Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha
Spain
Welcome to the University of Castilla-La Mancha, a public academic institution which, over the last three decades, has succeeded in becoming one of the foremost universities in Spain.

Thanks to the incorporation of modern teaching methodologies, the use of current technology, and the close business ties UCLM has cultivated, which keep students and professors updated with current trends in their field, the University has become a benchmark for high quality teaching, research, and administrative management.

The purpose of this guide is to provide an overall vision of UCLM’s academic, cultural and scientific activity, as well as the other services offered throughout this academic year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any information that would be of interest to you. I am confident that we will be able to build a mutually beneficial collaboration that serves both your needs and the needs of your institution as well as those of the UCLM.

Best wishes,

Miguel Ángel Collado,
Rector, University of Castilla-La Mancha (Spain)
Founded in 1985, the University of Castilla-La Mancha is spread out over four main campuses within four provinces of the autonomous region of Castilla-La Mancha (Spain): Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca and Toledo. In addition, there are two other satellite campuses located in Talavera de la Reina (Toledo) and Almadén (Ciudad Real).

Since its foundation as a public institution for higher education and research, our University now offers 44 Bachelor's degree programs and 34 official Master's degree programs, all of which are in accordance with the standards of the European Higher Education Area. In addition, UCLM offers a wide selection of postgraduate courses and doctorate programs.

There are currently over 30,000 students enrolled in the University with a staff of close to 2,230 professors and researchers. In addition, there are nearly 1,050 administrators and service personnel.

In addition to teaching, research constitutes another fundamental pillar of UCLM, with over 250 groups dedicated to research.

UCLM currently collaborates with more than a thousand regional, national, and multinational companies. This joint collaboration is based primarily on the development of research projects that are of interest for public and private industry. Furthermore, each year these companies offer internships and traineeship programmes for students. Currently, there are more than 4,000 internships offered.

Internationally, the University maintains an affiliation with approximately 715 various academic centres throughout Europe, and also with several higher education institutions worldwide. This provides many opportunities for teaching and studying in a university community abroad.

The geographical location of UCLM has enabled the university to become a pioneer in the incorporation of new technologies. Today, all our buildings are equipped with WiFi and have 1,500 computer terminals which are available to all students in their corresponding faculties and centers. In addition, students and faculty members are given an e-mail account to use and also receive a variety of extra benefits.

UCLM’s commitment to excellence can be seen through its outstanding reputation as one of the best universities in Spain. It ranks among the top fifteen Spanish universities in enrolment, R&D+i funding, and human resources and materials, having low dropout rate, and more library space for students.

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**Toledo Campus**

- 21 Bachelor's degree majors
- 12 Master's degree majors

**Cuenca Campus**

- 14 Bachelor's degree majors
- 7 Master's degree majors

**Ciudad Real Campus**

- 25 Bachelor's degree majors
- 16 Master's degree majors

**Albacete Campus**

- 19 Bachelor's degree majors
- 17 Master's degree majors

- School of Architecture
- School of Fine Arts
- School of Agricultural Engineering
- School of Social Sciences
- School of Education
- School of Medicine
- School of Veterinary Medicine
- School of Computer Science
- School of Educational Science and Technology
- School of Psychology
- School of Humanities
- School of Law
- School of Economics
- School of Industrial Engineering
- School of Materials Engineering
- School of Chemical Sciences
- School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- School of Environmental Science and Biochemistry
- School of Sports Science
- School of Humanities
- School of Nursing and Physiotherapy
- School of Industrial Engineering
- School of Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Nursing (Talavera)
- School of Social Sciences (Talavera)
STUDENT BODY

UCLM provides informational services, personalized attention to students with disabilities, and also manages grants and scholarships which give students the possibility of participating in work placement programmes in various companies.

The students at UCLM

The underlying aim of UCLM is to provide information and help to its students starting from the pre-enrolment process and throughout their course studies at UCLM. In addition, we continue to provide assistance to students during their employment search process once they’ve graduated so that they are able to find employment related to their field of study.

In order to achieve this, there are a series of services built into the University’s structure through which UCLM develops and coordinates its activities and programmes. Most notably are the following: Services for Students with Disabilities, the Centre for Information and the Promotion of Employment, the University Counselling Service, the Sports Services...

Amongst the programmes in place, the most representative of these are services such as: the information provided to teaching professionals as well as management of the University’s teaching Centres; the coordination and management of UCLM admissions examinations; the channelling and processing of grants and scholarships awarded to students and student associations and unions; internship programmes; and finally, the management of student placements in other Spanish universities or institutions.

Students’ work placements

Placements in companies or schools are a great opportunity for students to get to know the professional world better through first-hand experience. This part of the academic programme provides students the opportunity to receive real life training in order to better prepare them for the world of work that awaits them. In this way, they are better able to witness the newest developments in their particular field of interest and see first-hand the inner workings of a company. Quite often newly graduated students have difficulty finding gainful employment due to a lack of practical knowledge and experience. The placement programmes we offer serve to help those students acquiring the needed skills in order to cross the bridge from being University students to successful employees in the labour world.
Singular Programs:
- Science without Borders, launched by Spanish and Brazilian Governments
- Bolashak Program, financed by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Study Abroad, financed by Texas A&M University (TAMU, USA)
- Student Development from Jazan University (Saudi Arabia)

STUDENT mobility
In 2014-15, the number of Erasmus students sent abroad was a total of 460 students, while the number of students that attended UCLM from other countries was 832. These figures are projected to continue to growing in the coming years.

In addition to this, the number of Leonardo students has been around 14 this year, and the number of visiting students from Latin America has reached over 283.

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TEACHING STAFF mobility
Almost 600 faculty members have benefited from the Erasmus TS programme since 2005-06, 76 of them undertook teaching positions abroad in 2014-15, with the largest number of teaching staff going to Italy.

Alongside other leading universities within Europe, UCLM has provided help in terms of positioning, as well as giving annual grants in order to establish new links with universities in North Africa, the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific. Over 64 complementary activities of this nature were carried out in 2010-2011 alone.

Every year, 25 young researchers from Latin American institutions carry out part of their research in different departments and laboratories thanks to the program that UCLM coordinates with funding from the Bank of Santander.

Linguistic Training
UCLM offers foreign language courses in preparation for all international placements in each of the campuses. In addition to this, courses in Spanish are offered to our international visitors, which have been attended by more than 1,200 students in the last three years.

More than 150 students have completed courses in Chinese language and culture since 2006-07. Arabic, Turkish, Hebrew, French, Italian and German are also offered thanks to the programme “Aprende Lenguas en tu campus” and through the Escuela de Traductores de Toledo.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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**International Student Mobility 2012-2013**

**832 foreign students**

**460 studying abroad**

**3% of students on campus are from other countries**

Courses in Chinese adapted to all levels

Language courses are taught in all campuses

Various subjects taught exclusively in English in undergraduate and master’s degree programmes

Participation in 2 forums, 1 networks, 5 external programmes and 3 UCLM programmes

UCLM awarded an Ad Personam Jean Monnet Chair for the first time from E.U.
RESEARCH

The financing dedicated to research has increased by 53% over the last four years, reaching a total of more than €35 million. Funding for such projects comes from a variety of sources including regional, national and European competitive grants, contracts that the university holds with various companies, and funds that the university itself sets aside for research projects.

Reforms and changes in research policy over the past five years have allowed for greater collaboration with other research institutes. With these links, research can be done either outside the university or within the university itself. Therefore, UCLM’s scientific policy has a two-fold objective:

On one hand, it aims to encourage the specialization and internationalization of groups and centres with a proven track record in basic, experimental research, linked with the strategic priorities of the region. On the other hand, it also seeks to promote research in the fields of humanities and social sciences, as these are considered to be the areas of greatest importance in the interdisciplinary nature of applied research at our University.

An example of how UCLM strives to achieve these aims is the university’s participation in national and regional programmes. These programmes place researchers in highly recognized research institutions as well as bringing research projects to UCLM, such as programmes with Ramon y Cajal Institute, Inrecyct and Innocampus. In addition, there is a consistent research programme funded by the university itself.

UCLM is placed in an excellent position in the main national and international rankings that include R&I indicators. This is due to the support of emergent research groups, the training of our personnel, and the amount of grants given to increase the number of researchers in relevant international institutions. In addition, technical and financial advice is given in order to promote UCLM’s participation in European competitions. Finally, another key factor is the sharing of technology development by UCLM with the public and private sector.

In the 2014 ARWU expanded, UCLM was ranked 757th out of all other universities. Amongst Spanish universities, it ranks 25th out of 83 universities.

Main resources of research in 2014

| European projects | 38 | 1,976,958 € |
| National projects | 306 | 6,843,830 € |
| Regional projects | 219 | 833,080 € |
| R+D+i contracts with firms | 585 | 5,023,076 € |
| Total | 14,676,945 € |

In research at UCLM:

1. The attainment of highly skilled staff in the last fifteen years.
2. Proactive training policies for teachers and researchers, including opportunities to carry out research projects at prestigious international and national research centres.
3. Attainment of the necessary funding for research projects, mainly from the ERDF and from other competitive grants.
4. Good management of research projects.

4 key factors in research at UCLM:

- Patents: 76
- PDI spin-offs: 7
Research centres

Apart from these, UCLM also has a centre for multidisciplinary research: the Institute of Research in Hunting Resources (IREC), as well as other installations and services such as the Centre of Image Research and the Centre of Studies and Documentation of the International Brigades.
Sports Service

There are two main types of activities:

Competitive activities: The internal competitions of each Campus include the Rector’s Trophy, Intercampus competitions, the participation in competitions amongst other universities in Spain (“Championships of Spain”) and other sports pertaining to the Levant Group, which is made up of various universities. In addition to these activities, there is also the “Social Championship of Indoor Soccer” (for TRP and ASP), a fishing contest and a golf trophy.

Recreational activities: These include aerobics, weightlifting, tennis, table tennis, fencing, orientation, hiking, ballroom dancing, yoga, archery, oriental dance, pilates, etc. There are also scholarships and grants for those students wishing to represent our University in the official University Championships of Spain. In addition, the university also provides sponsorship grants for outside sporting events.

Recreational activities:

University Counselling Service (UCS)

This free and confidential service is designed to attend to the psychological needs of students and staff in relation to problems that may arise from adjustment, emotional difficulties, behavioural issues, study-related stress, etc.

Service for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

This service is designed to help students who have a disability or medical condition that may have an impact on their academic studies.

Accommodation

There are residency halls available that are either private of funded by the regional and local governments. In addition, there is a variety of rented accommodation. UCLM has an agreement with the Ministry of Works and Housing to help students find private housing. Accommodation with a host family is also possible.

Library Resources:

Books, Journals, Reading Desks

- Toledo: 2,412,427 books, 256 journals, 1,888 desks
- Albacete: 859,242 books, 327 journals, 1,584 desks
- Cuenca: 199,236 books, 103 journals, 770 desks
- Ciudad Real: 359,894 books, 140 journals, 1,824 desks

Video-Conference Units

- Toledo: 43
- Albacete: 19
- Ciudad Real: 20
- Cuenca: 5

Wireless Networks

- Toledo: 181
- Albacete: 80
- Ciudad Real: 202
- Cuenca: 80

Virtual platforms: E-mail

Cultural activities

There is an intense cultural focus in all of the University’s four campuses. The university continually holds exhibitions, concerts, lecture series, cinema club, and book readings. There are cultural classrooms located on the campus in order to promote cultural activities and the participation of the general public.

Modern Art was a prominent theme of the exhibitions that took place during the course of the 2012-2013 academic year. These were organised in conjunction with entities such as the Columbian Embassy through the Bicentenary Programmes of the UCLM or professional art galleries. Scientific publication and dissemination was another prominent theme, carried out in conjunction with organisations such as the CSIC.

Over recent years, the University has also promoted different concert series. These series have included various genres of easy-listening and classical music. Some of these events have included prize winners of prestigious awards such as “Príncipe de Asturias” and other national awards. The cultural programmes are constantly updated and they are advertised through the internal T.V. channel, as well as in the University’s information points.

Employment and Work Placements in companies

The mission of the Centre for Information and the Promotion of Employment (CIPE) is to:

- facilitate our graduates’ professional development
- help to improve employment prospects by providing career counseling and training.
- setting up initiatives focused on bringing companies and students together
- and following the professional development of our graduates.

Through the Programme of Educational Cooperation, UCLM aims to assist the practical training of our graduates.

The following services are also available to students:

1. University Ombudsman
2. Promotional offers and discounts
3. Students association and representation
4. Charitable and voluntary work
5. Student mail box
The buildings and artefacts held by the UCLM mainly come from Toledo, Cuenca, and Ciudad Real, but also Albacete, Talavera and Almadén. They date back to the 15th, 16th and 18th centuries. In addition, other properties and artefacts have been acquired through direct purchase or private donations.

Our unique buildings are a testimony of the Spanish History. All of them have been renovated over the years, but have always maintained their charm with the purpose of housing the educational and research activity of UCLM.

Good examples of these are the former convents of San Pedro Martir and Madre de Dios; the Palace of Cardinal Lorenzana; the Weapon’s Factory, in Toledo; the Casa de la Caridad (the current headquarters of the Rector’s Office in Ciudad Real); or the former Convicts’ Jail in the School of Mining in Almadén.

In addition, there is a large collection of important paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings and other historical items of interest at UCLM.
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