Welcome to Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. We have just created this guide on September 2012, to help international students who are currently staying here with us.

As you can see, it includes many issues about your daily life here such as housing in Madrid, how to open a bank account, how to use your cell phone... We hope all these tips will be useful and helpful during your first days in Madrid and in our University.

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Any suggestion or comment to improve its contents will be more than welcome. You can contact us at our Facebook group or via Twitter.

Take in advantage of your stay in Madrid, learn, enjoy and make friends and contacts!!!

Un cordial saludo

Carlos López-Terradas,
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Thanks to...

[Logos of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, I*ESN, UC3M, and another logo]
UC3M was founded in 1989. The university has 4 campuses (Getafe, Leganés, Colmenarejo, Puerta de Toledo) and 3 schools. There are 1,724 faculty members and 16,489 students (14,992 undergraduate / 1,497 graduate). UC3M offers 30 Bachelor Degree Programs (16 are taught in English) and 93 Postgraduate Degree Programs (21 are taught in English). There are agreements with more than 400 universities in 49 countries, and 18% of the international students come from abroad.
Accommodation

Advantages for UC3M students

UC3M Residence halls
Info · Getafe campus
Info · Leganés campus
Info · Colmenarejo campus

The Aloja application provides housing information to the entire University community

Other accommodation info at UC3M website

If you want to share a flat with other students...

- Aluni.net
- Sal y Ven
- MadridEASY
- DFLAT Housing
- Emes.es
- Segundamano.es
- Idealista.es

If you rent a flat/room they will ask you for...

- Bank guarantee
- Deposit *

* usually equivalent to one or two months of rent
If you want to live Madrid up...

**Best neighborhood for you**
- Sol - La Latina - Lavapiés (Center) is ambiance
- Tribunal is alternative
- Moncloa-Argüelles is plenty of students
- Barrio de Salamanca is fancy
- Plaza Elíptica - Usera is cheaper
- Tetuán is full of life

**Green spaces**
- 20 min by train from SOL
- 15 min by bus from PLAZA ELIPTICA
- To UC3M

**Monthly rent 400€**

If you want to stay near the university...

- More comfortable / live on campus
- Good connections with downtown
- Green spaces
- Monthly rent 300€

*Average price per person and room*
Travelcard
(Abono Transportes & Abono Joven)

How to get it
✓ Tobacco’s shop (‘estanco’)
✓ Bring a passport photo
✓ Copy of your passport

Abono facts:

Monthly
Zones A (Madrid) & B (Getafe & Leganés)
Includes: Bus + Night buses + Metro + S.Train

Abono Joven is up to 23 years old and it takes around 15 days to get it

Useful sites...

Metro
Suburban train (RENFE Cercanías)
Consorcio Transportes
Madrid
Transport Information System
EMT
¡Madrid!
Bus & Night buses
Cell Phones in Spain
How to get your own Spanish number

1st. You Need your ID/PASS

2nd. Choose payment method:
- PRE-PAID (from 5€ each charge)
- MONTHLY PAYMENT (you need a Spanish bank account)

3rd. Choose a Company:
- Vodafone
- Orange
- Movistar
- Yoigo
- Simyo

Save Money
Bring with you an unlocked mobile phone, it will work perfectly in Spain

*these are just the most common ones
How to open a bank account *

1st ID / Passport

2nd A deposit

Pay with ...

Santander

Official UC3M bank
Office & ATM on campus

everywhere

no checks

*these requirements are susceptible of change depending on the bank
If you are not EU student...
+ You must get a private health insurance with international coverage

If you are EU student
+ You can get the European Health Insurance Card

Where to go if you got sick
+ Please ask to your health insurance which hospital or medical center in Madrid you may go to.
+ Find your closest hospital and medical center:

A couple of advices...
- Watch your belongings, specially in the metro
- Don’t bring too much pocket money on you
Sports

Football
Basketball
Fitness
SPA
Tennis
Squash
Beach Volley Ball
Swimming

Get your card & play

Championship
Sports clubs
Sport center
UC3M Team
Spain: some places of interest
Madrid and its surroundings...

- Royal monastery
- Spanish kings’ tombs
- 55 km away
- El Escorial

- Reservoir beach
- 80 km away
- Pantano de San Juan

- Royal monastery
- Spanish kings’ tombs
- 55 km away
- El Escorial

- La Pinilla
- Valdesquí
- 20 km snow area each
- ski rental

- Alcalá de Henares
- Cervantes’ birthplace
- 35 km away

- Toledo
- Alcazar
- Jewish neighborhood
- 88 km away

- Aranjuez
- Palace & gardens
- Train of strawberry
- 50 km away

* Spain is divided into several regions; colored territory represents Madrid region
Prices

Coffee
1.20 €

A liter of whole milk
0.75 €

Beer + tapa
2.50 €

Movies ticket
6.50 €

Haircut
10 €

Big Mac Full Menu
5.95 €

Opening hours

10 am - 9 pm

11 pm - 6 am

6 am - 1.30 am

Useful Information

Weather

Summer
30 °C

Fall
14 °C

Winter
5-6 °C

Spring
13-14 °C

Note: average temperature in Madrid. 1 ºC = 33'8 F

300 sunny days per year
Because Spain is ¡diferente!

We love spending our time outside. We love Sports.

We are outgoing and expressive people. We speak loud but we are not angry :-)

We will try to understand you if you speak in English.

We will introduce ourselves with 2 kisses (btw women or man/woman) or by handshake (only btw men).

We have lunch at 2:30pm and we have dinner not before 9pm.
1 At the Airport (any terminal)
- Go to Centro de Atención al Viajero office and ask for the best transport ticket for you
- Get a Metro Map & Madrid Map

2 From the Airport
- Metro
  - If you go to Sol or downtown. Fast
  - If your destination is around Plaza Cibeles. Free WiFi on board
  - 40’
- Suburban Train (Cercanías)
  - If you go around Atocha or Leganes. Comfortable
  - 30’ or 60’

3 From Madrid to Leganés
- Suburban Train (Cercanías)
  - From Atocha to Zarzaquemada or Leganes. 15’
- Metro
  - Line 12 to Leganés Central. 15’ from Puerta del Sur
- Bus
  - From Aluche, Lines 482, 483
  - From Plaza Elipítica. Line 486
  - 20’

4 At the Airport (any terminal)
- Go to Centro de Atención al Viajero office and ask for the best transport ticket for you
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5 From Madrid to Leganés
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- Metro
  - Line 12 to Leganés Central. 15’ from Puerta del Sur
- Bus
  - From Aluche, Lines 482, 483
  - From Plaza Elipítica. Line 486
  - 20’

6 Metro Line 12 to Leganés Central. 15’ from Puerta del Sur

7 Bus from Aluche, Lines 482, 483
- From Plaza Elipítica. Line 486
  - 20’

8 First-day-map. Print this page if you go to UC3M Leganes Campus (Engineering)
At the Airport (any terminal)
- Go to Centro de Atención al Viajero Office and ask for the best transport ticket for you
- Get a Metro Map & Madrid Map

From Madrid to Getafe

1. Suburban Train (Cercanías)
   From Atocha to Las Margaritas Universidad
   Metro Line 12 to Juan de la Cierva
   Bus from Plaza Eíptica, lines 441 & 442 from Legazpi, line 443

2. From the Airport
   - Suburban Train (Cercanías)
     If you go around Atocha or Getafe, comfortable 30' or 60'
   - Metro
     If you go to Sol or Downtown, fast 40'
   - 24H Express Bus
     If your destination is around Plaza Cibeles, free WiFi on board

3. Metro
   Line 12 to Juan de la Cierva
   Bus from Plaza Elíptica, lines 441/442/443 from Legazpi, line 443

UC3M Getafe Campus (Social Sciences)
At the Airport (any terminal)
· GO TO CENTRO DE ATENCIÓN AL VIAJERO OFFICE AND ASK FOR THE BEST TRANSPORT TICKET FOR YOU
· GET A METRO MAP & MADRID MAP

From Madrid to Colmenarejo
BUS FROM MONCLOA. LINE 631

From the Airport
SUBURBAN TRAIN (CERCANIAS) IF YOU GO AROUND ATOCHA OR SOL. COMFORTABLE
METRO IF YOU GO TO MONCLOA OR DOWNTOWN. FAST
24H EXPRESS BUS IF YOUR DESTINATION IS AROUND PLAZA CIBELES. FREE WIFI ON BOARD

COLMENAREJO

MADRID
Useful Links

Accommodation
- http://www.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/servicios_jovenes/alojamiento/residencias
- http://aplicaciones.uc3m.es/alojamiento/
- www.Aluni.net
- www.salyven.net
- www.roomsmadrid.wordpress.com
- www.dflathousing.com
- www.emes.es
- www.segundamano.es
- www.idealista.com

Transport
- www.metromadrid.es/es/index.html
- www.emtmadrid.es/
- www.ctm-madrid.es/
- www.renfe.com/

Cell Phones
- www.vodafone.es
- www.orange.es
- www.yoigo.com
- www.movistar.es
- www.simyo.es

Banks
- www.bancosantander.es

Health

Sports
- http://www.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/cultura_y_deporte/deporte

Enjoy UC3M