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Gastuniversität:	Universidad de Valencia
Gastland:	Spain
Studiengang an der Gastuniversität:	International Business
Aufenthaltszeitraum (Semester und Jahr):	Fall Semester 2025/26
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Themenbereiche:

1. Bewerbung und Auswahlverfahren an der FAU
2. Bewerbung / Anmeldung an der Gastuniversität
3. Vorbereitung auf das Auslandsstudium
4. Anreise / Visum
5. Unterkunftsmöglichkeiten (Wohnheim, privat)
6. Einschreibung an der Gastuniversität
7. Fachliche und administrative Betreuung an der Gastuniversität (International Office, Fachstudienberater, Buddy-Programme, studentische Initiativen, etc.)
8. Lehrveranstaltungen / Stundenplan an der Gastuniversität
9. Sprachkurse an der Gastuniversität (kostenlos, kostenpflichtig)
10. Ausstattung der Gastuniversität (Bibliothek, Computerräume, etc.)
11. Freizeitangebote
12. Stadt (Sehenswürdigkeiten, Feste, Museen, etc.)
13. Alltag (Geld-Abheben, Handy, Jobben)
14. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien)
15. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links
16. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)
17. Sonstiges

Vielen Dank für Ihre Unterstützung!



1. Preparation

FAU offers a huge selection of universities around the world, but for me the decision was pretty easy, since I knew from the start that I wanted to go to a Spanish-speaking country. When making my list of priorities, I decided to choose the ERASMUS program over the Overseas program for purely financial reasons, since it seemed easier to secure ERASMUS funding than to hope for a scholarship to finance a stay in Argentina, which would have been my first choice for a study abroad program. When choosing a city in Spain, Valencia seemed like the perfect choice, as it's a large city with a lot to offer, has a beach, and is conveniently located for visiting other cities in Spain. I haven't regretted this choice at all, because Valencia is a fantastic city for a semester abroad.

The application process was also quite simple, as every step is explained during International Day and on the MobilityOnline website.

Drawing up the learning agreements seemed complicated at first, but once I found the person in charge at the department, it wasn't a problem anymore, since the University of Valencia's syllabi are easy to find on the website and very detailed.

After I was accepted at the Universidad de Valencia, I started preparing by brushing up on my Spanish. In Spain, not everyone speaks English, or feels comfortable speaking it. Knowing Spanish is therefore very helpful for getting by, and is also appreciated by the locals. FAU required a B2 language certificate, so that wasn't a problem for me personally, but I met some people who had trouble ordering in smaller local cafés or at markets. The University of Valencia offers four-month Spanish courses for all levels for €192 and free A1 Catalan courses.

2. Getting There and Arrival

Getting to Valencia was very easy, as there are relatively inexpensive direct flights from Nuremberg to Valencia. Once there, you can take the metro into the city or book a taxi. Since Spain is in the EU, I didn't need a visa.

3. Accommodation

Finding a place to live was a bit more challenging. The best neighborhoods for students who want to live near the universities are Amistat, Banimaclet, or Blasco Ibáñez. Russafa and Gran Via are a bit more central, but they're also a bit more expensive. To find shared apartments, the Idealista platform is very helpful, as are the ESN Valencia WhatsApp groups, where Erasmus students from the previous semester offer their apartments. There are also student residences in the city, but these were too expensive for me, so I didn't look into them further. The average rent for a room in a shared apartment is around €350–500.

4. Academic Program

Courses at the UV are generally divided into a lecture with no attendance requirement and a seminar for which you must register online or sign an attendance sheet. Grades are often composed of several components: 60% from a final exam and 40% from continuous assessment, i.e., attendance, quizzes, group or individual projects, and homework/essays. Overall, the courses require much more work during the semester than in Germany, and the teaching style is more personal and reminiscent of high school, as most professors know the



students by name. The courses I liked best were Change and Innovation Management and Regulation and Competition. I had difficulty with the course Teoría de Juegos because the instructor was often sick and only offered make-up classes at the end of the semester; additionally, the course was taught in Spanish.

In total, the four courses I took in Spain are equivalent to 25 ECTS credits in Germany.

5. Support at the Host University

The International Office at the University of Valencia is responsible for all questions regarding changes to course selection and other university-related matters. It also offers a buddy system in which Spanish students serve as mentors to Erasmus students. However, I found the ESN Valencia WhatsApp group to be the most helpful, where ESN Valencia members organize events, provide support, and answer any questions.

6. Facilities

The university offers students a wide range of facilities. There are several libraries on campus, including one in the Faculty of Humanities that is open 24 hours a day. There are also computer labs, a university bookstore, and cafeterias. The UV also offers numerous sports classes, such as tennis, surfing, yoga, and Pilates, all of which are reasonably priced.

7. Daily Life and Leisure

Valencia is a great city for students and also the city that hosts the most ERASMUS students in all of Europe (over 3,000). There are different activities every day, and it's super easy to meet people and make friends right from the start.

The city offers many cultural attractions, such as museums, historical sites, an aquarium, and botanical gardens, but it also has a vibrant nightlife with a variety of bars, cafes, and clubs—making for a great social scene overall.

Another major advantage of Valencia is how easy it is to get around the city. The public transportation system is well-organized and relatively inexpensive. There are buses, trams, and a metro system that connect all parts of the city, including the beach and the university districts. Most places are also accessible by bike, as Valencia is very bike-friendly and has many bike lanes. Most students sign up for a Valenbici subscription for €30 to use the public bikes and get around.

In general, I felt very safe in the city and was never afraid to be out and about on my own. However, there are certain areas where you need to watch out for pickpockets, such as in the touristy city center or at the beach, as well as at bus or tram stops. You should keep an eye on your valuables in those areas.

8. Finances



Over

all, my cost of living in Valencia was almost the same as in Germany. Groceries and rent cost about the same, but going out to bars or cafés is significantly cheaper than in Germany. The Erasmus grant is a big help in covering rent and living expenses, but if you really want to

make the most of your time by going out or traveling, you should definitely have some savings set aside.

9. Conclusion (best and worst experiences)

Overall, my semester abroad in Valencia was an incredibly wonderful experience. Even though it was stressful at times, it was a fantastic experience to meet new people from all over the world, discover new places, get to know a new university, and travel through Spain and Portugal.

Some of my best memories were the many evenings I spent with friends on balconies or in bars, or my trips to Portugal and southern Spain. My worst experience was when my cell phone was stolen and a storm warning was issued that same day, which made it a bit difficult to get a new one because everything was closed.

10. Useful links

- [International Office](#)
- [Pagina Principal | ESN](#)
- [Bienvenido a Valencia - Erasmus life](#)



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