



# Info UPCT



Universidad  
Politécnica  
de Cartagena

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (UPCT) was founded in 1998, although the Schools of Engineering and Business Science already existed at the beginning of last century. The UPCT offers a mixture of tradition and modernity that gives the university a dynamic and innovative spirit.

Since its early beginnings, the UPCT has signed different types of cooperation agreements with 178 European universities. In order

# What are the reasons to study at the UPCT?

The UPCT is an urban university, located in the city center of Cartagena. The distance between its faculties can be easily covered within a 15 minute walk.

to make the stay of its international students as comfortable as possible, the UPCT tries to promote their interests. Many European and Latin American students have already completed undergraduate or postgraduate degree programs in Cartagena. Alongside the University of Murcia, the campus of the Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena, is a "Campus of International Excellence", since 2010.





Campus locations



# Cartagena, a city with

Cartagena is located in the south of Spain, where the sun shines almost all year round. Some sunny days make it possible to go to the beach even in February. The gastronomy

of Cartagena has its own flair. Besides typical Spanish dishes like "Paella", local delicacies such as "Caldero" or "Asiático" can be found on the menus of its bars and restaurants. 'Cal-

dero' is a meal made from rice, fish and garlic sauce, whereas 'Asiático' is a special type of coffee for which the city of Cartagena is famous for. There are many other tasty local dishes.



The historical Roman theatre

300 sunny days each year!



# Spanish spirit

The port of Cartagena is an important meeting point for its people. It is usually full of life.

The sea is another attraction of the city. A beach called 'Cala Cortina' is conveniently close by. It can be reached within a 30 minute walk. However, the most popular beach in

this area is "La Manga", a sandbar between the Mediterranean and the Mar Menor, a saltwater lagoon which is cut off by a natural piece of land that. Currently, it is a touristic resource.



One of the Cartagena's Mountains



Peral's Submarine, the first electric battery powered underwater ship



La Manga, between the Mediterranean Sea and Mar Menor



Cartagena's town hall



Two 'asiático' coffees, original from Cartagena



You can come from:  
Europe,  
Turkey, the  
Maghreb,  
America,  
Australia,  
India,  
Japan...

# How can you do an exchange at the UPCT?

The Erasmus program includes many different types of scholarships. Students can either do an Erasmus exchange at a foreign University or apply for an Erasmus internship abroad. Administrative staff may participate in "Erasmus PAS" program whereas the

program "Erasmus PDI" was established for professors.

There are also several scholarships for students outside of the EU, such as "Formula Santander". This program was established for students from Latin America, UUEE, Canada and Australia.

A scholarship program called "Ciencia Sin Fronteras" allows post-graduates from Brazil to come and study at the UPCT. The program "Vulcano" program sends UPCT students to Japan and "Erasmus Mundus" gives post-graduate students the possibility to study abroad.

And as of the next course, master programs at the UPCT will be taught in English specially to Indian students.

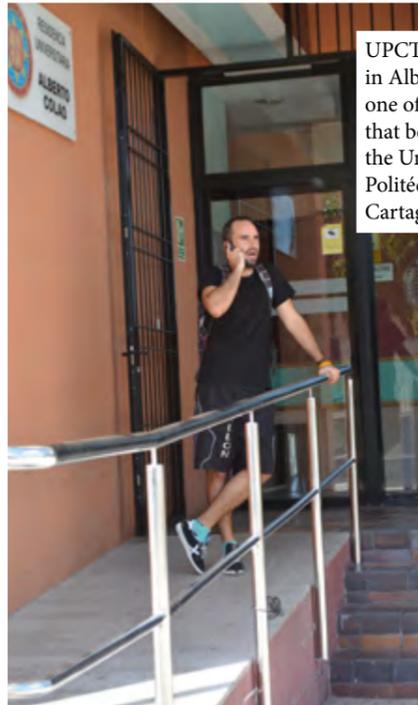
In order to come to Cartagena through an internship program, an official contact between our university and the sending university is required. The

UPCT sends an email to those students who are interested in doing an internship in order to inform them. The email includes information about general requirements and additional explanations regarding existing agreements with other universities in and outside of Europe.



# Cheap accomodation

The university regularly publishes regularly flat rental offers on its Facebook profile., Usually, the monthly cost for one room is about 140/200€. Close to the campus you will find two dormitories that belong to the UPCT. The monthly price for a room is about 500€. Included in the price is a canteen access are the 3 daily meals at each dorm's canteen and access to other facilities and services. For more information visit: <http://www.upct.es/~ruac/>



UPCT students in Alberto Colao, one of the dorms that belong to the Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena



Two international students in their flat in Cartagena



Everything within a 15' walk



**Renate Bachmann, Fulda [Germany]**

“To put it in a nutshell, the thing I like the most about Cartagena is its friendliness. You meet very sincere people everywhere. Everyone likes to get to know you and is pleased to help you. Besides, if you meet someone, you immediately say goodbye to them saying *besos*”.



**Monika Kairevičiute, Vilnius [Lithuania]**

“I decided to do an internship at the UPCT’s Cloud Incubator Hub, because after hearing the recommendations about this HUB from last year’s students. Each day becomes different through new people and new points of views”.



**Anuar Badillo, Tulacingo [Mexico]**

“I love to walk through the streets of Cartagena, especially downtown and close to the Port. Also going for Tapas y Cañas with the other guys is a good way to have an amazing chit chat”.



**Linas Taraskevicius, Vilnius [Lithuania]**

“A friend of mine told me about her experiences here at the UPCT: nice weather, delicious food -mostly vegetables and fruit, new friends and places I’ve never been to. That’s why I’ve chosen Cartagena”.



**Tuba Uluğ, Gaziosmanpaşa [Turkey]**

“I am a big fan of Fernando Alonso’s and because of that I started to love the Spanish language and thought I must definitely go to Spain. Cartagena is an interesting city with an excellent technical University. that offers high quality education”



**Akvile Barystaitė, Vilnius [Lithuania]**

“I came to the UPCT for an internship in Cloud Incubator HUB. I chose to come here without any doubt :beautiful city with great history and architecture heritage, Spanish culture, modern university and awesome weather!”

# Why the UPCT?



## Six Italians students do a Master’s at the UPCT through an offer from Campus Mare Nostrum

The Master's degrees in Renewable Energy, Tourism and Accounting and Corporate Finance of the Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (UPCT), have welcomed six Italians students through an offer from Mare Nostrum Campus. These students have got been awarded a scholarship from the National Social Institute of Italy and recently met with UPCT International Department members and representatives of the Mare Nostrum Campus.



**Simone Di Pietro, Roma**

“I am studying this Master’s because I am really interested in renewable energy. I think it will become a very important resource in the future”.



**Anna Lisa Antonioli, Turin**

“I was an Erasmus student in Granada and I fell in love with Spain. I am here to study the Tourism Master’s, but I also wanted to come back to this country”.



**Simona Caico, Palermo**

“One of my motivations to come here was learning Spanish. I studied Tourism, and I know that speaking languages is really important for this job”.



**Tomas Cardie, Roma**

“I want to learn as much as possible about Renewable Energies, and I also want to know Spain, its culture and its language. I expect to speak Spanish fluently by the end of my stay”.



**Gennaro Sepede, Campobasso**

“I got several classmates who came to this city and they told me such good things about it, that as soon I had a chance to come here I did”.



The International Office of the UPCT is responsible for our Erasmus students. The office constantly stays in touch with our international students and carries out all bureaucratic work. The employees also celebrate a welcome day for our new international students. Besides, a mentorship program helps them to get to know our university and the city of Cartagena.

The UPCT comprises a well-stocked library, of approximately 3.600 qm<sup>2</sup> with 665 study desks. A fully equipped computer room can also be found at the library.

The UPCT offers sport facilities that can be used by our students, by students from the University of Murcia and by external public. The inscription price is 17€. The fee includes access to all installations and allows students to participate in all activities carried out by the sports department, as well as the use of the corresponding facilities: horse-riding, Pilates, self-defense lessons, swimming pool, fitness centre, rugby and much more.



Green areas and study rooms with a view

# Firsts steps to get in touch with the UPCT and with other services

In order to participate in the above activities students must register at the Sport Department's website: <http://www.upct.es/spd/>

WIFI access is available at all UPCT campuses. There are two types of Internet Wireless connections:

EDUROAM is a safe network. It is only accessible for students and university staff. The Open-UPCT connection is an open network for those who are only temporarily at the University and therefore do not have an UPCT account.



## The Erasmus football team



Erasmus students are also part of the university life. The UPCT's celebration features a football match. The students in the picture belong to an Erasmus group that took part in this competition. One more anecdote to tell after coming back home.

# Let's speak languages

Many foreign students want to start learning or improve their Spanish skills. Through the UPCT they get the chance to learn at the language department of the UPCT or at the Cervantes Institute. Levels A1, A2, B1.1 can be taken for free at faculties. Unless the student does not know any Spanish at all, he or she has to take an oral test to assess their level.

In case the students have a higher level than B1.1, they can receive Spanish classes at Funcarele, an official center of the Cervantes Institute. Intensive courses, long term courses, individual classes, DELE preparation classes or lessons via Skype are offered at the Funcarele center. Classes in groups usually cost around 100 Euro per month, but Erasmus students receive a discount of 20%.

"We are only 5 people in class. It makes it easy to stay focused. For the teacher, it is also an advantage, since she

can pay special attention to every one of her students. I really appreciate this, because it helps you a lot to stay on track with your studies", says Dorien, a girl from Belgium who is doing an internship at the UPCT.

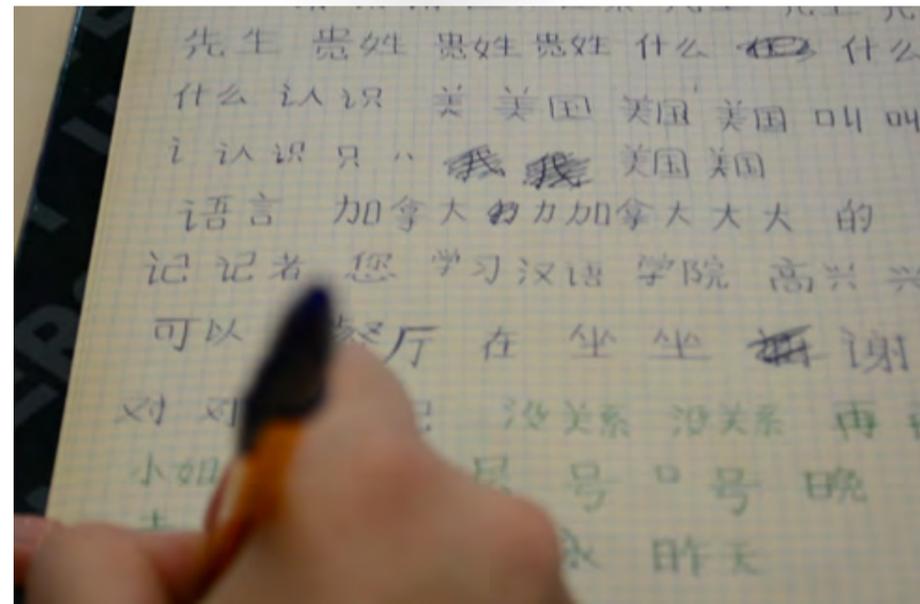
There are also Erasmus students who are interested in studying other languages, like English, French, Italian or Chinese.

"Usually, I have to go to China a lot, because of my job in Germany. This is why I always wanted to learn Chinese. Now, since I am spending some time here as an Erasmus student, I am taking advantage of this opportunity", says Nicole an intern from Germany.

Spanish students, who want to go abroad also have the chance to study other languages to acquire at least the basic language knowledge before leaving Spain.



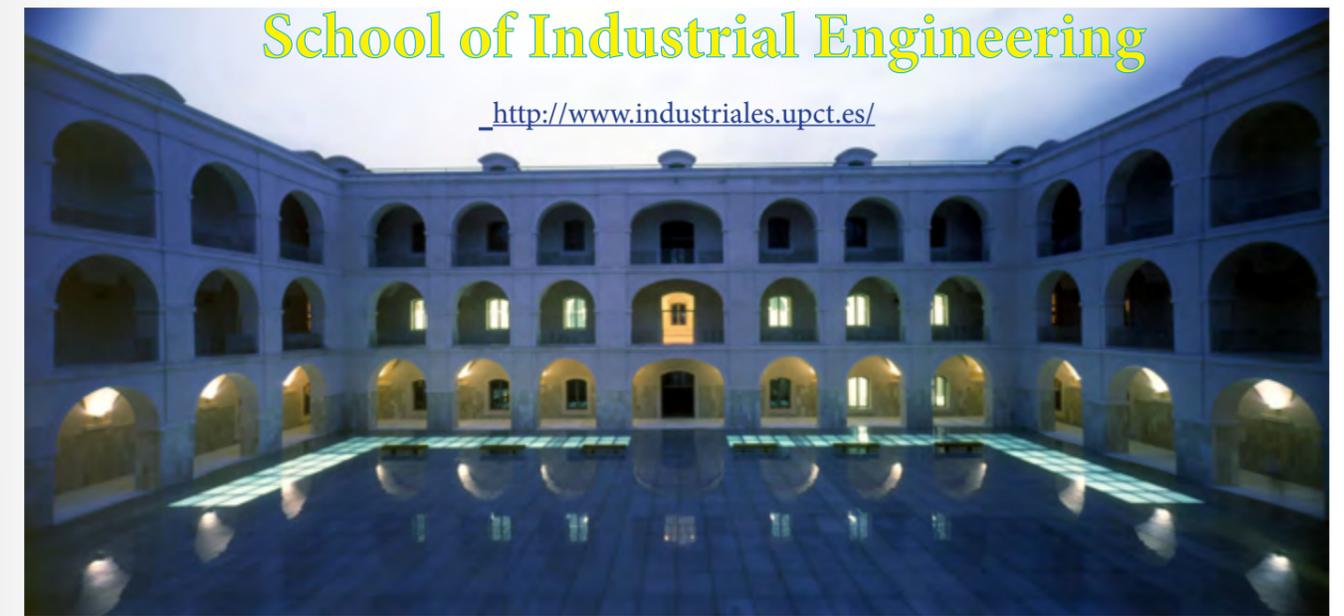
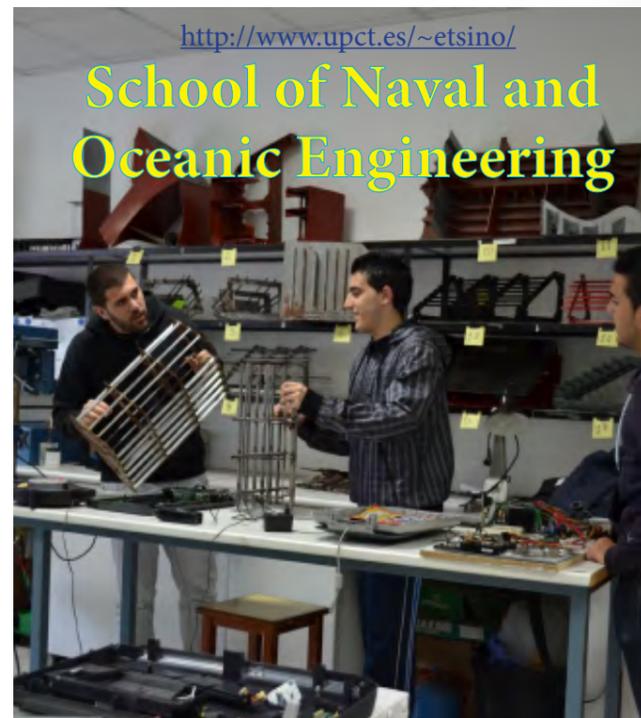
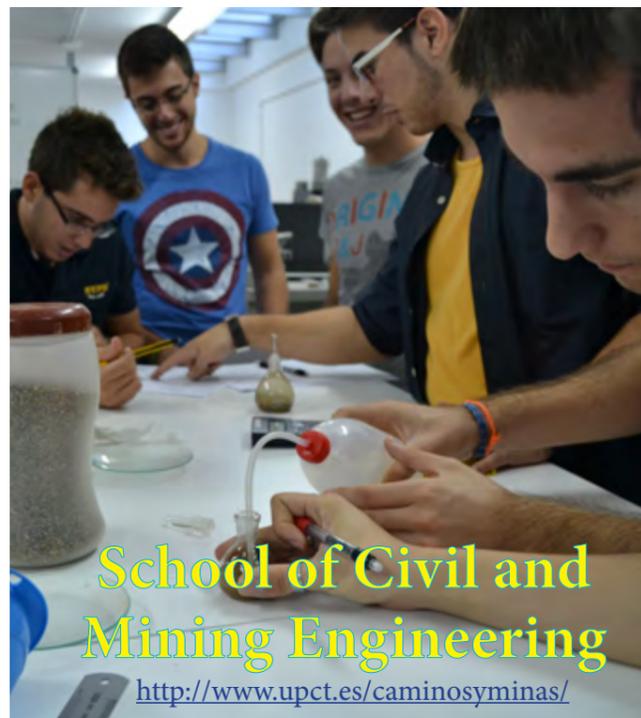
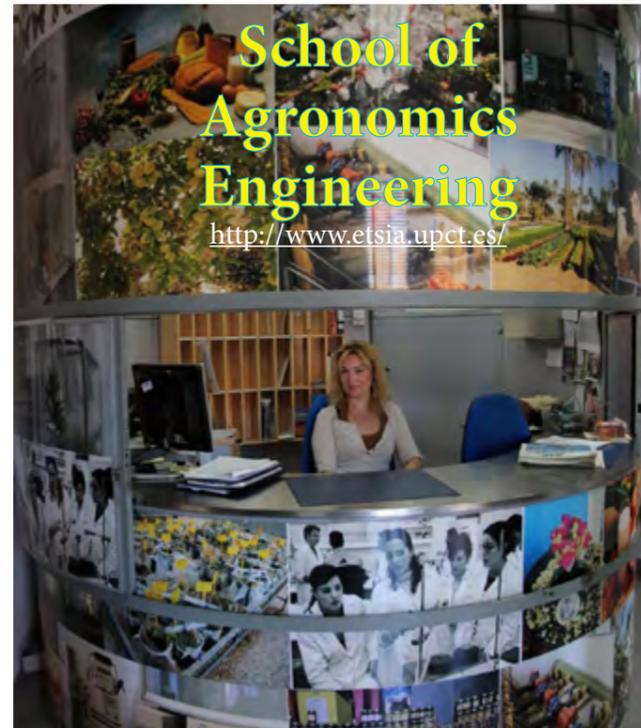
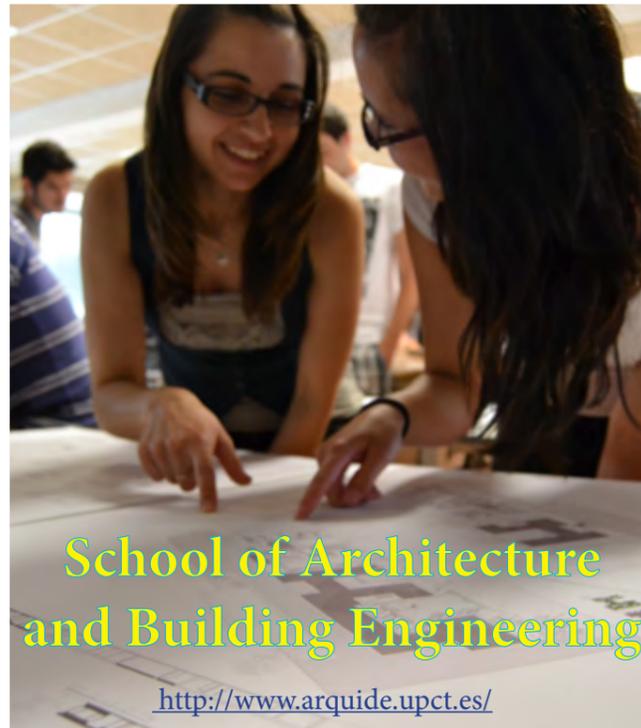
A Spanish class for international students



# What can you study here?

The UPCT offers several different Bachelor's and Master's degree programs. The University comprises different faculties and schools, such as the School of Architecture and Building, the School of Agricultural Engineering, the School of Civil Engineering, the School of Industrial Engineering,

the School of Naval and Oceanic Engineering, the School of Telecommunications Engineering and the School of Economics and Business Science. In addition, affiliated centers, such as the School of Tourism and the University Defense Center also belong to the UPCT.



# Living in Cartagena

There are many activities our foreign students can do during their leisure time. Cultural events are very frequent. Our students can also find a Tandem partner with whom to

learn more Spanish or simply enjoy the night life of Cartagena. Furthermore, the UPCT also manages a non-profit organization called "International Students Association of Cartagena"

(ISAC) that organizes different events for foreign students, such as welcome parties, lunches with typical Spanish meals, film screenings and trips to other places in Spain.

