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.

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If 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 unforgettable experience.

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

International UPV/EHU

Oficina de acogida Help centre

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Biscay-Leioa: helpcentre2.internacional@ehu.eus
Biscay-Bilbao: helpcentre3.internacional@ehu.eus
Donostia-San Sebastián: helpcentre4.internacional@ehu.eus
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UPV/EHU

The University of the Basque Country

Public, integrating and non-restrictive institution.
Strongly committed to research, intellectual leadership and social engagement.
Custodians of Euskara, the only pre Indo-European language still alive in Europe.
Labelled Campus of International Excellence.
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 & schools 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 to designate Vitoria-Gasteiz ‘European Green Capital’ in recent 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 Maria 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**

- If you fly to Bilbao-Loiu airport ([aena-aeropuertos.es](http://aena-aeropuertos.es)): Buses run every 30 minutes from the airport to TERMBUS bus station. Take a bus to Vitoria-Gasteiz from this terminal. Check frequencies and running hours at [autobuseslaunion.com](http://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](http://aena-aeropuertos.es)): Buses run daily from here to Bilbao Termibus station. Check frequencies at [alsa.es](http://alsa.es).

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

- [www.euskadi.net/turismo](http://www.euskadi.net/turismo)
- [www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/turismo](http://www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/turismo)
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. It 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 80’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 Norman Foster, Zaha Hadid, Santiago Calatrava, Javier Mariscal...The upturn undergone by the city has led to Bilbao being granted prestigious architecture and city planning awards.

People in Bilbao are friendly, optimistic and good tempered; the vibrant cultural life of the city turns, at dusk, into a varied, pepped nightife. A visit to the local ’cathedral’, the Athletic Football Club stadium, the ’7 streets’ section and Bizkaia suspended bridge (a century old Unesco World 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/turismo
www.bilbao.net/bilbaoturismo
1.1.3. Campus of Gipuzkoa

It is composed of 9 Faculties and Schools; while the vast majority is located in Donostia-San Sebastián, we have another Engineering School 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, International Film Festival...), countless sports activities and traditions. All of this summed up for the city to have been designated ‘European 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 ‘pintxos’) in every bar around the city and several Michelin starred restaurants.

**How to get there**


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](http://pesa.net).
- Biarritz airport (in France [www.biarritz.aeroport.fr](http://www.biarritz.aeroport.fr)): Located 50 minutes from San Sebastián. Buses connecting to San Sebastian, [pesa.net](http://pesa.net) and [conda.es](http://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 [euskokotren.es](http://euskokotren.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](http://renfe.es)

Further details at:

- [www.euskadi.net/turismo](http://www.euskadi.net/turismo)
- [www.sansebastianturismo.com](http://www.sansebastianturismo.com)
- [www.donostia.org](http://www.donostia.org)
1. Campus of Gipuzkoa
2. Faculty of Medicine and Nursing, Nursing
3. Palacio Miramar (Summer Courses venue)
4. RENFE train station
5. Bus Terminal
6. Euskotren railway station
7. Gipuzkoa regional Government siege
8. City Hall
9. Kursaal

Campus of Gipuzkoa in Donostia-San Sebastián

1. Faculty of Education, Philosophy and Anthropology, Teacher Training
2. Higher 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
10. Ignacio María Barriola building, lecture rooms
11. Joxe Mari Korta R+D+i facility
12. Carlos Santamaria Information and library facilities
13. Julianategi: Vice Rectorate of the Campus of Gipuzkoa
14. Manuel Agud Querol Residence Hall
15. Campus services
1.2. Courses catalogue at the University of the Basque Country

### 1.2.1. Undergraduate programmes

#### Campus of Araba

**FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS. VITORIA-GASTEIZ**  
Comandante Izarduy, 23. 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz  
- BA in Business Administration and Management

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING. VITORIA-GASTEIZ**  
Nieves Cano, 12. 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz  
- 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  
- BA in Nursery Education  
- BA in Primary Education

**FACULTY OF LABOUR RELATIONS AND SOCIAL WORK. VITORIA-GASTEIZ**  
Los Apraiz, 2. 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz  
- BA in Social Work

**FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND SPORT. PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS SCIENCE**  
Portal de Lasarte, 71. 01007 Vitoria-Gasteiz  
- BSc in Physical Education and Sports Science

**FACULTY OF PHARMACY**  
Paseo de la Universidad, 7. 01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz  
[www.ehu.eus/es/web/farmaziafakultatea](http://www.ehu.eus/es/web/farmaziafakultatea)  
- BSc in Food Science and Technology  
- BSc in Environmental Sciences  
- Bsc in Pharmacy  
- Bsc in Human Nutrition and Diet

**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
Paseo de la Universidad, 5. 01006  
Vitoria-Gasteiz  
[www.ehu.eus/es/web/letrak](http://www.ehu.eus/es/web/letrak)  
- BA in English Studies  
- BA in Basque studies  
- BA in Philology (Spanish, French, German & Classical studies)  
- BA in Geography and Planning  
- BA in History  
- BA in History of Art  
- BA in Translation and Interpreting

**TEACHING UNIT OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND NURSING. VITORIA-GASTEIZ**  
José Achótegui, s/n. 01009 Vitoria-Gasteiz  
- Bsc in Medicine (three last years)

**FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND NURSING. NURSING, VITORIA-GASTEIZ**  
Jose Atxotegi, s/n01009 Vitoria-Gasteiz  
[www.osakidetza.euskadi.net/r85-gheue00/es/](http://www.osakidetza.euskadi.net/r85-gheue00/es/)  
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Barrio Sarriena s/n, 48940 Leioa-Erandio
www.ehu.eus/es/web/medikuntza-odontologia

- BSc in Physiotherapy
- BSc in Medicine
- BSc in Dentistry

BILBAO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOOL
Licenciado Poza, 17, 48011 Bilbao
www.euccb.com.euccb/portal.portal.action

- BSc in Management and Business Marketing

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Barrio Sarriena s/n, 48940 Leioa-Erandio
www.ehu.eus/es/web/ztf-fct

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

FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCES
Barrio Sarriena s/n, 48940 Leioa-Erandio
www.ehu.eus/es/web/gkz-csc

- BA in Political Science and Public Management
- BA in Audiovisual Communication
- BA in Journalism
- BA in Advertising and Public Relations
- BA in Sociology

FACULTY OF LAW, BISCAY UNIT
Barrio Sarriena s/n, 48940 Leioa-Erandio
www.ehu.eus/es/web/zuzenbide

- BA in Law

TEACHING UNIT OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND NURSING IN BASURTO HOSPITAL
Guturbay s/n, 48013 Bilbao
www.ehu.eus/es/web/medikuntza-odontologia/irakaskuntza-unitateak/basurto

- BSc in Medicine

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Campus of Gipuzkoa

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- BSc in Chemistry
Campus of Gipuzkoa

**HIGHER TECHNICAL SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**
Plaza Oñati, 2. 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
[www.ehu.eus/es/web/arkitektura](http://www.ehu.eus/es/web/arkitektura)
- BSc in Architectural Fundamentals

**FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS. DONOSTIA-SAN SEBASTIÁN**
Plaza Oñati, 1. 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
- BSc in Business Administration and Management

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING - GIPUZKOA**
Plaza de Europa, 1. 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
[www.ehu.eus/es/web/politekniako](http://www.ehu.eus/es/web/politekniako)
- BSc in Technical Architecture
- BSc in Civil Engineering
- BSc in Electrical Engineering
- BSc in Automatic and Industrial Electronic Engineering
- BSc in Mechanical Engineering
- BSc in Industrial Chemical Engineering

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING. TECHNICAL INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING. EIBAR**
Avenida Otaola, 29. 20600 Eibar
[www.ehu.eus/es/web/eibar](http://www.ehu.eus/es/web/eibar)
- BSc in Renewable Energies Engineering
- BSc in Automatic and Industrial Electronic Engineering
- BSc in Mechanical Engineering

**FACULTY OF EDUCATION, PHILOSOPHY AND ANTHROPOLOGY. TEACHING TRAINING, DONOSTIA-SAN SEBASTIÁN**
Plaza Oñati, 3. 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
- BA in Nursery Education
- BA in Primary Education

**FACULTY OF EDUCATION, PHILOSOPHY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**
Avenida de Tolosa, 70. 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
- BA in Social Anthropology
- BA in Social Education
- BA in Philosophy
- BA in Pedagogy

**FACULTY OF LAW**
Pº Manuel Lardizabal, 3. 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
[www.ehu.eus/es/web/zuzebide](http://www.ehu.eus/es/web/zuzebide)
- BA in Criminology
- BA in Law

**FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**
Pº Manuel Lardizabal, 1. 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
- BSc in Computer Engineering

**FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY**
Avenida de Tolosa, 70. 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
- BSc in Psychology

**TEACHING UNIT OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND NURSING. DONOSTIA-SS**
Pº Dr. Beguiristain, 105. 20014 Donostia-San Sebastian
- BSc in Medicine (three last years)

**MACHINE TOOL INSTITUTE (Engineering School, Elgoibar)**
Azkue Auzoa,1 -PC 48. · 20870 Elgoibar
- BSc in Innovation Engineering in Processes and Products
1.2.2. Postgraduate studies. Official master’s degrees

**QUALITY OF LIFE AND HEALTH**
- Forensic Analysis
- Public Health
- Healthy Aging and Quality of Life
- Assistive Technology for Independent Living
- General Health Psychology

**BIOMEDICINE**
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical Research
- Pharmacology, Development, Evaluation and Rational Use of Medicines
- Molecular Biology and Biomedicine 15%
- Microbiology and Health
- Neuroscience

**FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**
- Nutrition and Health
- Food Quality and Safety
- Innovative Enology

**LAW**
- Advocacy
- Fundamental Rights and the Authorities
- Political Integration and Economic Union in the European Union
- Democratic Society, State and Law

**SOCIOLOGY OF LAW**
- International Master in Sociology of Law

**EDUCATION**
- Physical Activity and Sport Sciences
- Multilingualism and Education 85%
- Research in the Socio-Educational Field
- Technology, Learning and Education
- Psychodidactics: Psychology of Education and Specific Didactics
- Teacher Training for Compulsory Secondary Education, Upper Secondary Education, Vocational Training and Foreign Language Teaching

**MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS**
- Banking and Quantitative Finances
- Economics: Empirical Applications and Policies
- Economic Integration
- Economics: Economic Analysis Tools
- Business Management from an Innovation and Internationalization Perspective
- Finance and Financial Management
- Auditing and Advanced Accounting
- Actuarial and Financial Sciences

**JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION**
- Social Communication
- Multimedia Communication UPV/EHU - EITB
- Multimedia Journalism
SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- Space Science and Technology

PSYCHOLOGY
- Organisational Psychology and Psychosocial Intervention
- Psychology: Individual, Group, Organization and Culture

SCIENCE POLITICS AND SOCIETY
- Nationalism in the 21st century: The Basque Case
- Governance and Political Studies
- Participation and Community Development
- Models and Areas of Social Science Research
- Feminist and Gender Studies
- International Studies
- Globalization and Development
- Social Economy and Solidarity Economy
- Development and International Cooperation
- Social Anthropology

HUMAN RESOURCES AND RISK PREVENTION
- Human Resource and Employment Management
- Safety and Health at Work

ENVIRONMENT
- Environmental Agrobiology
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning and Management
- Environmental Contamination and Toxicology 70%
- Quaternary: Environmental Change and Human Ecological Footprint
- ERASMUS MUNDUS MsC in Marine Environment and Resources - MEREMMC
- Landscape Management, Heritage, Land and City

PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND MATERIALS
- Quantum Science and Technology 85%
- Nanoscience
- New Materials
- Chemistry and Polymers
- Synthetic and Industrial Chemistry
- Theoretical Chemistry and Computational Modelling

RENEWABLE ENERGIES AND SUSTAINABILITY
- Research in Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Industry, Transport, Construction and Town Planning
- Integration of Renewable Energy Sources into the Electricity Grid
- Sustainable Energy Engineering

ARCHITECTURE
- Architecture
- Reurbanisation, Ristoration and Integral Management of Historical Constructions
ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

- EUROPEAN MASTER In Project Management, EURO-MPM 30%
- Research in Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Advanced Materials Engineering
- Renewable Materials Engineering
- Engineering Physics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Control Engineering, Automation and Robotics
- Control in Smartgrids and Distributed Generation
- Industrial Organization Engineering
- Construction Engineering
- Nautical Engineering and Maritime Transport
- Marine Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Mining
- Transportation systems 45%
- Marine Engineering

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

- Language Analysis and Processing
- ERASMUS MUNDUS Master in Language And Communication Technologies (LCT)
- Mathematical Modelling and Research, Statistics and Computing
- Computational Engineering and Intelligent Systems
- Advanced Computer Systems
- Computer Engineering
- Advanced Electronic Systems
- Embedded Systems Engineering
- Telecommunication Engineering

ARTS

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

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

- Europe and the Atlantic World: Power, Culture and Society
- Contemporary History
- Classical world
- Philosophy in a Global World
- Philosophy, Science and Values

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

- Language Acquisition in Multilingual Settings (LAMS)
- Cognitive Science and Humanities: Language, Communication and Organization
- Cognitive Neuroscience of Language
- Basque Linguistics and Philology
- Comparative Literature and Literary Studies
- Theoretical and experimental linguistics (to be accredited)
- Language policies and planning

* Qualifying*: Enables student to enter into accredited professional practice

English as language of instruction (fully in English or percentage)
1.2.3. Master’s Degrees taught in Latin America (UPV/EHU postgraduate network IN LA)

- Photovoltaic Devices and Systems
- Philosophy in a global world
- Globalization: Social processes and Economic policies
- Mining
- Language policies and planning
- Democratic society, State and Right
- Tecnology, Learning processes and Education

1.2.4. Postgraduate studies. Doctoral programs

| QUALITY OF LIFE AND HEALTH | Forensic Analysis  
|                           | Public Health  
|                           | Medicine and Surgery  
| BIOMEDICINE               | Biomedical Research  
|                           | Research and Evaluation of Drugs. Application of Pharmaceutical Technologies to the Development of Advanced Therapies  
|                           | Pharmacology  
|                           | Molecular Biology and Biomedicine  
|                           | Immunology, Microbiology and Parasitology  
|                           | Neuroscience  
| FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | Nutrigenomics and Personalized Nutrition  
|                           | Food Quality and Safety  
| LAW                       | Human Rights, Public Authorities and European Union: Public and Private Law  
|                           | Rethinking Globalization: Challenges and Interdisciplinary Answers  
| EDUCATION                 | Physical Activity and Sport  
|                           | Education: School, Language and Society  
|                           | Psychodidactics: Psychology of Education and Didactics Specific  
| MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS  | Quantitative Finance and Economics  
|                           | Economic Integration  
|                           | Economics: Economic Analysis Tools  
|                           | Business Management, Knowledge and Innovation  
| JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION | Social Communication  
| SCIENCE, POLITICS AND SOCIETY | Social, Politics and Cultural Studies  
|                           | Models and Areas of Social Science Research  
|                           | Feminist and Gender Studies  
|                           | Development Studies  
| PSYCHOLOGY                | Psychology  
| RENEWABLE ENERGIES AND SUSTAINABILITY | Energy Efficiency and Sustainability in Engineering and Architecture  
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1.2.5. Summer courses

The University of the Basque Country does not shut for vacation. Besides our traditional winter programmes, our summer courses take place in our three campuses 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.uiu.eus/en
1.3. Academic information

1.3.1. Academic calendar

**UNDERGRADUATE**
- Late August: start of Spanish intensive course for international visitors (2 weeks)
- Early September: start of Fall Semester
- Early September: start of Spanish Fall course (3-week arrival flexibility)
- Welcome ceremony for international visitors

**Fall Semester**
- Late October: document submission deadline for Latin America and Other Destinations programmes exchange students (January-February arrivals)
- Late November: document submission deadline for Erasmus+ programme exchange students (January-February arrivals)
- December 21-January 7: Christmas break
- January: Fall semester regular examinations period
- Late January: start of Spring semester

**Spring semester**
- Campus presentations for international visitors
- Late January: start of Spanish Spring course (3-week arrival flexibility)
- February: enrolment for DELE Spanish accreditation exams
- April: DELE Spanish accreditation exams
- Early May: document submission deadline for Latin America and Other Destinations Exchange programmes students (August-September arrivals)
- May: Farewell ceremony for international visitors
- Late May: Spring semester regular examinations period
- Mid-June to early July: Fall and Spring semester retakes
- June: document submission deadline for Erasmus+ exchange students (August-September arrivals)
- June-August: summer break

**TIMELINE**
- **August**
- **September**
- **October**
- **November**
- **December**
- **January**
- **February**
- **March**
- **April**
- **May**
- **June**
- **July**
- **August**

**MASTER**
- Late August: start of Spanish intensive course for international visitors (2 weeks)
- Early September: start of Spanish Fall course (3-week arrival flexibility)
- Welcome ceremony for international visitors
- Mid September: start of Master studies

**Fall Semester**
- Late October: document submission deadline for Erasmus+ exchange students (January-February arrivals)
- December 21-January 7: Christmas break
- January: Fall semester regular examinations period
- Late January: start of Spring semester

**Spring semester**
- Campus presentations for international visitors
- Late January: start of Spanish Spring course (3-week arrival flexibility)
- February: enrolment for DELE Spanish accreditation exams
- April to May (check official dates on eu.edu): Master pre-enrolment for degree-seeking students
- April: DELE Spanish accreditation exams
- May: Farewell ceremony for international visitors
- Late May: Spring semester regular examinations period
- Late May: document submission deadline for Erasmus+ exchange students (September arrivals)
- Mid-June to early July: Fall and Spring semester retakes
- June-August: summer break
- Mid-July: enrolment period starts (degree-seeking students)

Lessons and examination dates may vary slightly at every Faculty or School; to plan your travelling dates, please check the calendar of the Faculty or School 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.

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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.
2.1. Before travelling

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

After being nominated by their home institution, exchange students will typically need to send some documents to the international coordinator of the relevant faculty/school at the University of the Basque Country, for final acceptance.

2.1.2. Documents: checklist and submission deadline

- Check the courses available on each programme and the courses taught in English (online)
- Send your application form (to be downloaded from our website)
- Send your learning agreement proposal (list of courses to enrol on)

Submission deadlines (unless otherwise specified by the relevant international coordinator)

- Fall semester arrivals: June 30
- Spring semester arrivals: November 30

2.1.3. 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:

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2.1.4. Medical insurance for international visitors

The University of the Basque Country requests all international visitors on exchange programs to be covered by a Travel Assistance Insurance. This insurance MUST include the following BASIC COVERAGE:

- Transport and/or repatriation to home country in case of accident or illness of insured person
- Repatriation of the deceased insured

It is recommended that insurance covers too (or the student takes out an insurance) for Civil liability. Proof of this insurance will be handed out at the Faculty or School at registration.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE:

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.
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.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/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

ARABA/ALAVA

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: +34 932 183 250
E-mail: alfaro@resa.es
www.resa.es

GIPUZKOA/GUIPUZCOA

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E-mail: unamuno@lg.ehu.eus
www.ehu.eus/unamuno

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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.

- We will contact you to provide you with the family information you need to make your choice.
- When you have decided on the most suitable family, contact them to meet on your arrival date.

- Be open and communicate  - Participate in activities
- Bring a gift  - Benefit from daily conversations
- Attend the family meals  - Get to know your host family
- Respect the schedule  - Remember that it’s all temporary
- Accept the differences  - 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 gets 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.eus/ostatu/pisos/index.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.
Facebook Student groups to look for spare rooms:

- Erasmus San Sebastian 2016-2017
- Flats & Rooms - Erasmus Bilbao
- Erasmus Vitoria-Gasteiz 2016/2017

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
Where to find us:

**Campus of Araba**

Vice Rectorate building  
Calle Comandante Izarduy, 2  
01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz

Tel: +34 945 014 334  
helpcentre1.internacional@ehu.eus

**Campus of Biscay**

Leioa: Central library building, 2nd floor  
Tel: +34 946 015868  
helpcentre2.internacional@ehu.eus

Bilbao: Faculty of Engineering,  
Plaza Ingeniero Torres Quevedo, 1-48013 Bilbao  
Desk P2A9A  
Tel: +34 946 017 365  
helpcentre3.internacional@ehu.eus

**Campus of Gipuzkoa**

Ignacio Mª Barriola building  
Floor 1  
Tel: +34 943015192  
helpcentre4.internacional@ehu.eus
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. Help Centres

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

2.2.3. Academic registration

Visit your mobility tutor at your Faculty or School to sign your arrival certificate and further discuss your learning agreement.

Register your courses at your Faculty or School. International students will need the following documents:

- 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  

**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.

DELE certificates are highly valued both at educational and professional spheres. Exams are divided into 6 levels, from beginner to language proficient (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2).

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)
- ‘Empadronamiento’ 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 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

**BIZKAIA/VIZCAYA**

**Computer room, Campus of Biscay**
Central library
48940 Leioa
T.: 94 601 51 11

**GIPUZKOA/GUIPUZCOA**

**Computer room, Campus of Gipuzkoa**
Ignacio Maria Barriola building
Plaza Elhuyar, 1
20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
T.: 943 01 81 45

**Computer room, Campus of Gipuzkoa**
Centro Carlos Santamaría (campus library building)
Plaza Elhuyar, 2
20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
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.eus/eu/web/biblioteca](http://www.ehu.eus/eu/web/biblioteca)

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 Santamaria 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

BIZKAIA/VIZCAYA
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 Teacher Training School, Leioa

GIPUZKOAA/GUIPUZCOA
Libraries, Campus of Gipuzkoa
Carlos Santamaria central library
Library at the Technical Industrial Engineering School, 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://egela1718.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
Vice Rectorate building, ground floor
2, Comandante Izarduy
01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz
T.: +34 945 01 4303

**BIZKAIA/VIZCAIA**

Sports service at the Campus of Biscay
University Sports Centre
48940 Leioa
T.: +34 94 601 58 94 / 31 62
rovdepor@lg.ehu.eus

**GIPUZKOA/GUIPUZCOA**

Sports service at the Campus of Gipuzkoa
[www.ehu.eus/donostia-deportes](http://www.ehu.eus/donostia-deportes)
Faculty of Law
2, Paseo Manuel Lardizabal
20018 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

Extensión Cultural y Proyección Universitaria, Campus of Araba

[Web link]
Vice Rectorate building, ground floor
2, Comandante Izarduy
01006 Vitoria-Gasteiz
T.: + 34 945 01 33 48
yolanda.marcos@ehu.eus

BIZKAIA/VIZCAYA

Extensión Cultural y Proyección Universitaria, Campus of Biscay

Leioa
[Web link]
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

GIPUZKOA/GIPUZCOA
Extensión Cultural y Proyección Universitaria, Campus of Gipuzkoa

[Web link]
Faculty of Law
2, Paseo Manuel Lardizabal
20018 Donostia-San Sebastián
T.: + 34 943 01 85 07
gi-kultura@ehu.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
Vía Apla
Barrio Sarriena, s/n
48940 Leioa
T.: +34 946 012 258
discap@ehu.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; homesickness; 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

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2.3.5. Student associations

Erasmus Bilbao
AEGEE Bilbao
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)
2.5. Useful contacts

2.5.1. Exchange coordinators (academic information)

ARABA/ALAVA

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
esc-ingenieria.internacional@ehu.eus
cienciasdeporte.internacional@ehu.eus
magisterio-vi.internacional@ehu.eus
farmacia.internacional@ehu.eus
letras.internacional@ehu.eus
empresa-vi.internacional@ehu.eus
trabajosocial.internacional@ehu.eus

BIZKAIA/VIZCAYA

Campus of Biscay
Bilbao
Faculty of Economics and Business
Faculty of Economics and Business, Elcano
Faculty of Engineering, Bilbao
economicas.internacional@ehu.eus
empresa-bi.internacional@ehu.eus
ingenieria.internacional@ehu.eus

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
bellasartes.internacional@ehu.eus
medicina.internacional@ehu.eus
enfermeria-bi.internacional@ehu.eus
rel-laborales.internacional@ehu.eus
socialescomunic.internacional@ehu.eus
ciencia.internacional@ehu.eus
magisterio-bi.internacional@ehu.eus
derecho-bi.internacional@ehu.eus

GIPUZKOA/GUIPUZCOA

Campus of Gipuzkoa
Donostia-San Sebastián
Faculty of Engineering, Gipuzkoa
Faculty of Engineering, Elbar
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
politecnica.internacional@ehu.eus
eutil-el.internacional@ehu.eus
quimicas.internacional@ehu.eus
informatica.internacional@ehu.eus
derecho.internacional@ehu.eus
fice.internacional@ehu.eus
magisterio-ss.internacional@ehu.eus
psicologia.internacional@ehu.eus
arquitectura.internacional@ehu.eus
empresa-ss.internacional@ehu.eus
enfermeria-ss.internacional@ehu.eus

Elgoibar
Machine Tool Institute (Engineering School, Elgoibar)
ixaka@imh.es; monika@imh.eus

2.5.2. Help centres (for practical issues) (see page 30)
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.

Capital of Biscay: Bilbao
Population: 343,173 inhabitants
www.bilbao.net

Capital of Alava: Vitoria-Gasteiz
Population: 223,702 inhabitants
www.vitoria-gasteiz.org

Capital of Gipuzkoa: Donostia-San Sebastián
Population: 182,930 inhabitants
www.donostia.org

Airports
Bilbao airport, 10 km from the city
Bus every 15 minutes to Bilbao city centre
Bus every hour to Donostia-San Sebastián
Donostia-San Sebastián airport: 20 km from the city centre
Bus every hour to Donostia-San Sebastián
Vitoria-Gasteiz airport: 9 km from the city centre
Taxis to city centre
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

ARABA/ALAVA

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

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

Servicio de Prevención Campus of Araba
Vice Rectorate building, 2nd floor
**BIZKAIA/VIZCAYA**

**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
Baserri hospital: 94 400 60 00
Cruces hospital: 94 600 60 00
Galdakao hospital: 94 400 70 00

For small accidents occurred in the campus, you can contact the Prevention Service.
Servicio de Prevención Campus of Biscay
Aulario 2, Leioa

**GIPUZKOA/GUIPUZCOA**

**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

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 (http://www.ikasleak.ehu.es/p202-shaplihm/es/), 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°C in the winter to an approximate +22°C 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°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 1.30 pm. 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.
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.