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# **WELCOME**

to the University of the Basque Country

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f you are reading this manual, you are probably considering (or have already decided) to visit the University of the Basque Country.

Thank you for choosing us!

This handbook aims to answer to your questions before and during your stay among us. Don't hesitate to contact us, should you need further advice after reading this text.

Our university is an open and inclusive institution; we receive over 1,400 international visitors every year. We would like your stay at the University of the Basque Country to be an academically fruitful and personally unforget-table experience.

A of us at the h ternational Relations Office wish you a warm welcome; we hope to live up to your expectations.



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# The University of the Basque Country

Bb lic institution, promoter of social cohesion through educational equity.

Strongly committed to research, intelectual leadership and social engagement.

Custodians of Euskara, the only pre hdo -European language still alive in Europe.

Undergraduate, master degrees and doctoral studies available in all areas of knowledge.

English steadily increasing as a language of instruction.

The Basque Country: natural paradise & distinct culture.



## 1.1. Our campuses

## 1.1.1. Campus of Araba

Our smallest campus hosts 7 faculties very centrally located in the city.

#### Vitoria-Gasteiz

The administrative capital of the Basque Country has over 230,000 inhabitants. Its vast green areas and the low carbon footprint of locals made it possible for Vitoria-Gasteiz to have been designated 'European Green Capital' in past years.

Vitoria-Gasteiz stands on a historical pathways intersection; one of the Saint James´ Way routes crosses the city centre and its almond shaped old district is just gorgeous. You will be able to visit the restoration works at Santa María cathedral, main inspiration for Ken Follett´s 'A world without end'. If you enjoy Modern Art, Artium museum will surely be your first choice. The local patroness festivities, 'La Virgen Blanca', and many other cultural and entertaining events taking place throughout the year will help you enjoy even more living in this pleasant and comfortable city.

The province of Araba boasts a large number of archaeological sites and other remarkable monuments. You will also have many chances of visiting this region while walking in woods and natural parks. Not far from Vitoria-Gasteiz you will find trekking trails, mountain bike routes, water sports options and paragliding clubs.

## How to get there



 The city airport (called Foronda) is located 9 km from Vitoria city centre.
 Taxis make the trip to the city for approximately 15 euros. Spanish Airport Authority, AENA. RyanAir and AirNostrum airlines fly to this airport. Several buses (3-euro fares) depart from the airport to the city centre (30 minutes later than RyanAir flights landing time) and from the city centre (Cadena y Eleta street) to the airport (2 hours prior to RyanAir flights departure time).



• If you fly to Bilbao-Loiu airport (aena-aeropuertos.es): Buses run every 30 minutes from the airport to TERMIBUS bus station. Take a bus to Vitoria-Gasteiz from this terminal. Check frequencies and running hours at autobuseslaunion.com. Last bus at weekdays is around 10 pm and earlier at weekends!



 Flights from several European capitals arrive in Santander-Seve Ballesteros airport (aena-aeropuertos.es): Buses run daily from here to Bilbao Termibus station. Check frequencies at alsa.es.



 If you are flying to Iruña-Pamplona (60 km away from Vitoria-Gasteiz) with Lufthansa or AirNostrum, take the A bus line to the city centre (LÍNEA A: estaciones y aeropuerto)

For further details on Vitoria-Gasteiz, feel free to visit the following websites:

www.euskadi.net/turismo www.alavaturismo.com/es/index.php www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/turismo





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- ---- Bidegorria / Bike lane

# Campus of Araba



## 1.1.2. Campus of Biscay

A total of 9 Faculties make up our biggest campus. Engineering and Economic studies are taught in central Bilbao, while the rest of faculties are located in our Leioa university complex (15 kms. From downtown Bilbao).

#### Bilbao

The biggest city in the Basque Country stretches along the estuary of river Nervión, 11 km inland from the Gulf of Biscay. t is the financial capital of the region and has around 370,000 inhabitants.

The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao (Frank O. Gehry, 1997) gave rise to a new beginning for a formerly industrial city submerged in the 1980's recession. From the moment this winding titanium structure opened to the general public, the most renowned architects and designers have worked in Bilbao: Sir Iman Foster, Zaha Hadi d, Santiago Calatrava, Javier Mariscal...The upturn undergone by the city has led to Bilbao being granted prestigious architecture and city planning awards.

P ople in Bilbao are friendly, optimistic and good tempered; the vibrant cultural life of the

city turns, at dusk, into a varied, pepped nightlife. A visit to the local 'cathedral', the Athletic Football Club stadium, the '7 streets' section and Bizkaia suspended bridge (a century old Unesco W rld Heritage site) are a must for every visitor.

## How to get there



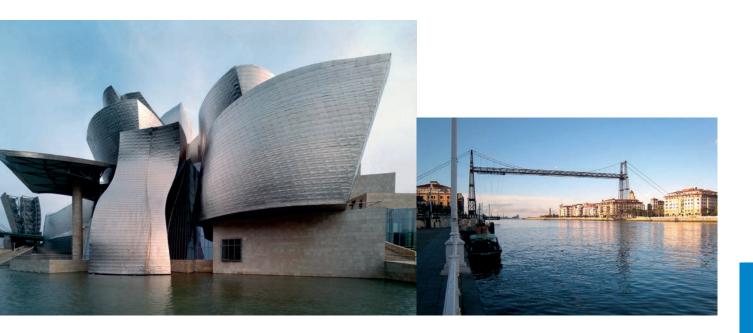
• Bilbao airport (Loiu) is approximately 10 km away from the city (aena-aeropuertos.es). Outside the arrivals lounge, buses run every 15 minutes to the city centre (6.15 am to 11.15 pm). The line terminates at the local bus station, TERMIBUS. From here, you can walk or take the metro almost everywhere in the city.

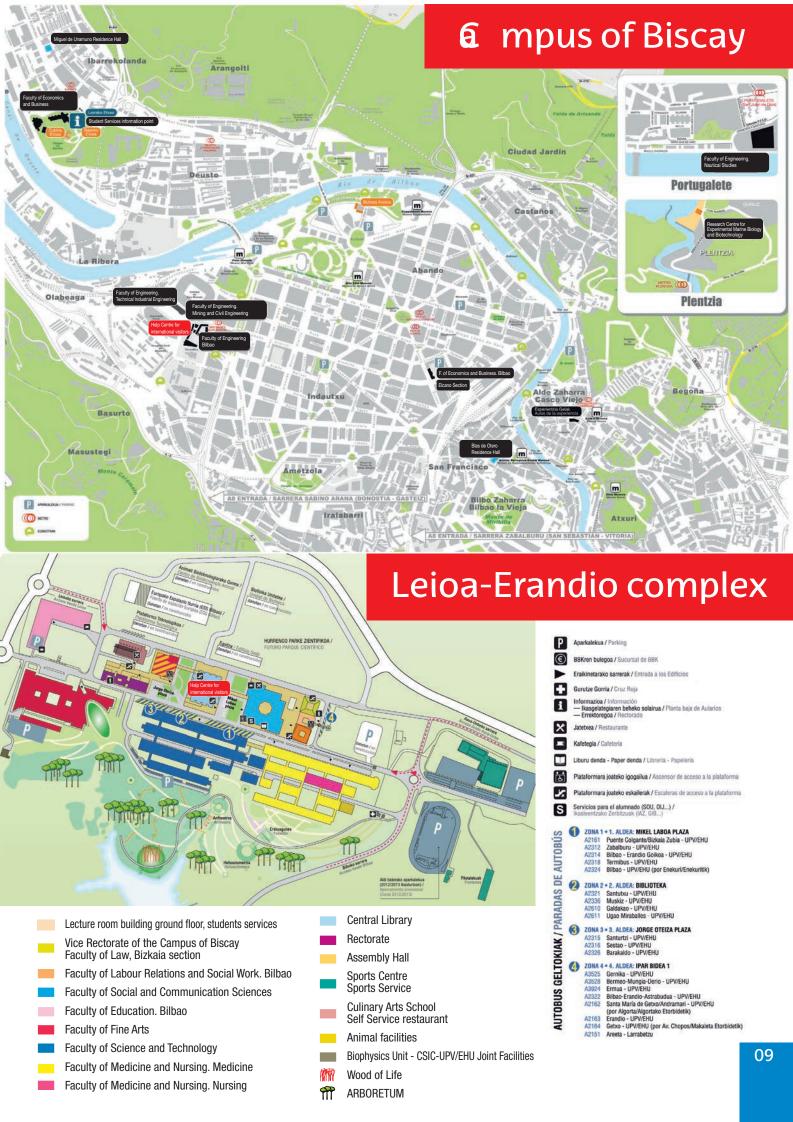


 The central railway station, Abando, is connected to several international railway routes.

Further details are to be found in these websites:

www.euskadi.net# urismo www.bilbao.net/bilbaoturismo





## 1.1.3. Campus of Gipuzkoa

It is composed of 9 Faculties; while the vast majority is located in Donostia-San Sebastián, we have an Engineering section in Eibar (40 km South-East from San Sebastián).

#### Donostia-San Sebastián

Donostia-San Sebastián, the capital of Gipuzkoa, is a small city with a population of 180,000. It stretches around the 'Concha' bay and is a popular tourist destination. Donostia has recently become a well-liked surfing spot and Zurriola beach is always full of waves enthusiasts. The city is just 20 km from the French border (Hendaye is the closest French town), so it is very easy to visit the French Basque Country.

Besides its natural beauty, the city enjoys a busy cultural life (Jazz Festival, h ternational Film Festival...), countless sports activities and traditions. All of this summed up for the city to have been designated Eur opean Capital of Culture 2016.

Cuisine is a cornerstone of Basque culture: meals are the key element at every celebration. First class products (vegetables grown by local producers, a significant fishing sector and excellent meat) together with our long-established love for gastronomy, result in eye-catching counters full of tapas (locally known as 'pint-xos') in every bar around the city and several Michelin starred restaurants.

#### How to get there



San Sebastián airport (aena-aeropuertos.es): 20 kilometres from the city. Due to its small size, only a few domestic flights land here. Flying fares are seldom inexpensive. Several buses link the airport to San Sebastian city centre (Plaza Gipuzkoa). Check running hours at www.aena.es/en/san-sebastian-air-port/public-transport.html

Other nearby airports:



 Bilbao airport (Loiu) is located 10 km from downtown Bilbao. There are also direct buses from Bilbao airport to San Sebastian (1h15minutes). Check frequencies at pesa.net.



• Biarritz airport (in France www.biarritz.aeroport.fr): Located 50 minutes from San Sebastián. Buses connecting to San Sebastian, pesa.net and conda.es.



• Several TGV lines (Train à Grande Vitesse) link Paris, Bordeaux, Toulouse... to Hendaye railway station. Once here, walk out the SNCF station; to the right you will find EUSKOTREN station, where trains will take you, every 30 minutes, to Donostia-San Sebastián (this train terminates at Amara district – Plaza Easo). This is 40-minute train ride. Check departing times at euskotren.es



 Alvia trains link Madrid & Barcelona to San Sebastian twice a day in slightly more than 5 hours. Details on discounts and frequencies at renfe.es.

Further details at:

www.euskadi.net# urismo www.sansebastianturismo.com www.donostia.org





- 1 Faculty of Education, Philosophy and Anthropology. Teacher Training
- 2 H gher Technical School of Architecture
- 3 Faculty of Economics and Business. San Sebastian
- 4 Faculty of Engineering Gipuzkoa
- 5 Faculty of Psychology
- 6 Faculty of Chemical Sciences
- 7 Faculty of Computer Engineering
- 8 Faculty of Law

- 9 Faculty of Education, Philosophy and Anthropology
- Ignacio María Barriola building, lecture rooms

## Help Centre for international visitors

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## 1.2. Courses catalogue at the University of the Basque Country

## 1.2.1. Undergraduate programmes

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## FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS. VITORIA-GASTEIZ

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• BA in Business Administration and Management

## FACULTY OF ENGINEERING. VITORIA-GASTEIZ

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- Bsc in Automatic and Industrial Electronical Engineering
- Bsc in Computer Management and Information Systems Engineering
- Bsc in Mechanical Engineering
- · Bsc in Chemical Industrial Engineering
- · Bsc in Automotion Engineering

## FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND SPORT. TEACHER TRAINING. VITORIA-GASTEIZ

Juan Ibáñez de Sto. Domingo, 1. 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz www.eb es és és és le es is sle-g steiz

- BA in Nursery Education
- BA in Pa mary Education

## FACULTY OF LABOUR RELATIONS AND SOCIAL WORK. VITORIA-GASTEIZ

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## FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND SPORT. PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS SCIENCE

P rtal de las arte, 71. 01007 Vitoria-Gasteiz www.eb es és w eb rdr a-si ikoa-kr ola BSC in P ysical Education and Sports Science

#### **FACULTY OF PHARMACY**

Rs eo de la Universidad, 7. 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz www.eb es és w ebf armaziafab Itatea

- BSc in Food Science and Technology
- BSc in Environmental Sciences
- Bsc in Pr armacy
- Bsc in Human Nutrition and Diet

### **FACULTY OF ARTS**

Rs eo de la Universidad, 5. 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz www.eb es és w eb/ etrak

- BA in English Studies
- BA in Basque studies
- BA in Pailology (Spanish, French, German & Classical studies)
- BA in Geography and Panning
- BA in H story
- BA in H story of Art
- BA in Translation and Interpreting

## TEACHING UNIT OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND NURSING. VITORIA-GASTEIZ

José Achótegui, sń. 01009 Vitoria-Gasteiz www.eh en és w ebm eilat za-odontoloiga ir ala slat za-nita teala steiz Bsc in Medicine (three last years)

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND NURSING. NURSING, VITORIA-GASTEIZ

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## **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING. BILBAO (Building I)**

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## **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, BILBAO** (Building II)

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- BSc in Environmental Engineering
- BSc in hdus trial Organization Engineering
- BSc in Telecommunications Technology Engineering
- · Bsc in hdus trial Technology Engineering
- BS in Civil Engineering
- BSc in Mining Technology and Energy Engineering
- BSc in Automatic and Industrial Electronical Engineering
- BSc in Computer Management and Information Systems Engineering
- BSc in Mechanical Engineering

## **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING. NAUTICAL STUDIES, BILBAO**

Mará Dázde Hr o, 68. 48920 ₱ rtugalete www.eb .eus/es/web/nautika-itsasontzi-makineria

- Bsc in Marine Science
- Bsc in Nautical Science and Maritime transport

## **FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND NURSING. NURSING, LEIOA**

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- **FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS** Double degree: BSc in Business Administration and Management & b w
  - BSc in Business Administration and Management
  - BSc in Economics
  - BSc in Business administration
  - BSc in Taxation and Bb lic Administration
  - BSc in Marketing

## **FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS, Elcano section**

Elcano, 21. 48008 Bilbao

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## BSc in Business Management

#### **FACULTY OF EDUCATION. BILBAO**

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- BA in Nursery Education
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- BA in Social Education

## **FACULTY OF LABOUR RELATIONS AND SOCIAL WORK, LEIOA**

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#### **FACULTY OF FINE ARTS**

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- BA in Arts
- BA in Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage
- BA in Creative Arts and Design

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#### **FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND NURSING**

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www.eb .eus/es/web/medikuntza-odontologia • BSc in Dentistry

- BSc in Prysiotherapy
- BSc in Medicine

#### **BILBAO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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www.eb .comé**b**br tal.pr tal.action BSc in Management and Business Marketing

## **FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

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- Double Degree: BSc in Physics and Electronic Engineering
- BSc in Biology
- BSc in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- BSc in Biotechnology
- BSc in Prysics
- BSc in Geology
- BSc in Electronic Engineering
- BSc in Chemical Engineering
- BSc in Mathematics
- BSc in Chemistry

## **FACULTY OF SOCIAL** AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCES

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- BA in ₱ litical Science and ₽b lic Management
- BA in Audiovisual Communication
- BA in Journalism
- BA in Advertising and Bb lic Relations
- BA in Sociology

## **FACULTY OF LAW, BISCAY UNIT**

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## TEACHING UNIT OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICI-**NE AND NURSING IN BASURTO HOSPITAL**

Guturbay sh, 48013 Bilbao

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## BSc in Medicine

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## **FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND NURSING.** NURSING, DONOSTIA-SAN SEBASTIÁN

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#### **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING - GIPUZKOA**

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- BSc in Technical Architecture
- BSc in Civil Engineering
- BSc in Electrical Engineering
- BSc in Automatic and Industrial Electronic Engineering
- BSc in Mechanical Engineering

## **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING. TECHNICAL** INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING. EIBAR

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- BSc in Renewable Energies Engineering
- BSc in Automatic and hdus trial Electronic Engineering
- BSc in Mechanical Engineering

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- BA in P mary Education

## **FACULTY OF EDUCATION. PHILOSOPHY** AND ANTHROPOLOGY

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- BA in Social Anthropology
- BA in Social Education

#### **FACULTY OF LAW**

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- BA in Criminology

#### **FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**

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BSc in Computer Engineering

#### **FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY**

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BSc in Medicine (three last years)

## **MACHINE TOOL INSTITUTE (Engineering** School, Elgoibar)

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 BSc in hno vation Engineering in P ocesses and P oducts

## 1.2.2. Postgraduate studies. Official master's degrees

| QUALITY OF LIFE AND HEALTH   | <ul> <li>Forensic Analysis</li> <li>Bb lic Health</li> <li>Healthy Aging and Quality of L fe</li> <li>General Health &amp; ychology</li> </ul>   |
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| BIOMEDICINE                  | <ul> <li>Biomedical Engineering</li> <li>Biomedical Research</li> <li>₱ armacology, Development, Evaluation and Rational Use of Medicines</li> <li>Molecular Biology and Biomedicine № 15%</li> <li>Microbiology and Health</li> <li>Neuroscience</li> </ul>   |
| FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  | <ul><li>Nutrition and Health</li><li>Food Quality and Safety</li><li>hno vative Enology</li></ul>  |
| LAW                          | <ul> <li>Advocacy</li> <li>Fundamental Rights and the Authorities</li> </ul>   |
| SOCIOLOGY OF LAW             | • h ternational Master in Sociology of a w   |
| EDUCATION                    | <ul> <li>₱ ysical Activity and Sport Sciences</li> <li>Multilingualism and Education  \$85%</li> <li>Research in the Socio-Educational Field</li> <li>₱ ychodidactics: ₱ ychology of Education and Specific Didactics</li> <li>Teacher Training for Compulsory Secondary Education, Upper Secondary Education, Vocational Training and Foreigh Language Teaching</li> </ul>    |
| MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS     | <ul> <li>Banking and Quantitative Finances</li> <li>Economics: Empirical Applications and ∂ licies ♣</li> <li>Economics: Economic Analysis Tools</li> <li>Business Management from an hno vation and h ternationalization ∂ rspective</li> <li>Finance and Financial Management</li> <li>Auditing and Advanced Accounting</li> <li>Actuarial and Financial Sciences</li> </ul> |
| JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION | Social Communication     Multimedia Communication U♥   |
| SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | Space Science and Technology   |

| PSYCHOLOGY                             | <ul> <li>Organisational P ychology and P ychosocial<br/>Intervention</li> <li>P ychology: hdi vidual, Group, Organization and<br/>Culture</li> </ul>   |     |
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| SCIENCE POLITICS AND SOCIETY           | <ul> <li>Governance and B litical Studies</li> <li>B rticipation and Community Development</li> <li>Models and Areas of Social Science Research</li> <li>Feminist and Gender Studies</li> <li>h ternational Studies</li> <li>Globalization and Development</li> <li>Social Economy and Solidarity Economy</li> <li>Development and h ternational Cooperation</li> <li>Social Anthropology</li> </ul>   |     |
| HUMAN RESOURCES<br>AND RISK PREVENTION | <ul> <li>Human Resource and Employment Management</li> <li>Safety and Health at ₩ rk</li> </ul>  |     |
| ENVIRONMENT                            | <ul> <li>Environmental Agrobiology</li> <li>Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning and Management</li> <li>Environmental Contamination and Toxicology</li> <li>Quaternary: Environmental Change and Human Ecological Footprint</li> <li>ERASMUS MUNDUS MsC in Marine Environment and Resources- MEREMMC- </li> <li>\(\beta\) ndscape Management, Heritage, \(\beta\) nd and City</li> <li>ERASMUS MUNDUS MSc in Marine Biological Resources</li> </ul> | 70% |
| PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND MATERIALS       | <ul> <li>• Quantum Science and Technology № 85%</li> <li>• Nanoscience №</li> <li>• New Materials</li> <li>• Chemistry and Ø lymers</li> <li>• Synthetic and Industrial Chemistry</li> <li>• Theoretical Chemistry and Computational Modelling</li> </ul>  |     |
| RENEWABLE ENERGIES AND SUSTAINABILITY  | <ul> <li>Research in Energy Efficiency and Sustainability hdus try, Transport, Construction and Town  nning</li> <li>h tegration of Renewable Energy Sources into the Electricity Grid</li> <li>Sustainable Energy Engineering</li> </ul>  |     |
| ARCHITECTURE                           | <ul> <li>Architecture</li> <li>Refurbishment, Ristoration and Integral Management of H storical Constructions</li> </ul>   |     |

#### **ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**

- EUROPA N MASTER h P oject Management, EURO-MM ≥ 30%
- Research in Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Advanced Materials Engineering
- · Renewable Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Control Engineering, Automation and Robotics
- Control in Smartgrids and Distributed Generation
- hdus trial Organization Engineering
- Construction Engineering
- Nautical Engineering and Maritime Transport
- hdus trial Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Transportation systems ¥ 45%
- Materials for energy storage and conversion (to be accredited)

## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

- ERASMUS MUNDUS MSc in Smart Cities and Communities (to be accredited)
- Digital Manufacturing
- a nguage Analysis and Processing
- Mathematical Modelling and Research, Statistics and Computing
- Computational Engineering and Intelligent Systems
- Advanced Electronic Systems
- Embedded Systems Engineering
- Telecommunication Engineering

#### **ARTS**

- Contemporary Technological and Performative Art
- Ceramics: Art and Function
- & inting
- Conservation and Exhibition of Contemporary Art
- Art Research and Creation

#### HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

- Europe and the Atlantic World: Power, Culture and Society
- Contemporary H story
- Prilosophy, Science and Values

## LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

- Language Acquisition in Multilingual Settings (LAMS)
- Cognitive Neuroscience of a nguage
- Basque L nguistics and A ilology
- Comparative L terature and L terary Studies
- Theoretical and experimental linguistics (to be accredited)

# 1.2.3. Master's Degrees taught in Latin America (UPV/EHU postgraduate network IN LA)

- A otovoltaic Devices and Systems A ilosophy in a global world
- Globalization: Social processes and Economic policies
- Mining
- a nguage policies and planning
- Democratic society, State and Right
- Tecnology, e arning processes and Education

## 1.2.4. Postgraduate studies. Doctoral programs

| QUALITY OF LIFE AND HEALTH            | <ul><li>Forensic Analysis</li><li>Bb lic Health</li><li>Medicine and Surgery</li></ul>  |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| BIOMEDICINE                           | <ul> <li>Biomedical Research</li> <li>Research and Evaluation of Drugs. Application of Parmaceutical Technologies to the Development of Advanced Therapies</li> <li>Parmacology</li> <li>Molecular Biology and Biomedicine</li> <li>Immuno logy, Microbiology and Parasitology</li> <li>Neuroscience</li> </ul> |
| FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY           | <ul> <li>Nutrigenomics and P rsonalized Nutrition</li> <li>Food Quality and Safety</li> </ul>   |
| LAW                                   | <ul> <li>Human Rights, Bb lic Authorities and European Union: Bb lic and P vate b w</li> <li>Rethinking Globalization: Challenges and h terdisciplinary Answers</li> </ul>  |
| EDUCATION                             | <ul> <li>Prysical Activity and Sport</li> <li>Prychodidactics: Prychology of Education and Didactics Specific</li> <li>Multilingualism and Education</li> <li>Research in Social and Educational Spheres</li> </ul>   |
| MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS              | <ul> <li>Quantitative Finance and Economics</li> <li>Economic Integration</li> <li>Economics: Economic Analysis Tools</li> <li>Business Management, Knowledge<br/>and hno vation</li> </ul>   |
| JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION          | Social Communication  |
| SCIENCE, POLITICS AND SOCIETY         | <ul> <li>Social, 8 litics and Cultural Studies</li> <li>Models and Areas of Social Science Research</li> <li>Feminist and Gender Studies</li> <li>Development Studies</li> </ul>  |
| PSYCHOLOGY                            | • P ychology  |
| RENEWABLE ENERGIES AND SUSTAINABILITY | <ul> <li>Energy Efficiency and Sustainability in<br/>Engineering and Architecture</li> <li>り wer Systems</li> </ul>   |

| ENVIRONMENT                                 | <ul> <li>Environmental Agrobiology</li> <li>Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning and<br/>Management</li> <li>Environmental Contamination and Toxicology</li> <li>Quaternary: Environmental Change and Human<br/>Ecological Footprint</li> <li>Marine Environment and Resources</li> <li>Scientific Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to<br/>Heritage and Landscape (Scahl)</li> </ul>                  |
|---|--|
| ARCHITECTURE                                | Ristoration of Historical Constructions, Urban<br>Evolution and Refurbishment  |
| PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND MATERIALS            | <ul> <li>Physics</li> <li>Physics of Nanostructures and Advanced<br/>Materials</li> <li>Materials Science and Technology</li> <li>Chemistry and Polymers</li> <li>Synthetic and Industrial Chemistry</li> <li>Theoretical Chemistry and Computational<br/>Modelling</li> <li>Laser Applications in Chemistry</li> </ul>  |
| SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY                | Physics, Chemistry and Materials Field   |
| ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY                  | <ul> <li>Project Engineering</li> <li>Environmental Engineering</li> <li>Engineering of Materials and Sustainable Processes</li> <li>Renewable Materials Engineering</li> <li>Engineering Physics</li> <li>Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>Control Engineering, Automation and Robotics</li> <li>Nautical, Marine and Maritime Radioelectronics Engineering</li> <li>Chemical Engineering</li> </ul> |
| INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES | <ul> <li>Analysis and Language Processing</li> <li>Mathematics and Statistics</li> <li>Informatics Engineering</li> <li>Electronics and Telecommunications</li> <li>Mobile Network Information and Communication Technologies</li> </ul>   |
| ARTS  | Research in Contemporary Art   |
| HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY                      | <ul> <li>Europe and The Atlantic World: Power, Culture and Society</li> <li>Contemporary History</li> <li>Sciences of Antiquity</li> <li>Philosophy, Science and Values</li> </ul>   |
| LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE                     | <ul> <li>Language Acquisition in Multilingual Settings</li> <li>Linguistics</li> <li>Basque Linguistics and Philology</li> <li>Comparative Literature and Literary Studies</li> <li>Cognitive Neuroscience of Language</li> </ul>  |

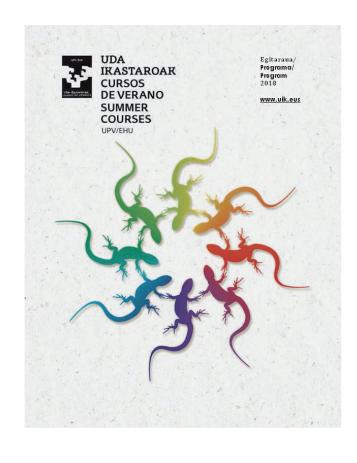


## 1.2.5. Summer courses

The University of the Basque Country does not shut for vacation. Besides our traditional winter programmes, our summer courses and enjoy a great attendance success. Proposals are extremely varied and our speakers, internationally renowned experts, review various human, social, political and technological topics.

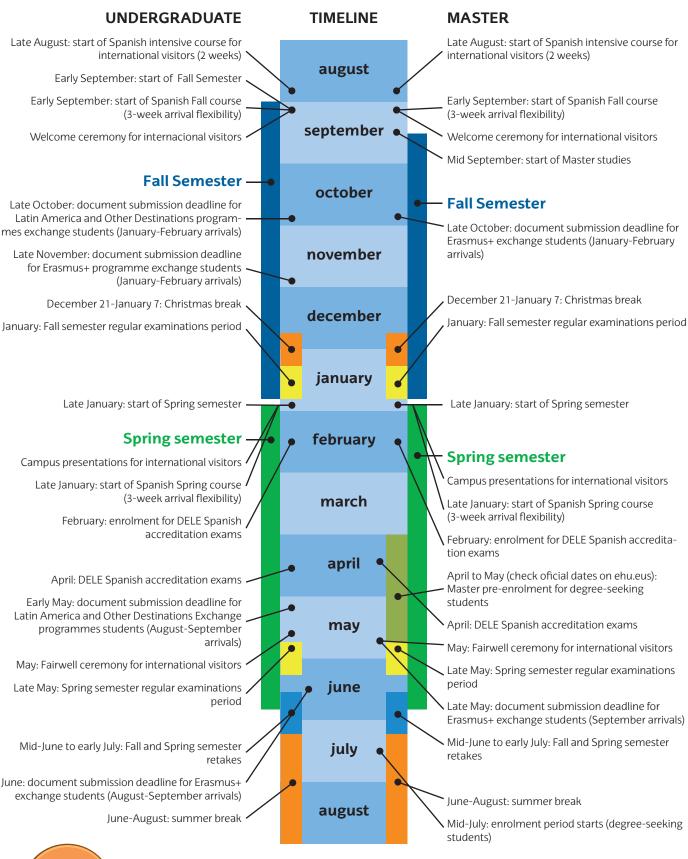
Additional details on course dates, venue and registration conditions are to be found in the Summer Courses offices:

Summer Courses, Donostia-San Sebastian www.uik.eusén



## 1.3. Academic information

## 1.3.1. Academic calendar





Lessons and examination dates may vary slightly at every Faculty; to plan your travelling dates, please check the calendar of the Faculty you will be visiting.

## 1.3.2. Grading system, ECTS credits

Final grades are usually obtained after a written test, based on the knowledge and skills acquired by the student during the semester. Some courses, however, include the completion of practical exams, field reports or laboratory work.

The Bologna educational method is based on continuous assessment of the student's progression. All exercises, reports, compositions and practical work done by the student throughout the semester are of relevance for final grades.

## **Grading scale**

The Spanish grading system is numerical (from 0 to 10) and textual. A minimal score of 5 is required for the student to pass and gain credit.

| Te <b>k</b> u al scale (1) | Teku al<br>scale (2) | Numerical<br>scale | Comments   |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Α                          | EXCELLENT            | 9,0-10             | Outstanding performance with only minor errors                                     |
| В                          | VERY GOOD            | 8,0-8,9            | Above the average standard but with some errors                                    |
| С                          | GOOD                 | 7,0-7,9            | Generally sound work with a number of notable errors                               |
| D                          | SATISFACTORY         | 6,0-6,9            | Fair but with significant shortcomings   |
| Е                          | SUFFICIENT           | 5,0-5,9            | Performance meets the minimum criteria   |
| FX-F                       | FAIL                 | 0-4,9              | More work required before the credit can be awarded                                |
| NP                         | -                    | -                  | INCOMPLETE: the student did not sit in the exam or did not hand in the assignments |

### **ECTS Credits**

Bachelor's Degrees in Spain need the completion of 240 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). One academic year corresponds to 60 ECTS credits; likewise, 1 ECTS stands for 25 hours of learning activities performed by the student. The ECTS system is used for qualifications recognition procedures among different countries.



# 2 EXCHANGE VISITOR'S GUIDE

## 2.1. Before travelling

## 2.1.1. Nomination and acceptance at the University of the Basque Country

Once nominated by your home institution, you will need to submit a number of documents to the University of the Basque Country:

| Erasmus+ programme                            |  |                         |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| DOCUMENTS                                     | DEADLINE   | RECIPIENT               |
| Application form; learning agreement proposal | 30th June/30th November<br>(Unless otherwise specified by<br>international coordinator at host<br>faculty) | See contacts on page 40 |

| Latin America & Rest of the world (Otros Destinos programme)    |                        |                                |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| DOCUMENTS   | DEADLINE               | RECIPIENT                      |
| Application form; copy of passport; learning agreement proposal | 4th May / 30th October | incoming.international@ehu.eus |

| SICUE programme  |           |                         |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| DOCUMENTS        | DEADLINE  | RECIPIENT               |
| Application form | 29th June | See contacts on page 40 |

## 2.1.2. Request a Buddy to assist you prior and upon arrival

Our Buddy programme pairs local volunteer students with international visitors to provide them with a personal support by a peer. Beyond the practical assistance granted to visitors, this programme's major benefit is the number of long-lasting friendships that arise from different encounters.



**RULE OF THUMB:** We kindly ask our visitors to fill in their Buddy request only when they have confirmed their arrival at the University of the Basque Country. Also, please doublecheck the contact data you give us in your request is an account you regularly visit.

## How to request a Buddy:

| Faculty where you will study                        | Contact  |
|---|--|
| Faculty of Engineering, Bilbao                      | ingenieria.internacional@ehu.eus   |
| Faculty of Social and Communication Sciences, Leioa | socialescomunic.internacional@ehu.eus                                    |
| Faculty of Economics and Business Studies, Bilbao   | economicas.internacional@ehu.eus   |
| Faculty of Science and Technology                   | saecyt@ehu.eus   |
| Faculty of Engineering Gipuzkoa                     | politecnica.internacional@ehu.eus  |
| Faculty of Engineering Vitoria-Gasteiz              | esc-ingenieria.internacional@ehu.eus                                     |
| Faculty of Fine Arts                                | bellasartes.internacional@ehu.eus  |
| Rest of faculties, fill in our forms:               | www.ehu.eus/en/web/nazioarteko-<br>harremanak/en-international-relations |

## 2.1.4. Insurance for international visitors

There are three insurance coverage areas you should learn about so as to doublecheck whether you need to purchase one or more of them:

- TRAVEL INSURANCE, compulsory for all international students (Europeans included), including:
  - Transport and/or repatriation to home country in case of accident or illness of insured person
  - Repatriation of the deceased insured

Proof of this insurance will be handed out at the Faculty at registration.

#### • MEDICAL ASSISTANCE INSURANCE:

**EU VISITORS:** The Basque Public Healthcare System usually covers European citizens holding their EUROPEAN HEALTHCARD (EHIC or E128) previously obtained in their home country.

**HEALTH COVERAGE AGREEMENTS:** Spain has passed Health Care agreements with a number of countries (Andorra, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Sweden, Morocco...). We recommend you get further details at the Spanish Embassy or Consulate, to know how to access this coverage.

**OTHER NATIONALITIES:** If no agreement exists with your home country, you will need to purchase a medical insurance according to the European and Spanish laws IN FORCE THROUGHOUT YOUR ENTIRE VISIT.

## • CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Certain laboratory or internship practice while at the University of the Basque Country may require the acquisition of a Civil Liability insurance. Before purchasing one, we recommend you doublecheck whether your home institution provides their students with a worldwide valid coverage.

For further details concerning any of these insurances, feel free to contact our Help Centres.





**RULE OF THUMB:** Double-check the coverage of the insurance you purchase and make sure it remains in force throughout your whole visiting period. Upon arrival, we recommend you observe which hospitals/health centres you should attend, in case or emergency or medical condition.

There are many different medical insurances you can purchase. In observance of equity principles, we cannot recommend a particular private medical insurance, but we may mention these few for you to choose the best adapted one to your profile. Feel free to further investigate for other companies:

www.oncampus.es

www.nectar.com – online, inexpensive insurance www.healthplanspain.com - by Sanitas insurance company www.mapfre.es – see section 'Seguros para estudiantes extranjeros' www.generali.es www.globalarcadia.com

## 2.1.5. Visa procedures

Non EU nationals need to obtain their entry visa for Spain.

Check the location of your closest Spanish Consulate or Embassy here:

www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/EmbajadasConsulados.aspx

Documents required by Spanish authorities to enter the country (slight variations might apply among different countries of origin)

- Application form filled in, biometric picture in white background glued to it
- Original passport and copies of all pages containing entry stamps in other countries
- For stays longer than 180 days: medical certificate + translation into Spanish or English + apostil of the Hague
- For stays longer than 180 days: criminal record + translation into Spanish or English + apostil of the Hague
- Proof of registration or pre-registration at the university (acceptance letter is also valid)
- Certification of previous studies
- Adress in Spain (if a temporary booking at a hotel is not sufficient, we can provide an accommodation letter)
- Certificate of financial situation (Scholarship information, family support, other ways you will financially rely on throughout your stay)
- Medical insurance in force during your entire stay in Spain



**RULE OF THUMB:** Visa procedures can take up to 60 days, so it is crucial to plan ahead for you to travel on time for your course/project. **www.ete riores.gob.es/Portalé s/ ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/RequisitosDeEntrada.aspx** 

## 2.1.6. Accommodation options

## **RESIDENCE HALLS**

Student residence halls in the Basque Country have excellent facilities. They are usually not the cheapest option available and usually prefer full-year students to one-semester visitors.

Application, registration and payment needs to be done directly with the relevant residence in all cases, although we can help you choose the establishment better adapted to your profile (see help centre contact details below this section).

## Student's residences & dormitories related to the University of the Basque Country

#### **CAMPUS OF ARABA**

## Residencia Universitaria Tomás Alfaro Fournier

Paseo de la Zumaquera nº 21 A E-01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz

Tel.: +34 902 444 447 (booking number)

Tel.: 945 155 420 Fax: +34 932 183250 E-mail: alfaro@s a.es

www.resa.es

#### **CAMPUS OF GIPUZKOA**

## Residencia Universitaria Manuel Agud Querol

Campus Ibaeta

20160 Donostia-San Sebastián

Tel.: +34 902444447 (booking number)

Tel.: +34 943 563 000 Fax: +34 943 563 001

e-mail: agudquerol@resa.es

www.resa.es

#### **CAMPUS OF BISCAY**

#### Colegio Mayor Miguel de Unamuno

Lehendakari Agirre, 140

E-48015 Bilbao.

Tel.: +34 94 447 51 08 Fax:+ 34 94 476 41 47

e-mail: unamuno@.eh u.eus

www.ehu.eus& namuno

#### Residencia Blas de Otero

Calle de las Cortes, 38 (Esquina Arnótegui)

Bilbao

Tel.: +34 902 444 447 (booking number)

Tel.: +34 944 343 410 Fax: +34 932 183 250

e-mail: blasdeotero@resa.es

www. resa.es



# IMPORTANT ADVICE ABOUT RESIDENCE HALLS BELONGING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY

- Application opens in April for the next academic year: a €200 payment is required at this stage www.resa.es
- Unless you receive an official acceptance letter before that date, the list of admitted applicants is published on the residence website in July
- Applicants not selected will be reimbursed for their €200 in September
- Selected applicants need to pay the deposit (€310-€620 in Vitoria; €365-€730 in Donostia-San Sebastian; €400-€800 in Bilbao). Please check their refund policy: a personal decision to leave the residence does not lead to a refund.

There are many other private residence halls in the city. We can offer you more detailed information and tailored assistance through our help centre email.



## **HOST FAMILY PROGRAMME**

For a deeper cultural and language immersion as well as a cosier, warmer environment, you can apply for our Host family programme.

- Apply on our website:
   www.ehu.eusé nw ebn azioarteko-harremanaké n-host-family-programme
- We will contact you to provide you with the family information you need to make your choice.
- kW en you have decided on the most suitable family, contact them to meet on your arrival date.



#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A BRILLIANT HOMESTAY**

- Be open and communicate
- Bring a gift
- Attend the family meals
- Respect the schedule
- Accept the differences

- Participate in activities
- Benefit from daily conversations
- Get to know your host family
- Remember that it's all temporary
- Be fair and honest when problems arise

## RENTED AND SHARED FLATS IN THE CITY

Most international visitors at the University of the Basque Country prefer this type of accommodation. PLEASE NOTE: The Basque Country is an increasingly popular tourist destination, so the flats offer for students, particularly in Donostia-San Sebastián and Bilbao, is decreasing. Bear in mind that during the peak tourist season it may be difficult and expensive to find a place to stay. After late September it gest somewhat easier to find flats to let.

The Accommodation service at the University of the Basque Country incorporates a detailed flat & room database. You can access this information even before travelling by registering at

#### www.ehu.eusb statub isosi ndex html

The system will ask you to upload a document stating your acceptance at the university; you will be granted a temporary username and password.

Upon arrival, visit our Help Centre so that we hand you a printed version of the available offer, help you arrange your visits to the flats and further assist you in your accommodation search.





#### External flat rental websites:

- Alkila.net
- Easypiso
- Vibbo
- Idealista
- Tupiso
- Studentmundial

- Hostelworld
- Couchsurfing
- Airbnb
- Milanuncios
- San Sebastian for you (High Standing Apt.)
- Swiftflats



**RULE OF THUMB:** It is important for you to have a temporary place to stay, just for your first nights in the Basque Country. Even though it might feel unsettling to arrive without a permanent accommodation, do not worry too much: our visitors find a suitable place to stay in approximately 4-5 days.



**RULE OF THUMB:** We advise our visitors to be prepared for important expenses during the first 2 weeks upon arrival (transportation cards; temporary accommodation; redtape; accommodation deposit...). Average cost of living in the Basque Country: 600-700 euros.



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDENTS RENTING A ROOM OR FLAT

- Mistrust social media profiles where you need to contact several people
- Never pay a high deposit before seeing the flat or room
- Never pay for your first month until you visit the place and sign the contract
- Always sign a contract
- Make sure you understand the terms of the contract (your buddy and our Help centre staff can Help you with language difficulties)
- Report any damage or fixing needed in the flat immediately upon arrival
- Be flexible on your requirements: this is only a temporary accommodation

## **HELP CENTRES**

We are open for personal attention from mid-August to mid-October and January to March in all three campuses.

Yearlong online and telephone assistance available.

#### Where to find us:

## **Campus of Araba**

Vice Rectorate building Calle Comandante Izarduy, 2 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz Tel: +34 945 014 334

helpcentre1.internacional@h u.eus

## **Campus of Biscay**

Leioa: Central library building, 2nd floor

Leioa-Erandio 48940 Tel: +34 946 015 868

helpcentre2.internacional@h u.eus

Bilbao: Faculty of Engineering, Plaza Ingeniero Torres Quevedo, 1

48013 Bilbao P1G8 Office

Tel: +34 946 017 365

helpcentre3.internacional@h u.eus

## **Campus of Gipuzkoa**

Ignacio M<sup>a</sup> Barriola building. Floor 1 Donostia-San Sebastián 20018

Tel: +34 943 015 192

## helpcentre4.internacional@h u.eus

Don't miss to visit us, register in our mailing lists for you to keep informed about activities and opportunities on campus.



## 2.2. Upon arrival

## 2.2.1. Welcome ceremony

Every year, mid-September, we hold welcome ceremonies for our international visitors in our three campuses. Our Help Centre staff will inform you of the exact date and venue of our ceremonies, orientation sessions and other activities organized by students´ associations. Join us!





## 2.2.2. ESN Students' association

Erasmus Student Network Bilbao is a part of the biggest students organisation in Europe, with over 530 local sections in 40 countries. They are volunteers, working under the principle of \$\footnote{S}\$ tudents Helping Students", aiming help international students integrate in their new home.

ESN gets international and local students in touch and uses mobility to enhance cultural understanding, as well as to learn new lifestyles with an open mind and based in respect. So they organize several leisure and cultural events every week, and also trips.

Being part of the ESN international network brings lots of advantages: national events counting on thousands of students, discounts all over Europe, and having friends in every city!

ESN Bilbao also has delegations in Donostia-San Sebastián and Vitoria-Gasteiz esnbilbao.org



## 2.2.3. Academic registration

Visit your mobility tutor at your Faculty or School to sign your arrival certificate. Register your courses at your Faculty or School:

- Copy of Learning Agreement or similar document, where courses to be enrolled on are confirmed by your mobility tutor.
- Copy of your Passport or ID card
- 1 photo
- Registration proof at your home university
- Copy of your European Health Card or the Medical Insurance you contracted before travelling

## 2.2.4. Spanish and Basque courses

The University of the Basque Country offers complimentary Spanish and Basque courses for international visitors.

Available courses:

- August Intensive Spanish: 2-week course to get 'in shape' before lessons start, worth 4 ECTS
- Fall Spanish & Basque: September to December, worth 6 ECTS
- Spring Spanish & Basque: February to May, worth 6 ECTS

## **Foreign Language Courses Office**

UPV/EHU/Vice-Rectorate of the Campus of Araba Comandante Izarduy, 2 E-01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz

Tel.: +34 945 01 3356 • +34 945 01 3354 E-mail: **cursosidiomas@ehu.eus** 

www.ehu.eusenweb ha zioarteko-harremanake n-available-courses

#### **DELE**

DELE (Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera) certificates are official Spanish language accreditations acknowledged worldwide and issued by the 'Instituto Cervantes' on behalf of the Spanish Ministry for Education.

The University of the Basque Country is an official examination venue for DELE certificates. All details on how to enrol on DELE exams on our website.

## 2.2.5. Immigration check upon arrival

Non EU-nationals staying with us for longer than 6 months or whose visa expires before the end of their stay should obtain their 'Tarjeta de autorización de estancia por estudios'.



**RULE OF THUMB:** Assistance in procedures, document-filling and appointments for police station available at your closest Help Centre. Ask us!

Documents to be taken to the police station to obtain your 'Tarjeta':

- Passport (original + 2 copies of all pages)
- 2 passport-size photos
- Registration at the University of the Basque Country (original + 2 copies)
- Empadr onamiento' certificate (to be obtained at the city hall, original + 2 copies)
- Medical insurance

**PLEASE NOTE!** The 'tarjeta' is only valid for 1 academic year; if your stay exceeds this period, you must proceed to renovation (plan to start renovation procedures up to 60 days prior to expiration date).



## 2.3. University Student Services

## 2.3.1. Supporting your study

**Computer rooms** to be used with our /your own devices. Printing and scanning available.

#### ARABA/ALAVA

## Computer room, Campus of Araba

Las Nieves building Nieves Cano, 33 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz

T.: 945 01 30 15

#### **BIZKAIAW IZCAYA**

## Computer room, Campus of Biscay

Central library 48940 Leioa

T.: 94 601 51 11

## GIPUZKOAG UIPUZCOA

## Computer room, Campus of Gipuzkoa

Ignacio María Barriola building Plaza Elhuyar, 1 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián

T.: 943 01 81 45

## Computer room, Campus of Gipuzkoa

Centro Carlos Santamará (campus library building) Plaza Elhuyar, 2 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián

20010 Donostia-San Sebastian

T.: 943 01 81 45

## **Cyber amenities**

All of our community members enjoy a certain number of computer amenities when registering at the University of the Basque Country: e-mail account, computer room access, free wifi service all over the campus and corporate information network access. ÁLAVA

#### Library

#### www.ehu.euseu web b iblioteka

The library at the University of the Basque Country comprises the central library in Leioa, the Koldo Mitxelena library in our Campus of Araba and Carlos Santamará in the Campus of Gipuzkoa; you can alternatively make use of other bibliographical resources available within our Faculties and Schools. Our library collection sums up over 1 million books, 17,000 magazines, 6,400 electronic publications, 88 specialized databases and 10,800 audiovisual materials.

Laptop lending services and room reservation for teamwork available.

#### **ARABA/ALAVA**

## Libraries, Campus of Araba

Koldo Mitxelena library Library of the Faculty of Physical Activities and Sports Science

#### **BIZKAIAXI ZCAYA**

## Libraries Campus of Biscay

Central library, Leioa
Library of the Faculty of Fine Arts
Library of the Faculty of Economic and Business Studies
Library of the Faculty of Engineering, Bilbao
Library of the Faculty of Education, Leioa

#### GIPUZKOAG UIPUZCOA

## LibrariesC ampus of Gipuzkoa

Carlos Santamará central library Library of the Engineering School in Gipuzkoa (Eibar) Library of the Nursing School

## E-Learning: Our Virtual Campus

Many academic programmes include online assessed coursework. Our Virtual Campus is often used as the primary way to provide students with additional learning material and sometimes as a valuable supplement to physical lectures.

## https:/ egela1819.ehu.eus/

Central library-Leioa, 6th floor 48940 Leioa Contact no. +34 946 012 255



## 2.3.2. Sports & cultural activities

## **Sports service**

Visitors at the University of the Basque Country can benefit from significant discounts in local gyms, take part in specially organised sport activities and sport courses (surf, aerobics, tennis, basketball, martial arts...) or enroll on a number of competitions as full members of our community.

Our sports services in each campus publish their full sports offer valid for the semester in course in our website:

#### **ARABA/ALAVA**

## Sports service at the Campus of Araba

#### www.ehu.euses web ki rolak-araba

Vice Rectorate building, ground floor 2, Comandante Izarduy 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz

T.: + 34 945 01 4303

## **BIZKAIAW IZCAYA**

#### Sports service at the Campus of Biscay

www.ehu.eusés web ki rolak-bizkaia

University Sports Centre 48940 Leioa

T.: + 34 94 601 58 94 / 31 62 **rovdepor@lg.ehu.eus** 

## GIPUZKOAG UIPUZCOA

## Sports service at the Campus of Gipuzkoa

## www.ehu.eusdo nostia-deportes

Faculty of Law

2, Paseo Manuel Lardizabal20018 Donostia-San Sebastián

T.: +34 943 01 81 58 / 81 59

#### **Cultural activities and entertainment**

Every semester, cultural, musical and artistic events are organised in our three campuses. You will be able to take part in cultural, self development courses or personal enhancement activities during your stay at our university.

#### ARABA/ALAVA

## Exens ión Cultural y Proyección Universitaria, Campus of Araba

#### www.ehu.euses web ku lturcampus

Vice Rectorate building, ground floor 2, Comandante Izarduy 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz

T.: + 34 945 01 33 48

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#### **BIZKAIAXI ZCAYA**

## Exens ión Cultural y Proyección Universitaria, Campus of Biscay

Leioa

www.ehu.euses web e hukultura-bizkaia

Assembly Hall (Aula Magna)

48940 Leioa

T.: + 34 94 601 21 77 / 2104

ehukultura-bizkaia.info@ehu.eus

Bilbao

Larrako Etxea

83, Avda. Lehendakari Agirre

T.: + 34 94 601 7142 Fax.: + 34 94 601 7117

#### GIPUZKOAG UIPUZCOA

## Exens ión Cultural y Proyección Universitaria, Campus of Gipuzkoa

## www.ehu.eusés web g ipuzkoa/kultura1

Faculty of Law

2, Paseo Manuel Lardizabal 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián

T.: + 34 943 01 85 07

gi-kultura@h u.eus

# 2.3.3. Students with special needs support service

Tailored support is offered to all members of our community with special needs:

Various support products provided

Magnetic loop available

Adapted study-positions at libraries (joystick and magnifying glass)

Our Students with Special Needs support service works on an individual, fully confidential way: For our professionals to assess your needs, please contact:

# Servicio de Atención a personas con discapacidad

### **Campus of Biscay**

Faculty of Social and Communication Sciences Vá Apia Barrio Sarriena, s/n 48940 Leioa

T.: +34 946 012 258 **discap@h u.eus** 

# **Campus of Gipuzkoa**

Ignacio María Barriola building Mezzanine floor (entreplanta) 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián T. +34 943 018 137 / 943 015 184 **discap@ehu.eus** 





# 2.3.4. Psychological support unit

An international experience can imply a certain cultural shock and moments of frustration; home-sickness; anxiety. If you feel some extra help would do you good, contact our Psychological support unit and attend the free sessions available for our students:

# Servicio de Psicología Aplicada

| Campus of Araba         | Campus of Biscay         | Campus of Gipuzkoa            |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Vice Rectorate building | Central library, floor 3 | Centro Ignacio María Barriola |
| Comandante Izarduy, 2   | Barrio Sarriena, s/n     | Planta 1                      |
| 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz   | 48940 Leioa              | Plaza Elhuyar 1               |
| +34 945 01 3341         | +34 94 601 8095e         | 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián  |
| spa@h u.eus             | spa@ehu.eus              | spa@ehu.eus                   |

# 2.3.5. Student associations

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)
Club Anyway (travel club)
Engineers without borders, Architects without borders, and many others

# 2.4. Before returning home

As the end of your stay approaches, don't forget to:

- Inform your mobility tutor about your travelling date
- Get your Transcript of Records (unless it is directly submitted to your home institution)
- Remember you should agree on the terms you leave your accommodation, turn in your key and get your deposit back (if applicable)
- · Return all library books you borrowed
- Fill in our overall satisfaction survey (to help us improve our services)
- Cancel your bank account (if applicable)
- Cancel your registration at the City Council (if applicable)



### 2.5. Useful contacts

# 2.5.1. Exchange coordinators (academic information)

#### **CAMPUS OF ARABA**

Faculty of Engineering. Vitoria-Gasteiz

Faculty of Education and Sport. Physical Sport and Sports Science

Faculty of Education and Sport. Teacher Training

Faculty of Pharmacy

Faculty of Arts

Faculty of Economics and Business. Vitoria-Gasteiz

Faculty of Labour Relations and Social Work

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#### **CAMPUS OF BISCAY**

#### Bilbao

Faculty of Economics and Business Faculty of Economics and Business. Elcano

Faculty of Engineering, Bilbao

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#### Leioa

Faculty of Fine Arts

Faculty of Medicine and Nursing. Medicine

Faculty of Medicine and Nursing. Nursing

Faculty of Labour Relations and Social Work

Faculty of Social and Communication Sciences

Faculty of Science and Technology

Faculty of Education. Bilbao

Faculty of Law, Bizkaia section

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#### **CAMPUS OF GIPUZKOA**

#### Donostia-San Sebastián

Faculty of Engineering. Gipuzkoa

Faculty of Engineering. Eibar

Faculty of Chemical Sciences

Faculty of Computer Engineering

Faculty of Law

Faculty of Education, Philosophy and Anthropology

Faculty of Education, Philosophy and Anthropology. Teacher Training

Faculty of Psychology

Higher Technical School of Architecture

Faculty of Economics and Business. Donostia-San Sebastián

Faculty of Medicine and Nursing. Nursing

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#### Elgoibar

Machine Tool Institute (Engineering School, Elgoibar)

ixaka@imh.es;monika@imh.eus

# 3 THE BASQUE COUNTRY

(Euskadi)

The autonomous community of the Basque Country, Euskadi, is one of the 17 regions composing Spain. It is a small territory, similar in size to Rhode Island state (USA), the metropolitan area around Lille (France) or the Rhein-Ruhr territory in Germany. Its alpine relief is combined with 246 kilometres of coastline alternating spectacular cliffs and fine sandy beaches. The Basque Country has preserved its age-old culture, language and character throughout History. The main features of Basques (slightly

more than 2 million citizens) are their powerful looks, energetic personality and love for their family, their land and their traditions.

The Basque Country is divided into three historical territories or provinces: Alava, Biscay and Gipuzkoa. The administrative capital of the Basque Country is Vitoria-Gasteiz, however Bilbao is the largest city in the region. Donostia-San Sebastián is the most popular tourist destination.



# 3.1. Money matters

As you probably know, the Euro is the currency used in the Basque Country. Life standard in our cities (Bilbao, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Donostia-San Sebastián) is similar to that of certain European capitals: Barcelona, Rome... Monthly expenses can vary between 700 and 800€, depending on the type of accommodation you choose.

Average monthly expenses:

- Accommodation 350-400 Euros
- Food 250-300 Euros
- Public transport 35 euros
- Other expenses 100 euros
- Total monthly allowance 700-800 euros

#### 3.2. Food

Food is a milestone of Basque culture. In our region, along with a popular conversation topic, food is always at the core of any social event and celebration. Breakfast and dinner are usually light meals, whereas lunch is usually a three course meal. Fish is a basic ingredient of Basque cuisine, for locals have always been expert fishermen and successful sea explorers. The usual eating times are: Breakfast from 8 to 10 am; lunch from 1.30 to 3.30pm and dinner from 9 to 10 pm.

In our university, you will find restaurants and snack bars in all three campuses; you will be able to purchase good quality food at unbeatable prices.

# 3.3. Emergencies

The general emergencies number in the Basque Country is 112

# **EMERGENCIES IN VITORIA-GASTEIZ**

Emergencies coordination (SOS DEIAK) 112

Red Cross: 945 13 26 30

Txagorritxu hospital: 945 00 70 00 Santiago hospital: 945 00 76 00



Before attending a given Health Centre or Hospital, please confirm your medical assistance protocol: going to the wrong hospital or medical centre can lead to your medical expenses not being paid by your insurer.

For small misadventures occurred in the campus, you can contact the Prevention Service. Servicio de Prevención Campus of Araba Vice Rectorate building, 2nd floor

#### **EMERGENCIES IN BILBAO**

Emergencies coordination (SOS DEIAK) 112

Red Cross:

Hospital 94 443 47 92

Emergencies Unit 94 422 22 22

Osakidetza, Basque Healthcare Service

Basurto hospital: 94 400 60 00 Cruces hospital: 94 600 60 00 Galdakao hospital: 94 400 70 00



Before attending a given Health Centre or Hospital, please confirm your medical assistance protocol: going to the wrong hospital or medical centre can lead to your medical expenses not being paid by your insurer.

For small accidents occurred in the campus, you can contact the Prevention Service.

Servicio de Prevención Campus of Biscay

Aulario 2, Leioa

#### **EMERGENCIES IN DONOSTIA-SAN SEBASTIÁN**

Emergencies coordination (SOS DEIAK) 112

Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu hospital: 943 46 11 11 Emergencies Unit: 4, Bengoetxea st. 943 44 06 33



Before attending a given Health Centre or Hospital, please confirm your medical assistance protocol: going to the wrong hospital or medical centre can lead to your medical expenses not being paid by your insurer.

For small calamities occurred in the campus, you can contact the Prevention Service. Servicio de Prevención Campus of Gipuzkoa

Ignacio Ma Barriola building, 1st floor

Other services available at the University of the Basque Country:

- Dental Care Centre (www.klinika-odontologikoa.ehu.es/p212-home/es) at the Campus of Biscay
- Psychological Support Unit (spa@ehu.eus), in our three campuses.

They are both open to the public throughout the academic year.



# 3.4. Languages

There are two official languages in the Basque Country: Basque and Spanish. Everyone knows Spanish, whereas Basque is a minority language; it is largely spread around Gipuzkoa territory, although you can also hear it often in Bizkaia. Across Araba, Basque language is spoken to a smaller extent. All roads, airports and administrative signs are written in both languages.

# 3.5. Spiritual life and Religion

Spain is a traditionally catholic country; however, our 1978 Constitution Act guarantees everyone's freedom of faith. Temples and praying rooms of different traditions can be found in the largest cities in the country.

# 3.6. Climate

The usual weather in the Basque coastline, from Bilbao to Donostia-San Sebastián, is mild and humid. The average temperature varies from  $+10^{\circ}$ C in the winter to an approximate +22C in summertime. Vitoria-Gasteiz, on the other hand, is located in an inland, continental weather zone. Temperatures are more extreme (3° C to -5° C in the winter and around  $+25^{\circ}$ C in the summer months) and it doesn't rain so often.

# 3.7. Business hours

- Traditional and small shops and offices are usually open from 9 am to 1.30pm. After a lunch break, they work from 4 pm to 7.30 pm.
- Malls don't shut at lunchtime and remain open from 10 am to 9 pm.
- Public administration offices and banks are open to the public only in the morning, from 9 am to 1 or 2 pm, from Monday to Friday.
- Virtually all shops close on Sundays.
- Museums and restaurants traditionally rest on Monday.



# FORMER VISITORS' TIPS

# for a smooth adjustment

If you are in Donostia-San Sebastián, bring (or get) a bike!!!!! It is the best way to move around the city and bikes are allowed in commuter trains. It's a great way to travel in the region!!

Don't forget to bring an umbrella, it rains a lot over here!

The Tourist Offices in the towns of the Basque Country are awesome! They have loads of maps, information and suggestions to discover the region.

During your first week, you spend quite a lot of money; My fellowship allowance didn't turn up until a few days after I arrived and in the meantime I had to pay for a temporary accommodation, get my transport monthly tickets, give out a deposit in the flat I decided to stay... It is important to come with money; once your fellowship is discharged, everything goes smoothly.

Be patient when looking for a flat. There are nice places at affordable prices, you just need to be consistent when searching. Start early, if you arrive when lessons have already started, there won't be much to choose from.

In Canada, where I'm from, there are more student clubs and you meet people with shared interests on *meetup.com*; you socialize in a different way in Vitoria-Gasteiz. This is more slow paced than my country.

Learn some Spanish before travelling here, the first weeks are hard if you can't communicate with anyone.

The Help Centre staff was very helpful when I was looking for a place to stay; they also gave out valuable information. I recommend all visitor students to visit the Help Centre, everyone there was friendly and helpful.

# **OUR NUMBER ONE ADVICE!**

Taking part in Exchange University programmes is a unique experience; you will meet people from around the world and will make a lot of new friends. But remember, travelling to a foreign country involves certain difficulties, especially at the beginning.

Do your best to arrive in the Basque Country with a few notions of Spanish language; you will have to communicate with locals from the first day and you will probably study (at least partially) in Spanish: learning in a new environment and in a foreign language is rather demanding. Keep reasonable expectations, especially regarding accommodation; nothing will be exactly like at home, for the purpose of travelling abroad is to know different cultures and learn contrasting lifestyles. Be flexible: as soon as you get used to the local pace and culture, your stay will be a memorable experience.

# See you soon!



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