

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Academic year 2020-2021 at the Complutense University of Madrid MOBILITY PROGRAMS: Erasmus+ - International Agreement

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS:

General academic recommendations:

In relation to international Erasmus students, students arriving through bilateral agreements and visiting students, the UCM announces that it is maintaining the **decision to receive the next course to all those who wish to enroll in it**. However, in view of the uncertainties related to COVID-19, certain indications and measures of prudence should be taken into account. **The next course will almost certainly not be the same as those of previous years.**

- Those students for whom the arrival date is not a problem **should preferably register in the second semester**.
- The official **start date for the 2020/2021 academic year is 28 September 2020**. **However**, students **should check the specific start date** of the studies for which they have been admitted at the **Mobility Offices of the Faculty** in which they are going to register.
- In relation to the development of the courses, they must also **consult with the Mobility Office of the Faculty** the educational format that they are going to offer, which can be face-to-face, blended or virtual, depending on the specific recommendations of each Faculty, as well as ensure that it will be possible to carry out curricular activities of a practical nature that are included in the course.
- The teaching received in a form other than the face-to-face one **has the same academic value** as if it had been carried out face-to-face.
- In addition to the above, it must be taken into account that **some centres**, due to the specificity of their teachings, and to guarantee the health of all, **will not offer places for mobility students in the first quarter of the next academic year**. The Faculty of **Medicine**, the Faculty of **Nursing, Physiotherapy and Chiropody**, and the Faculty of **Dentistry** have already announced that they will not be receiving students in the first semester.
- However, **the initial conditions for mobility will be adapted** if there is a change of scenario, which may be more or less favourable, depending on the evolution of the pandemic. In any case, the UCM will ensure the continuity of the academic activities and the evaluation of these with all the quality guarantees, as well as the security of the participants.
- If face-to face classes begin in September and the student has any difficulty in travelling on the scheduled start date, the Faculties will do their best to make the start more **flexible**, looking for the most suitable alternative until the student can join the classes in person. Being this the case, they must consult the Mobility Office of the Faculty in which they were enrolled.

Specific academic recommendations:

- Before starting the mobility, it is recommended that the students should contact the Mobility Office of the Faculty in which they will register:
<https://www.ucm.es/oficinaserasmus>

Recommendations of a practical nature:

- Students should purchase an appropriate health/travel insurance making sure that it covers the contingency of contagion in the event of a pandemic, to ensure adequate medical care during their stay in Spain.
- In case a visa is required, students should contact the corresponding Spanish Consulate well in advance, as procedures may be delayed due to circumstances. The UCM will provide the required letter of invitation and will support the visa process, if necessary.
- Equally important is the hiring of suitable accommodation. The UCM has an agreement with the following accommodation search platforms, with benefits for students enrolled at our University:
<https://www.ucm.es/english/housing-agencies>
- Concerning the trip to Madrid, it is recommended that students should consult with the airline company the conditions of flight changes or refund, in case that, for some circumstance, there was some anticipated return or cancellation.
- Once in Spain, students should register in their country's Embassy or Consulate.
- The UCM will continuously review the health and safety protocols recommended by the Spanish health authorities for the duration of the pandemic declaration and will inform all those students who join their classes in September.
- For incidents, queries or practical questions that are not reflected in this document, students can contact the International Relations Office or the Mobility Offices of the corresponding Faculty at the following addresses:
 - International Relations Office:
 - Erasmus+ with Program Countries: rrinter@ucm.es
 - Erasmus+ with Associated Countries: epsocio@ucm.es
 - International Agreements: conveniosin@rect.ucm.es
 - Faculty Mobility Offices: <https://www.ucm.es/oficinaserasmus>