Degree in Humanities and Primary Education [1]
- English Studies * [1]
- Hispanic Studies [1]
- History [1]
- Humanities [1]
- Modern Languages and Translation * [1] [3]

### ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE
- Bases of Architecture and Town Planning [1]
- Building Science and Technology [3]
- Computer Science Engineering ** [2]
- Computer Engineering ** [2]
- Information Systems ** [2]
- Telecommunications Systems Engineering * [2]
- Telematics Engineering * [2]
- Telecommunications Technologies Engineering * [2]
- Electronic Communications Engineering * [2]
- Electronics and Industrial Automation Engineering** [2]

### SOCIAL AND LEGAL SCIENCES
- Law and Business Administration and Management [1]
- Audiovisual Communication [2]
- Accounting and Finance [1]
- Law [1]
- Double Degree in Law and Business Administration and Management [1]
- Double Degree in Infant and Primary Education [4]
- Double Degree in Humanities and Primary Education [1]
- Double Degree in Law and Business Administration and Management [2]
- Economics [1]
- Economics and Internacional Business * [1]
- Infant Education [1] [4]
- Primary Education * [3] [4]
- Social Education [4]
- Psychology [4]
- Tourism [3]

### HEALTH SCIENCES
- Health Biology [2]
- Physical Activity and Sports Sciences [2]
- Nursing [2] [3]
- Pharmacy [2]
- Physiotherapy [2]
- Nutrition and Dietetics [4]

### SCIENCE
- Biology [2]
- Environmental Science [2]
- Chemistry [2]

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* At least 50% of the credits are taught in English
** Some courses taught in English
*** In process of starting up

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POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND ONGOING EDUCATION
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www.uah.es/escuela_doctorado

[HISTORICAL CAMPUS]
[SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS]
[GUADALAJARA CAMPUS]
[CONSULT AFFILIATED CENTRE]
THE UAH: A WORLD HERITAGE SITE UNIVERSITY

- The University of Alcalá was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1998, and is one of five universities in the world to boast this title.

- Considered one of the oldest universities in Europe, it can trace its origin to the “General Study” (Studium Generale) established on 20 May 1293. Its constitutional regulations and foundation as a university city, once served as a model for the subsequent creation of future European and Latin American universities.

THE UAH AND ITS HUMANIST HERITAGE

- Distinguished students and teachers, including Cardinal Cisneros, Saint Thomas de Villanueva, Saint Ignacio de Loyola, Elio Antonio de Nebrija, Tirso de Molina, Lope de Vega, Quevedo, Calderón de la Barca or Jovellanos, all once studied in its classrooms.

- The Polyglot Bible was published at the University of Alcalá (1514-1517).

- The Cervantes Prize is awarded every 23 April at its historic “Paraninfo” assembly hall.

THE UAH AND ITS HUMANITIES STUDIES

The University of Alcalá will continue its long history of enriching the study of the Spanish language, conducting research and training future professionals through the courses offered on its undergraduate and postgraduate Arts and Humanities programmes.

- Undergraduate Studies include: Hispanic Studies, Modern Languages and Translation, History, Humanities and English Studies. 
  grados.uah.es

- There is a wide range of Postgraduate Studies. www.uah.es/posgrado

THE UAH AND TEACHING SPANISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

- The UAH is the first university in Spain in terms of attracting international students in proportion to its size, according to the QS World University Ranking for 2015.
• **Alcalingua**, the UAH’s Spanish foreign language teaching center, offers in-class as well as online courses during both the academic year and the summer months. Approximately 1,500 students from 50 countries have come to study at Alcalingua. In addition, Spanish courses for specific purposes are also offered, such as Business Spanish. Alcalingua is a certified Cervantes Institute Official Center for obtaining the Spanish Foreign Language Diploma (DELE). [www.alcalingua.com](http://www.alcalingua.com)

**THE UAH AND ITS HUMANITIES RESEARCH**

• 39 research groups in the Humanities. [www.uah.es/investigacion](http://www.uah.es/investigacion)

• **Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum**: contains documentary records relating to approximately 22,000 historic Latin inscriptions, both written and printed. [www2.uah.es/imagines_cilii](http://www2.uah.es/imagines_cilii)

• **Chair of Exile**, shared with other Spanish universities and the UNAM of Mexico, for the purpose of studying the legacy of exiled Spaniards during and after the Civil War.

• **Center for Cervantes Studies**: promoting Cervantes’ heritage since 1991 and cooperation between researchers and artists. [www.centroestudioscervantinos.es](http://www.centroestudioscervantinos.es)

• **Cisneros International Center for Historic Studies**: established in 1996 for the research and dissemination of the historic heritage of the University of Alcalá and its original founder. [www2.uah.es/cisneros](http://www2.uah.es/cisneros)

• **Institute for Latin American Studies (IELAT)**, devoted to postgraduate training, academic research and consultancy in the field of Latin American Studies. [www.ielat.es](http://www.ielat.es)

• **Benjamin Franklin Research Institute for North American Studies**: created in 1987, provides postgraduate programs and develops new opportunities for institutional collaboration between Spain and North America. Through the Benjamin Franklin Institute, the UAH awards the Camino Real Prize in recognition of those who have worked hard to create a Spanish presence in North America. [www.institutofranklin.net](http://www.institutofranklin.net)

**THE UAH AND ITS CULTURAL INVOLVEMENT**

• The UAH makes various **cultural spaces** available to the university community as well as to the surrounding population. [www3.uah.es/cultura](http://www3.uah.es/cultura)

• **University Board for the Arts**: since 1996 and in collaboration with the Artists’ Association, its honorary members include distinguished figures from the art world.

• **González Robles Museum**: situated in the University’s Rectorate building, it is a collection mainly comprising paintings, etchings and sculptures from Spanish and American art, from the 1960s right up to today. There are works by, among others, Lucio Muñoz, R. Canogar, J. Guinovar, D. Villalba, A. Clavé, L. Feito, C. Manrique and V. Vela.
The UAH is committed to sustainable development and is actively involved in finding solutions to environmental conflicts. We promote efficient energy use programmes and encourage actions to raise awareness and involvement among the entire university community.

- Among the top Spanish Universities and one of world’s leaders for environmental sustainability for the 5th consecutive year, according to the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking, greenmetric.ui.ac.id

- **Campus of International Excellence in Smart Energy**: Bioenergy & Smart Cities. campusenergiainteligente.uah.es

- We have an Environmental Quality Programme, a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and an Office for Environmental Collaboration, Analysis and Initiatives (Ecocampus). ecocampus.universidaddealcala.es


- Environment Group. catedrademedioambiente.fgua.es

- We are committed to the Global Principles for Responsible Education. www.unprme.org

- Headquarters of the **Madrid Institute for Advanced Studies-IMDEA Water**. www.agua.imdea.org

- The **Juan Carlos I Royal Botanic Gardens**, with 260,000 square metres of green space and over 120,000 species, is located on our Science and Technology Campus. A research and educational resource of the first order for students and the general public.

- Sustainable Mobility Programme on the Science and Technology Campus (bike paths and a bike rental system).

**LEADERS IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

- All the energy consumed at the UAH comes from renewable energy sources, as certified by the Spanish National Energy Commission.
• The UAH is the Spanish university with the lowest rate of per capita CO₂ emissions. [www.uah.es/sostenibilidad/docs/informe_huella_carbono.pdf](http://www.uah.es/sostenibilidad/docs/informe_huella_carbono.pdf)

• The UAH is the third most sustainable university in the world among the more than 300 evaluated by the non-profit San Francisco-based organisation, Coolmyplanet.

• We have the first solar powered charging point for electric vehicles in Spain, located in the Juan Carlos I Royal Botanic Gardens.

• **Award for Best Geothermal Installation in the Industrial and Services Sector in the Community of Madrid** for our contribution to saving energy through the installation on our Science and Technology Campus of the biggest infrastructure of its kind at a European university.

**STATE-OF-THE-ART TEACHING AND RESEARCH ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

• Our undergraduate degree in Environmental Sciences is among the best in Spain, according to the results of the 50 Best Degrees Ranking published by “El Mundo” (one of the main newspapers in Spain).

• Among the top 10 Spanish universities for research in Environmental Sciences and Ecology, according to the Ranking I-UGR (4th edition).

• **Over 15 official programmes and numerous non-regulated programmes related to environmental training:**
  
  • Our Masters in Advanced Architecture and Town Planning, Protection of Natural Spaces and Ecosystem Restoration are among the highest rated in Spain (“250 Best Masters Programmes”, El Mundo newspaper).

  • Officially recognised Doctoral Programme in Ecology, Conservation and Restoration of Ecosystems, awarded a Mention of Excellence by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

• Consolidated research teams in the fields of renewable energy, green chemistry, climate impact, water treatment, biodiversity and environmental technology and prevention.

• Pioneering research projects in waste water treatment, production of biofuels, solar and climate evolution studies, in collaboration with prestigious external organisations such as NASA, the European Space Agency and the Centre for New Water Technologies.

• **Award of Excellence from the International Water Association (Prize for Excellence in Sustainable Water Management)** for our project “Consolider TRAGUA” on the reuse of treated waste water.
A COMMITTED UNIVERSITY, BUILDING RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

The University of Alcalá (UAH) stimulates social commitment through promoting equal participation, a sense of solidarity and the development of human values within the university community. UAH actions and programmes in this area are divided into three key areas:

TRANSPARENCY COMMITMENT

- Most transparent public university in Spain according to the UCM’s “Transparency, Good Governance and Communication” research group. First Spanish university to have a transparency web, recognised in Spain and abroad by the Telescopi Network as University Management Good Practice.
  www.transparencia.universidaddealcala.es

COMMUNITY TO DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- Unit for the Integration and Coordination of Disability Policies (UICPD).
  www.uah.es/discapacidad

- Plan for the Integration and Promotion of Independent Living for Persons with Disabilities.

- Research and technology transfer applied to disability, through the UAH and Telefonica Chair for the Improvement of Personal Autonomy (CAPTA) bit.ly/CaptaUAH and the Vodafone Foundation Chair in Information Technologies for Health and Accessibility.

- Voluntary social programme (“Padrino Tecnológico”) to meet the specific needs of children with reduced personal autonomy who require customised technology solutions. padrinotecnologico.org

DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY

- Equality Unit to promote equality between men and women.
  www.uah.es/otros/igualdad.shtm

- Institution with greatest commitment to women, according to the Association of Women for Dialogue and Education.
• The King of Spain Human Rights Award, sponsored by the UAH together with the Spanish Ombudsman, which aims at giving recognition to Latin American organisations that stand out for their defence and promotion of human rights and democratic values.

• Chair of Human Rights and Democracy.
  www2.uah.es/catedra_ddhh

• University Master’s degree in International Protection of Human Rights and Doctoral programme in Human Rights.

• Extension courses for Older Citizens.
  www.uah.es/universidad_mayores

VOLUNTARY WORK, COOPERATION AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

• Partnership Office. Specific programmes and actions to promote university cooperation for development (UCD)
  cooperacion.universidaddealcala.es

• The UAH: first Fair Trade University in the Community of Madrid.

• Chair of Corporate Social Responsibility.
  www.csruah.es

• Committed to the Global Principles for Responsible Education.
  www.unprme.org

COMMITMENT TO CULTURE, SPORT AND A HEALTHY LIFE


• Wide range of sporting and cultural activities, offered in collaboration with numerous partners and open to all citizens.
  www.uah.es/cultura_deportes

• Member of the Spanish Network of Healthy Universities for health promotion in the university and surrounding contexts.

• Find out more about our policies on environmental protection, energy efficiency and sustainability at:
  ecocampus.universidaddealcala.es
The University of Alcalá offers degrees in five branches of knowledge: Arts and Humanities, Law and Social Sciences, Sciences, Health Sciences, and Engineering and Architecture. Its approximately 17,000 undergraduate students are spread across its three campuses:

- Historical Campus
- The Science and Technology Campus
- Guadalajara Campus

At the University of Alcalá you can study 40 undergraduate degrees that will prepare you for entry into the labor market or for continuing on to pursue Graduate Studies. The teaching methods are fully adapted to the Bologna methodology, including small-scale discussion groups and personalized tutorials. All bachelor’s degrees include work experience through internships in firms or research institutes. The quality of our programs is officially assessed by the National Agency for Quality Evaluation and Accreditation (ANECA) through periodic evaluations.

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

- English Studies *
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- Humanities
- Joint Degree in Humanities and Primary Education
- Modern Languages and Translation *
- Modern Languages and Translation. (Guadalajara Campus) *

**ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE**

- Architecture
- Building Science and Technology
- Fundaments of Architecture and Town-Planning
- Computer Engineering **
- Electronic Communications Engineering *
- Electronic Engineering and Industrial Automation
- Information Engineering **
• Information Systems **
• Telecommunications Systems Engineering *
• Telecommunications Technology Engineering *
• Telematics Engineering *

**HEALTH SCIENCES**
• Biology for Health
• Medicine
• Nursing
• Nursing (Guadalajara Campus)
• Pharmacy
• Physiotherapy
• Sports Science and Physical Activity

**SCIENCES**
• Biology
• Chemistry
• Environmental Science

**SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW**
• Accountancy and Finance
• Audiovisual Communication
• Business Administration and Management
• Business Administration and Management (Guadalajara Campus)
• Economics
• Economics and International Business
• Infant Education
• Joint Degree in Humanities and Primary Education
• Joint Degree in Law and Business Administration and Management
• Joint Degree in Tourism and Business Administration and Management
• Law
• Primary Education *
• Social Studies Education
• Tourism

* At least 50% of the credits are taught in English
** Some courses taught in English
The University of Alcalá offers 59 official Master’s Programs and 27 PhD Programs in all branches of knowledge: Arts and Humanities, Education, Law and Social Sciences, Sciences, Health Sciences, and Engineering and Architecture. The quality of our programs is officially assessed by the National Agency for Quality Evaluation and Accreditation (ANECA) through periodic evaluations.

www.uah.es/posgrado

OFFICIAL POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER’S STUDIES
They are official degree programs whose purpose is the acquisition of advanced training oriented to academic/professional specialization or to initiate the student in research.

HOW LONG DO THEY TAKE?
They range from 60 to 120 ECTS credits (between one and two full academic years)

WHICH ORIENTATIONS DO MASTER’S PROGRAMS OFFER?
Official Master’s programmes can have any of the following three orientations:

- **Professional**: training for professional practice.
- **Research**: research activity to prepare students who wish to continue on to doctoral studies.
- **Academic**: training both for professional practice and advanced research.

Most of our Master’s degrees involve collaboration with external institutions or companies, and include internships which help students specialise in the orientation that best fits their wants and needs.

HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?
The regional government of Madrid sets the price of Master’s degrees by the beginning of each academic year.
**WHAT DEGREE WILL I EARN?**

Completing these programmes entitles the student to an official Master’s Degree, valid throughout Europe.

portal.uah.es/portal/page/portal/posgrado/masteres_universitarios

**PHD PROGRAMMES**

Their aim is to train students in research techniques. The Doctoral Degree is the highest possible academic degree, and involves the authorship of a work of original research, known as the Doctoral Dissertation.

- All Doctoral Programmes comprise a training period and a research period.
  - **Training Period**: most Doctoral Programmes offered at UAH equate the training period with a Master’s Degree.
  - **Research Period**: this involves the authorship of a doctoral dissertation. During this period the student will be provided academic supervision and access to the resources needed for carrying out research along with all the rights accorded to Doctoral students.

www.uah.es/escuela_doctorado

**UAH PROGRAMMES**

Aside from the official diplomas, Spanish universities offer studies aimed at obtaining non-official Degrees in all areas of knowledge. These studies are designed to provide the knowledge and skills demanded by specific economic and social sectors. They include a wide range of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees as well as Ongoing Education Programmes.

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