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Welcome to the University of Granada!

The fact that you have opened this handbook means that you have already considered the University of Granada (UGR) for your study or research period abroad, which fills us with great pride. The UGR is one of Spain's and Europe's top universities, with a long-standing tradition in international higher-education co-operation. It offers one of the largest programmes of undergraduate and postgraduate studies, as well as being particularly active in research and social commitment projects.

This International Student Handbook will give you an insight into our university - a well-established top-quality institution, proud of its history and fully-committed to a brilliant future. You will also gain useful information about the city of Granada and the UGR to help you prepare your stay and academic programme with us.

We look forward to seeing you in Granada!

Dorothy Kelly, Vice-Rector for International Relations and Development Cooperation of University of Granada



The University of Granada:

500 years of history

The founding of the University of Granada was granted by Papal Bull, issued in 1531, establishing a Christian university to follow in the stead of the, until then, Islamic Madrassa, dating from 1349. Indeed, the site of the Arab university is now occupied by the UGR and part of the original construction can still be seen. Since then, the UGR – drawing on its historical roots – has gradually grown and developed into what it has become today: a public higher-education institution that is committed to quality and excellence in the areas of teaching, learning and research. In line with this, the university has, throughout its history, become increasingly active in the transfer of scientific, technical and artistic knowledge, social advancement, sustainable development and, above all, internationalization.

World ranking

Numerous national and international ranking agencies that evaluate higher education teaching and research have placed the UGR among the top universities in Spain, as well as including it within the top 3% of the best higher education institutions worldwide. Indeed, according to the Shanghai ranking, the UGR appears as one of the world's top 500 universities.









Linking Past, Present and Future

The UGR today

Over the past decade or so, the University of Granada has grown in size and stature more than ever before. It is not only one of Spain's top universities, but is also a major actor in the area of higher education both in Europe and Latin America. There are currently seven university campuses, in addition to the "Central Campus", which takes in all the UGR premises spread throughout the city centre of Granada. Two of the campuses are those of Ceuta and Melilla, which are Spanish enclaves located on the coast of northern Africa. The study programmes available at the UGR are among the most extensive in Europe, which helps to explain our high student numbers: around 65,000, of which some 10,000 are international students. The UGR is involved in a wide range of international projects and networks, as well as in innumerable internationally-renowned exchange programmes, thanks to the long list of co-operation partners it has throughout the world.

Internacionalization

As a truly cosmopolitan institution, the UGR places great emphasis on actively participating in all initiatives that contribute towards its international dimension. For this reason, one of the UGR's strategic hubs for development and growth is a reinforced internationalization that affects all aspects of the university: study programmes, research, services, students and staff.









Quality

1. The UGR, one of the best universities in Europe, is internationally renowned for quality in all aspects of university life: teaching, research, culture and services.

International experience

- **2.** The UGR is the European HE institution that both sends and receives most students within the LLP/Erasmus Programme. In 2007, our university was awarded the *Erasmus Gold Star* for this very reason.
- **3.** The UGR has both a long-standing tradition and well-established experience in running and co-ordinating academic and institutional co-operation projects within the framework of international programmes. Our university is currently involved in over 60 international co-operation projects, 16 of which are co-ordinated by the UGR.



4. The UGR is a welcoming cosmopolitan university, where you can continue your studies in an atmosphere of diversity, equality and tolerance. In fact, 10% of UGR students are not of Spanish origin.

A wide range of HE, Academic and Research Programme

- **5.** The UGR offers a wide range of internationally-focused academic programmes, which are quality-controlled and in touch with the times. These include 7 double-degree programmes 4 of which are international and joint degrees that are available to over 65,000 UGR students.
- 6. For 2012/13, you can follow 65 undergraduate courses, covering all areas of knowledge: Experimental Sciences, Health Sciences, Social and Legal Sciences, Technical and Engineering Studies, Humanities, etc. There are also 89 Official Master's Programmes, including: 3 Erasmus Mundus Programmes (one of which is given totally in English); 7 Official Bilingual Master's Programmes (Spanish-English); 3 Master's Programmes taught in English; 35 Doctoral Programmes; 166 UGR Programmes; over 35 summer courses and more than 133 online courses.
- **7.** If you successfully finish any of our academic programmes, you will be ensured of excellent job possibilities, since UGR graduates are highly considered on the job market.



15 Reasons for studying at the UGR

- **8.** As a UGR student, you can also take classes in Spanish and/or other foreign languages. You'll be part of the 10,000-plus students that register every year for the language courses offered by the UGR's Centro de Lenguas Modernas. The UGR is also privileged to have agreements with the Confucius Institute, the Al-babtain Chair in Arabic Studies and the Russkij Mir Institute, offering courses in Chinese, Arabic and Russian, respectively.
- **9.** The UGR is internationally renowned for the excellence of its research projects in many fields. Over 400 research groups work in all fields of scientific knowledge, in collaboration with other national and international teams, all of which are leaders in their particular area. Thus, the UGR is at the forefront of research in a whole range of fields.

Quality services

10. The UGR provides quality in all the services it offers to all members of the university community: accommodation, library network, refectories, assistance for the disabled, centre for learning problems, sports and student services, to name but a few.

University, city and surroundings

11. The UGR and the city of Granada are as one. The university's campuses and centres – along with over 65,000 students – are located throughout the city, giving Granada a unique student atmosphere.

12. Granada, a safe modern city, has the added advantage of its location, half-way between the sea and the mountains. The Mediterranean coast – with a subtropical climate – is a 40-minute drive away, and visiting the Sierra Nevada Ski Resort will only take you 30 mins. by car.

Granada will enchant you...

13. Granada is famous for many reasons: history, culture, monuments and its university. The city's natural charm, along with all the cultural and recreational activities on offer, make it a great place to study and to discover its enchantment

Out and about in Granada — Cost of living

14. The city is full of culture: there are annual festivals covering flamenco, jazz, tango, theatre, magic, music, dance, comics, cinema, poetry, etc. Spanish cuisine is internationally renowned for its quality and variety. On top of this, Granada is well-known for its tapas, as well as being one of the cheapest cities, both in Spain and Europe, to live as a student.

Solidarity and the environment

15. One of the pillars on which the UGR is based is that of solidarity and commitment to the environment. The Centre for University Development Cooperation (CICODE) provides access for students to participate in programmes aimed at development co-operation and training in areas concerning the less-developed communities around our planet.





Mi estancia en la UGR ha sido una experiencia muy positiva. Recomiendo la UGR tanto por la calidad de su oferta académica como por hallarse en una de las ciudades más bonitas del mundo

Valentino Addari (Italia)

A day at the UGR

Attend classes at one of the UGR's 7 campuses (5 in the city itself, plus two more, in the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla). You'll be asked to prepare seminars and reports for your continuous evaluation at the UGR. You'll be using the UGR's excellent laboratories and forming part of research groups. There's a whole network of libraries available, some of which offer round-the-clock study facilities during mid-term and final exam periods Learn other languages via the UGR's Centro de Lenguas Modernas, the Confucius Institute or the Russkij Mir Centre. The university's cultural centre, Casa de Porras, gives students the chance to follow cultural activities alongside their academic study programme. After class, you can meet up with your classmates to have lunch or dinner at one of the UGR's refectories. Every student has his/her own needs, and the UGR tries to cover them via its accommodation service, offering everything from places in university halls of residence to student flats around the city. All UGR premises and surrounding grounds provide free WiFi access so that students can connect to the university website or their personal accounts. Want to ski, swim, play tennis...? The UGR's sports service can give you this, and more. As a registered UGR student, you can apply for volunteer activities. If you like music or acting, why not apply to join the UGR's orchestra or theatre groups? Make the most of all these things. They're there for you!



Education that provides both innovation and quality

The UGR offers a wide range of quality-assessed under-graduate and post-graduate programmes in virtually all fields of study, some of which are given bilingually (Spanish-English) or solely in English. Some 70,000 students have chosen the UGR as their centre of higher education. There are close to 70 undergraduate programmes, over 90 Master's courses and 35 PhD study programmes.

Information on academic fees can be found at: http://secretariageneral.ugr.es/pages/tablon/*/noticias/2012/07/20/normativa200712



What Undergraduate Courses can I follow at the UGR?

For a rundown of undergraduate courses, go to:

- http://estudiaengranada.ugr.es
- http://grados.ugr.es

For information on international double-degree programmes, go to:

• http://internacional.ugr.es

What Master's programmes are available?

For a list of Master's studies, consult:

- http://estudiaengranada.ugr.es
- http://masteres.ugr.es

For all information on Master's Programmes at the UGR, go to:

http://escuelaposgrado.ugr.es

And if I want a PhD (Doctoral) Course?

For a list of PhD programmes, go to:

http://doctorados.ugr.es

For all information on PhD Programmes at the UGR, go to:

http://escuelaposgrado.ugr.es







At the **forefront** of **research**



International Campus of Excellence (ICE)

http://biotic.ugr.es

This is a project based on 4 major strategic areas in which the UGR is a major player at an international level: Bio-Health; Information and Communication Technologies; Earth Systems; Heritage and Culture. The project itself is a strategic alliance formed by the University of Granada, the Higher Council for Scientific Research and the Health-Science Technology Park.

Office for Research Transfer (OTRI)

http://otri.ugr.es

Promoting interaction/collaboration between the UGR's R+D+I projects and the private sector. The OTRI promotes and helps establish links for the production, transfer and implementation of research project results. The UGR is also increasingly more involved in the international dissemination of its research findings. One of our university's main goals is to become ever more in touch with international markets and countries around the world.

For students, the OTRI promotes an enterprising culture, helping you to develop your own projects, as well as widening your professional outlook, using the scientific and technical knowledge obtained both within and outside an academic environment.





Research Institutes

http://www.ugr.es/pages/institutos_centros

The global increase in the publication of scientific research results means that the UGR has become one of the top European universities, with over 400 research groups investigating in all fields of knowledge.

Scientific Instrumentation Centre (SIC)

http://cic.ugr.es

Houses the main equipment needed for research in such areas a bio-medicine, chemistry or materials. Some of its installations or instruments are unique, such as the cell-line bank or the ionic microsound – the only one in southern Europe, which allows the dating of micrometric pieces of rock or minerals with great precision.

Health-Sciences Technology Park (HTP)

http://www.ptsgranada.com

The HTP Granada has grown into the first technology park in Spain, and one of the few in the world, specialising in health. It is a unique project that, backed by the UGR, provides an optimum environment for the creation, implementation and expansion of teaching, research and healthcare centres, as well as for technological and services companies. New bio-health faculties, centres of research excellence, an internationally-renowned university hospital and over 60 firms currently form what the HTP is today.



UGR-Corporate Sector General Foundation

http://fundacionugrempresa.es/

This is a privately-managed not-for-profit body, created to encourage and develop co-operation between the UGR and the firms and organisations – both private and public – in areas of R+D+I, training, promoting business initiatives and employment.



UniversityLife

The UGR has state-of-the-art premises, numerous student resources and top-quality services

UGR-wide Wi-Fi Online Access, which gives you free access to the UGR's computer network from any of the university's campuses or premises.

UGR-wide Library Service, available at all university centres, where you can access services such as: loan of documents and laptops, information, computer access to different bibliographic and document services, access to the UGR Wi-Fi network, reproduction and consultation of documents, as well as electronic access to thousands of highly prestigious international journals and databases. http://biblioteca.ugr.es



The *Sports Activities Centre* offers you the opportunity to practise all kinds of sports activities: athletics, swimming, mountain climbing, skiing, hill walking, cycling, canoeing, etc. It also boasts top-quality sports facilities and organises all kinds of courses and sports competitions throughout the academic year.

http://www.cadugr.es

If you have any physical disability or learning difficulties, the *Student Assistance Service* can guide you as regards the different programmes, rights and social resources you can access.

http://ve.ugr.es/pages/sae/atencion social

The *Accommodation Service* will help you find lodgings in Granada: university residences, apartments, rooms, student halls, accommodation with elderly people or families, hostels, cheap hotels, etc.

http://estudiantes.ugr.es/alojamientos3/

Buddy Programme (Programa Mentor), the aim is to help international students with their cultural, academic and language integration at the UGR.

http://internacional.ugr.es - "Estudiantes Internacionales"







Centre for Employment Promotion and Work Placements: If you're interested in working while you study, this centre has a professional Information and Orientation Service geared towards joining the job market. Furthermore, the centre handles and advertises job offers and work placements.

http://cpep.ugr.es

The *Student Assistance Service* helps to solve different problems that can affect students during their stay at the UGR. http://ve.ugr.es/pages/sae

The *General Information Office* handles the information requests from anyone interested in our university. (+34) 958 243 137 - ventanillainfove@ugr.es

Guidance and Counselling Service, where students can receive advice on difficulties of an academic, vocational or psychological nature, as well as take part in workshops or apply for individual counselling.

http://www.ugr.es/local/ve/gpp

Scholarship Service. In addition to the grants and scholarships from other national and international bodies, the UGR runs its own scholarship programme with a range of study grants. http://ve.ugr.es/pages/becas

E-Administration, a system allowing students to carry out different administrative processes online, from any computer.

http://www.ugr.es/pages/administracion/registro

As a UGR student, you will have access to a *wide and participative programme of cultural and leisure activities* a través del Centro Cultural "Casa de Porras", que mantiene una intensa actividad cultural a través de talleres, exposiciones, conciertos, tertulias y conferencias.

http://www.ugr.es/local/ccucp/

Linea de atención al estudiante de la UGR: 900 10 17 72. Esta línea ofrece, a través de una llamada gratuita desde cualquier operador, información de interés para los estudiantes de la UGR

http://ve.ugr.es/pages/sipe/linea900

Elvira, the UGR's virtual assistant. This is a web service providing information on the university's services, managing and governing bodies, academic posts, studies, administrative processes and activities. http://tueris.ugr.es/elvira/

International Student Associations. There are a number of these associations, whose job is to help with the integration of students of any nationality, through trips, exchanges, cultural events and many activities more. http://www.esngranada.org - http://wdb.ugr.es/~aegee/cms/







Other learning resources

International School for Postgraduate Studies

http://escuelaposgrado.ugr.es

If you're thinking of following postgraduate studies at our university, here you can receive an advanced training, allowing you to specialize academically or professionally. You can also begin a career in research.



E-Learning Centre (CEVUG)

http://cevug.ugr.es

In order to complete your academic training, this centre offers a wide range of online services: academic subjects, complementary courses and Master's courses, partially or fully online. Furthermore, you can take part in international projects, among which are those supporting the physical mobility of Erasmus students (http://www.mobi-blog.eu) or virtual mobility (http://www.movinter.eu).

Modern Languages Centre (CLM)

http://www.clm-granada.es

If, once in Granada, you wish to study languages, you may be interested in the courses offered by the UGR's Modern Languages Centre: Spanish courses for foreigners (Hispanic Studies Course, Spanish Language and Culture Course, Intensive Spanish Language Courses and Intensive Spanish Language and Culture Courses) or courses in foreign languages (English, French, Italian, German, Arabic, Chinese, Modern Greek, Japanese, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian and Swedish).



Confucius Institute

http://institutoconfucio.ugr.es

This is one of three such centres existing in Spain and its main objective is to promote the study of Chinese language and culture, as well as developing those related activities, through language and culture courses at different levels, film nights, seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.

UGR Summer School (Centro Mediterráneo)

http://www.ugr.es/local/cm

This centre organises an extensive range of summer courses covering all disciplines and subject areas, which are taught in a number of locations (Almuñécar, Granada, Guadix and Sierra Nevada).

Permanent Open Education Centre

http://www.ugr.es/local/aulaperm

This is a UGR initiative put in place to cover the educational demands of the over-50s, allowed to enrol at the UGR with no other requisite than that of having turned 50.





Granada, a privileged **enclave**

One of the city of Granada's outstanding features is as a tourist destination, which makes it ideal not only for studying, but also for tourism. Located in eastern Andalusia, in southern Spain, the city has one of the greatest cultural heritages in the country. In addition to the world-famous Alhambra and the Arab quarter of the Albayzin (both of which have World Heritage status from the UNESCO), Granada also has a Renaissance cathedral, dating back to the 16th century. Many other historic monuments are dotted around the city.





Another of Granada's defining characteristics is as a "University City", which turns it into a vibrant place. Likewise, Granada is a safe modern city, located in privileged surroundings: only 60 km from the tropical climate of the Mediterranean coast and at the foot of the Sierra Nevada, a mountain range that rises up to 3,400 m above sea level and which is home to the southernmost ski resort in Europe.



Granada City Council tourist information: http://www.granadatur.com

Sierra Nevada: http://www.sierranevadaski.com

Visits to the Alhambra: http://www.alhambra-patronato.es







Get to know Granada Province

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Here's the official tourism website for Granada Province: http://www.turgranada.es



The 13,000 square kilometres of the province of Granada contain an amazing number and variety of tourist attractions. At any time of the year, visitors can choose from a multitude of ways in which to fill their leisure time: visiting historic and artistic monuments, spending the night at the small hotels in the many villages dotted along the byways and tracks that form a rural tourism network spanning the hills and mountains, skiing or taking part in the other sports on offer at the ski resort, as well as other open-air activities, or just relaxing on the beach down by the coast

For those who prefer the peace of the countryside to the bustle of city life, there are six nature reserves, including the Sierra Nevada National Park. The foothills to the south of the Sierra Nevada, known as the Alpujarras, are speckled with villages dating back to the Middle Ages. With its dramatic scenery, benign climate and complete peace and quiet, visitors often find it difficult to leave. Further inland, the area of the Marquesado and the high meseta provide landscapes in stark contrast to those of the Alpujarras. And in the westernmost parts of the province there are still many interesting ruins from the times of the Muslim kingdom and its fortresses, when this was the frontier between Granada and the historically Christian provinces further west.









Free time and tourist information

The city of Granada has an extensive cultural agenda, open to its most important guests: its university students

After centuries of cultural importance, Granada still has an enviable agenda of cultural and free-time activities. Film, music or theatre programmes and festivals are organised alongside permanent and temporary exhibitions that cover all fields of knowledge. Ancient Renaissance palaces house seminars, conferences and talks, while the most innovative infrastructures can be used for major events. There are three auditoria that run year-round programmes of theatre, opera, concerts, flamenco, etc. and the prestigious Granada City Orchestra has a calendar of concerts in the Manuel de Falla auditorium.









The International Jazz Festival (October), the International Festival of Magic (November), the International Festival of Music and Dance (June/July), the International Film Festival (June), the International Tango Festival (March), the International Week of Organ Music (October and December), the International Show of Comics (Feb./March), the International Festival of Young Film-makers (April) and the Festival of Film Classics (January) are just some examples of this cultural activity that goes on throughout Granada the whole year round.







Acces to the UGR as an international student

To come to the UGR as a student,

you have the following possibilities:

As an official student

- For undergraduate studies:
 Contact the UGR Student Services:
 http://serviciodealumnos.ugr.es
- For postgraduate studies (Master's and Doctoral courses):

Contact the International School for Postgraduate Studies: http://escuelaposgrado.ugr.es

As an exchange student

• LLP/Erasmus students:

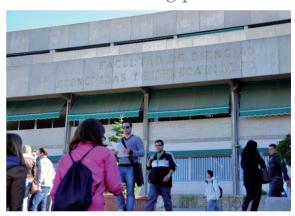
To carry out an Erasmus mobility at the UGR, you must ensure that there is a bilateral agreement signed between the Faculty/School of your home university and a Faculty/School at the UGR.

Online applicaion period:

- From 1st May to 15th June (for 1st semester or full academic year).
- From **1st to 31st October** (for 2nd semester).

Instructions and online application:

http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/perfiles/estudiantes/estudiantes_int



• Students from outside the EU (non-Erasmus bilateral agreements):

As a student from a non-EU or associated country, you can study at the UGR for a semester or a full year within the framework of a specific student exchange agreement signed between the home university and the UGR.

Online application period:

- From **1st March to 28th April** (for 1st semester or full academic year).
- From **1st to 31st October** (for 2nd semester).

Online application period:

http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/perfiles/estudiantes/estudiantes_int



As a free mobility student

If there is no specific student exchange agreement between the home university and the UGR, you can still carry out a Free Mobility with us. This format implies having to pay the corresponding academic fees at the UGR (the same as those for official UGR students).

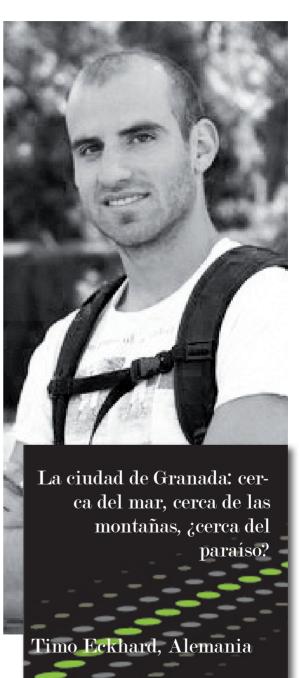
Online application period:

- From **18th April to 9th May** (for 1st semester or full academic year).
- From **15th October to 5th November** (for 2nd semester).

Instructions and online application:

http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/perfiles/estudiantes/estudiantes_int











How do I get to **Granada**?

By Air

Granada International Airport "Federico García Lorca" is located 15 km. from the city, along the A-92 motorway, near the town of Chauchina.

(+34) 958 245 000 / 223 y 902 400 500

http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aero puerto-Federico-Garcia-Lorca-Granada-Jaen/es/ AIRLINES

AIR EUROPA	+34 902 401 501	www.aireuropa.com
AIR NOSTRUM	+34 902 400 500	www.airnostrum.es
HISPANIA AIRWAYS	+34 958 109 990	hispania-airways.com
IBERIA	+34 902 400 500	www.iberia.es
ORBEST	+34 902 702 525	www.orbest.com
SERVISAIR	+34 915 550 524	www.servisair.com
TRANSAVIA.COM	+34 902 044 350	www.transavia.com
VUELING AIRLINES	+34 933 787 878	www.vueling.es

To reach Granada city from the airport, there is a shuttle service. An alternative to the bus shuttle is to take a taxi.

• Bus stop: outside the Arrivals zone

Price: €3

• More information: http://www.aena.es

An alternative to the bus shuttle is to take a taxi.

• Taxi rank: outside the Arrivals zone

Price: between 25€ and 30€

By train

The railway station is very close to the city centre: Avenida de Andaluces s/n, 18014 Granada (+34) 958 204 000 / (+34) 902 240 202 (national bookings)

(+34) 934 901 122 (international bookings) atencionviajero@renfe.es http://www.renfe.es

By coach

The coach station is located at Carretera de Jaén s/n 18014 Granada. There are services to and from all the major Andalusian capitals, as well as with other Spanish cities, such as Madrid, Barcelona or Valencia. (+34) 958 185 480

ALSA is the main coach company operating in and out of Granada (http://www.alsa.es)

By road

The A-92 links Granada to Sevilla in two and a half hours, and to Malaga in an hour and a half, making Granada an ideal starting point from which to visit Andalusia.



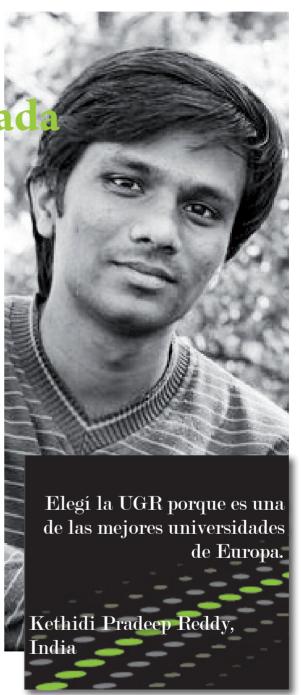
Cost of **living** in **Grana**

The city of Granada is considered one of the cheapest cities to live as a student both in Spain and Europe. Evidently, the cost of living will depend on each student's lifestyle, but it will range from $\mathfrak{C}550$ to $\mathfrak{C}650$ a month.

As a guide, here are some estimations of the cost of living for some basic necessities:

- Living in a shared apartment (bills included) can range from €200 to €250 per person per month.
- Eating a full meal at the university refectory costs €3,50 it you have it there and €4 if you use their take-away service.
- A single-journey bus ticket costs €1,20 and €0,50 if you use the student bus-card.











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