



**CHESTNUT  
HILL  
COLLEGE**

Global Education Office

# The University of Alicante Spain



**Eligibility** Chestnut Hill  
College  
Students

**Study  
Period** Fall and/or  
Spring

**Language  
of  
Instruction** Spanish/  
English

**Type of  
Housing** Apartment

**Approximate  
semester  
dates** Fall: Sept.- Jan-  
uary  
Spring: January  
- June

**CHC  
partner** Since 2014

**Housing  
Costs** Approx. \$750-  
850/month

## The University of Alicante

### The Location

Alicante, Spain is a beautiful port city located on the Mediterranean Sea, home to many tourist attractions including the Basilica of Santa Maria, the Santa Barbara Castle and dozens of museums. Overall, the city boasts a year-round nightlife for the enjoyment of tourists, fun-loving residents, and a large student population at the University of Alicante. The climate in Alicante is ideal: winters are mild, summers are hot and there is very little rain throughout the year. The University of Alicante owns one of the most attractive campuses in Spain. With a current area of about one million square meters and annexed land of 650,000 other meters available for its expansion, one of its main features is its wide, uncluttered look. It has been designed in line with the latest architectural trends. In addition, the campus grounds include carefully maintained gardens, with a considerable woodland and wide pedestrian area.

### The University

The University of Alicante was founded in October 1979. Strategically located in the province, the University has direct access to the A-7 (Mediterranean motorway) and the inland motorway. The two main motorways form a crossroads on the edge of the campus. The school is five minutes from the capital of the

province, 10 minutes from international airport El Altet, less than twenty minutes from the main industrial enclaves and less than fifteen minutes from nearby recreational areas. Students will also have access to a railway line that surrounds the west side of the campus and the future Science Park.

The University aims at setting up one of the world's best science parks. In addition to a strong commitment to innovation and technology, the University of Alicante reaches the most prestigious heights in its firm commitment to culture and heritage.

### Academics

The University of Alicante currently includes around fifty programs of study and over seventy university departments and research groups in the areas of: Social Sciences and Law; Experimental Technology; Humanities; Education; and Health Sciences. Classes are taught in both English and Spanish. Courses in English are available in the following programs: Arts & Humanities; Social Sciences & Law; Sciences; Engineering & Architecture; Health Sciences; and Education.



## Housing

The University of Alicante will assist you in making housing arrangements. The university will help you to find housing options in Alicante or nearby areas; access to multiple forms of transportation makes travel to the university easy. Students will have access to libraries, technology resources, a shopping center and plenty of cafes and restaurants on campus.



## Visas

Student visas are required for students whose time of study in Spain exceeds 90 days. If your time of study is less than 90 days, you will not be required to obtain a visa for your stay in Spain. While most student visa requirements are similar from consulate to consulate, the student must check their consulate's website for the exact requirements.

All students intending to study in Spain for more than 180 days will be required to obtain a "Certification of absence of police records."

Students have one of two options for fulfilling this requirement:

- Submit a state-issued Criminal Background Check from the state of residence (students should perform an online search of "Criminal Background Check" with their state of residence to get instructions on how to obtain the Background Check). The state Criminal Background Check must also be verified by the Secretary of State's office of the issuing state.
- Submit an FBI Background Check. FBI Background checks can take 8-10 weeks to be processed and returned, so early submission is essential.

## Air Travel

CHC students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please see the Global Education Office for assistance.

## Tuition

CHC students continue to pay CHC tuition and fees while attending the University of Alicante. Students are billed for tuition and fees plus a Global Education fee. Keep in mind that all financial aid can be applied towards your study in Spain since you are participating with an official CHC sponsored program. Students do not pay any tuition fees in Spain. Please note you will pay for your own room and board, any travel, personal expenses, and activities you participate in.

## Academic Calendar

The academic calendar is split into two semesters. The autumn semester begins mid-September and runs through mid December. The term for the spring semester begins the end of January and runs through May. CHC students are expected to attend at least one full semester.

## Health Insurance

All students are required to maintain a health insurance policy that will provide coverage for the entire duration of their time abroad. All CHC students also MUST purchase an ISIC card prior to study abroad. Information on international health insurance providers can be obtained from the Global Education Office. You may find that your present health insurance policy includes overseas coverage. It is important, however, that your carrier provide written verification of such coverage.



## So, how do I get started?

Simply come by the Global Education Office to pick up an application form. **Remember-** Applications are due March 1 for the Fall term and October 1 for the Spring term.

