

CONSERVATORIO SUPERIOR DE MÚSICA DE MÁLAGA



ERASMUS STUDENTS GUIDE 2009-2010



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1. WELCOME TO THE MALAGA CONSERVATORY

Welcome to Málaga and the Málaga High Conservatory (CSM).

As a foreign student you will probably need some information about living and studying in Málaga. In this guide you can find many answers to your questions.

Please, read the Erasmus Guide carefully, fill in the attached form and then send it to the international office. We will contact you by email, as soon as possible, with confirmation (acceptance letter).

We are sure that you will enjoy your time here.

All the best from the staff of the international office.

Opening hours

Monday to Friday, from 0830 to 2200

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2. AN INTRODUCTION TO MÁLAGA

A city with a rich historic and cultural tradition, Málaga was founded by the Phoenicians around 800 B.C. and later colonised by Iberians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs and Christians.

Its privileged position on the shores of the Mediterranean, its mild climate and friendliness of its inhabitants have all meant that the capital of the Costa del sol has, throughout its history, sustained excellent trade and cultural relations all over the world.

Nowadays, Malaga is a modern, cosmopolitan and welcoming city with over 600.000 inhabitants, which has successfully developed its commercial, industrial and tourist sectors.

3. THE CONSERVATORY

The Conservatory of Music Malaga was created in 1880 to boost the Philharmonic Society of Malaga, served as its first director D. Eduardo Ocón y Rivas. Has been and is a centre for teaching music first rank in the State, in which studies were conducted full course tailored to the requirements of successive laws apply these lessons in music, and whose importance suggests that it was one of six senior conservatoires available to the Ministry of Education in the sixties. Since its creation had its

headquarters in the so-called Convent of San Francisco, built in the late fifteenth century and uninhabited after disentanglement of Mendizábal. Then, the building served as the Lyceum of Malaga and the Málaga Society of Sciences and in 1880 hosted the Conservatory of Music Maria Cristina, until its transfer in 1971.

It has been our Higher Conservatory of Music, as a result of their teaching and dissemination and promotion of music in the area of our city and its environment territorial influence, the generator and driving the creation in 1945 of the Symphony Orchestra Malaga, which has led to its permanent scheduling concerts a great hobby understood and responsive to the great symphonic music, which in turn, consistently showed the need for the establishment in 1991 of the City of Málaga Orchestra. The result of this activity our Conservatory of Music, today met in Malaga two symphony orchestras, a formal chamber orchestra, a chorus of opera, three choirs, a chamber choir, a children choir, five bands, and a wide range of small chamber groups. Alongside reality of this rich musical resources who work primarily in Malaga, it should be remembered the large number of alumni, instrumentalists and singers from Malaga who work for large audiences and theatres in the world, along with professors, first lecterns and a long list of other teachers in the orchestras of National radio Television, City of Malaga, Seville Symphony and others.

4. PROGRAMMES FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS

The European Commission has Developed the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) to help students make the most of their studies abroad. Basically, this system is a way of measuring and comparing learning achievements and transferring them from one institution to another. Likewise, it helps higher education institutions to enhance their co-operation with other institutions by improving access to information on foreign curricula and providing common procedures for academic recognition.

ECTS credits are a value allocated to modules to describe the student workload required to complete them. They reflect the quantity of work each course requires in relation to the total quantity of work required to complete a full year of academic at the institution, that is , lectures , practical work, seminars, private work – in the laboratory, library or at home – and examinations or other assessment activities.

ECTS credits are allocated to courses and are awarded to students who successfully complete those courses by passing examinations or other assessments. They are also allocated to practical placements and to thesis preparation when these academic activities form a part of a regular study programme both at home and at host institutions. The overall objective is to offer ECTS students flexible study programmes with the aim of allowing them to make the most of their studies at the host university and plan their own study programme.

The CSM of Málaga has already introduced an ECTS equivalence System. With this system 60 credits represent one year of study (in terms of workload); normally 30 credits are awarded every six months (a semester, in CSM is a four-month) and 20 credits every term (a trimester).

Grading system

The grading system used by CSM – Málaga is based on a numeric scale.

CSM system ECTS grading scale

- 10, excellent
- 9, very good
- 8-7, good
- 6, satisfactory
- 5, sufficient
- 4-3-2-1 fail

Spanish credit system

The Spanish Credit System only measures different teaching loads using temporal criteria. That is to say, one Spanish credit is equivalent to 10 teaching hours, regardless of their practical or theoretical nature. As a Spanish semester has 15 weeks, an CSM six-credit module (60 hours) will have four allocated hours per week.

CSM equivalence credit system

30 weeks = 60 credits

1 week = 30 hours = 2 credits

A module with 3 hours per week has 90 annual hours, will have 6 credits ECTS.

5. DEGREE COURSES

Specialization of Conservatory:

- Conducting
- Composition
- Instrument
 - Cello
 - Clarinet
 - Double bass
 - Fagot
 - Flute
 - Guitar
 - Harp
 - Horn
 - Oboe
 - Percussion
 - Piano
 - Saxophone
 - Singing
 - Trombone
 - Trumpet
 - Tuba
 - Viola
 - Violin

6. RECORD TRANSCRIPTS

All transcripts will be sent to the international office of the different partner institutions.

Students are asked to collect them from the home institutions.

7. ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The course starts on 24th September 2009,

The following information should, however, help students to plan their stay in Malaga.

8. AUTUMN-WINTER SEMESTER 2009-2010

- June 30, 2009: Deadline for sending registration forms for the autumn semester to the Conservatory International Office.
- September 1-4, 2009: Informative meeting at International Office.

- September 5-28, 2009: Spanish course. As students will be expected to sit a placement exam, they are asked to be at the university LANGUAGE SCHOOL (*Curso de español para extranjeros*) before 15.30 on September 5.
- October 1, 2009- February 2, 2010: 1st semester.
- December 22, 2009-January 8, Christmas holidays.
- End of January 2010: first semester exams.

9. SPRING SEMESTER 2009-2010

- November 1, 2009: Deadline for sending registration forms for the spring semester to the International Office.
- February 4, 2010: Informative meeting at the International Office (12:00-14:00)
- February 5 – March 3, 2010: Spanish Course. As students will be expected to sit a placement exam, they are asked to be at the university language school (*Curso de español para extranjeros*) before 15.30, on February 5.
- February 4- June 6 2010: Second semester.
- February 22-27, 2010: "White week"
- March 14 – 24, 2010: Easter week.
- End of June, 2010: Annual and second semester exams.

10. ACCOMMODATION

CSM – Málaga doesn't book accommodation for students. Nevertheless you can consult a broad selection of accommodation in Málaga through UMA Accommodation Office in UMA web page, www.uma.es, where you will find information about hostel, residence halls and flats in Málaga.

Normally CSM International Office can reserve double or single room at the Málaga youth hostel that costs 15 € per day, breakfast included.

Albergue juvenil de Málaga
 Plaza de Pio XII s/n
 29007, Málaga (Spain)
 +34 951 308 170
www.juntadeandalucia.es/ep-turismojuvenil

11. TRAVEL EXPENSES

To cover all eventualities students are advised to travel with at least €30 in cash. A taxi from the airport into town cost €12-15 and a normal meal around €9.

Students who wish to take a bus into town should obtain some small change at the airport as the drivers will not anything larger than €5.

The bus from the airport into town costs 1.10 € and the train approximately €1.25. It may be helpful to keep a supply of coins on hand, especially for buses, public telephones, where the exact change is required.

12. BANKING

In Málaga, as in many other cities, it is not a good idea to keep large amounts of cash on one's person at home. Therefore, students are advised to open a bank account on arrival.

Banks are generally open from 9:00 am to 14:00 pm weekdays. On Saturday, some of them open only from October to April. In addition, many banks have 24-hour automatic teller machines that give you access to most bank services.

13. MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

- Bus €1.10
- Cinema €4-7, special prices depend of the day
- Lunch in the University canteen €5
- Whopper at Burger King €4.50
- Coca cola / Beer in a bar €2.50 – 3.00
- Coca Cola / Beer bought in a Supermarket €0.40
- Capuccino or Café au lait €1.10-2.00

14. HEALTH INSURANCE

European Students only need the European Insurance Card. You have to get it at your country before to travel to Málaga. Students may also wish to take out additional insurance to cover liability and personal belongings during their stay in Malaga. The CSMM will not be held responsible for the loss of personal belongings.

15. VACCINATION AND PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES

No special vaccinations are required or recommended before travelling to Spain. Students following a course of treatment should bring enough prescription drugs with them to last them their stay

16. WEATHER / CLOTHING

Malaga is a Mediterranean city with a very mild climate. Winter temperatures very rarely drop below 10° C and in autumn and spring the average temperature is about 20° C, although evenings can be a lot cooler. Average rainfall for the region is normally quite low, nevertheless it can rain torrentially during the autumn and spring months.

17. SHOPPING HOURS

Normal opening hours: 9:30 – 13:30 and 17:00 – 20:30.

There are several shopping centres opening from 10:00 to 22:00, like, for instance, *El Corte Inglés* (up market department store), *Centro Comercial Larios* and *Centro Comercial Rosaleda*.

Although shops are usually closed on Sundays, there are a number of small grocer's and delicatessens to be found in the city centre.

18. CHEMISTS

Most chemist's open from 9:30 – 13:30 and 17:00 – 20:30. Nevertheless, some establishments open from 10:00 to 22:00 and others 24 hours a day. When in doubt, consult the local newspaper or the list displayed in all establishments.

19. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses

Forms and further information are available at the International Office.

Bus prices

- Fixed rate per trip €1.10
- Monthly student card €23
- The “monthly card” (unlimited number of trips) €34.30

Students can apply for a monthly student card which enables him/ her to make an unlimited number of trips within the city limits which costs 20.50 € Only students under 24 registered at the University of Málaga can apply for the student bus card. For those over this age limit, there are several other options: the “monthly card” which costs €34.30 and allows holders to make an unlimited number of trips within the city limits.

Buses 1 and 13 connect *El Ejido* campus with different parts of town. For those living in the city centre the main stops for buses to the El Ejido campus are located in the *Alameda principal*.

20. WEEKEND FUN

Always a must travelling abroad, Malaga has an exciting and varied nightlife. When the city centre's shops close its numerous bars offer foreigners the chance to get to know the locals.

21. SPECIAL ATTENTION

Students should take special care of their personal belongings. It is extremely unadvisable to leave any unsupervised items in bars, shops, etc. Important documents and large sums of cash should be left at home.

22. ARRIVING IN MALAGA

For students arriving at the international airport “Pablo Ruiz Picasso”, there are three ways to reach the city:

- A taxi costs about €12, depending on the destination, and takes roughly about 15 minutes to reach the city. The rank is located directly outside the arrivals terminal.
- There is a bus into town every 30 minutes, and ticket costs €1.10. The stop is located directly outside the arrivals terminal.
- Trains leave the station connected by a pedestrian walkway to the departure terminal on the second floor every 15 minutes, and a ticket costs between €1.15-1.25 (Sundays).

23. ON ARRIVAL

On arrival all Erasmus students are advised to attend the information meeting, where the personnel will provide them with the Erasmus documents and general information.

Erasmus students arriving after the meeting must report to the International Office (during opening hours) located on *Plaza Maestro Artola, 2*, to obtain the documents. For further information, please consult the sections dealing with the academic calendar.

24. INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The International Office is open for Erasmus students Monday 13.00-14.00 and Wednesday 9.30-10.30.

25. INFORMATIVE MEETING

We hope to meet you at the Informative Meeting at the International Office to be held on 4th September 2009 (first semester) and 4th February 2010 (second semester). If it is impossible for you to attend, do not worry, as we will hold additional at the office for those of you arriving late.

26. ENROLMENT, STUDENT CARD AND CONTACT WITH THE ACCADEMIC

Coordinator

Before enrolling, you must to visit the CSM international office to obtain all the forms and relevant information, as well as the contact details of the Erasmus coordinator, who will advise you on the choice of Modules.

The enrolment office is located at the Conservatory Secretary. The staff will provide you with a student card.

Deadline for enrolment are as follows (not definitive till October 2009):

- 1 September – 30 September (1^o semester)
- 1 February – 30 February (2^o semester)

27. LEARNING AGREEMENT

Students will only be permitted to choose modules relative to the study areas included in the Erasmus agreement. Any doubts should be cleared up at Home University before travelling to Malaga.

VERY IMPORTANT: It is essential that students provide the module code along with its title. Erasmus student are allowed to study any modules in CSM. At least 60% of credits must pertain to modules relative to the speciality included in the learning agreement. Students who do not fulfil this requirement will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

28. FREE SPANISH COURSE

There is a free Spanish Language course for all Erasmus students, which is given at the “CURSO DE ESPAÑOL PARA EXTRAJEROS” language school located at the following address:

Avenida de Andalucía, 24
29080 Málaga
Telephone: +34 952 278 211
Fax: +34 952 279 712
E-mail: cursoext@uma.es
Web: www.uma.es/estudios/extranj/extranjeros.htm

First semester

- Dates: September 5-28, 2009 Spanish course at the university language course (*Curso de español para extranjeros*).
- 70 hours (2 hours exam of classification and 68 hours of classes); 2 hours of grammar and 2 hours of practice and conversation daily
- Exam of classification: September 5, at 15:30 p.m.
- Timetable of classes: Depend on the level

Second semester

- Dates: February 5- March 3, 2009 Spanish course at the university language course (*Curso de español para extranjeros*).
- 70 hours (2 hours exam of classification and 68 hours of classes: 2 hours of grammar and 2 hours of practice and conversation daily
- Exam of classification: February 5, at 15:30 p.m.
- Day without teaching: February 28
- Timetable of classes: Depend on the level

Since students are required to attend 80% of the classes in order to obtain an attendance certificate, those who arrive after the course has started will not be allowed to attend classes.

Students are only entitled to take one free Spanish course, either in September or in February.

Note: Application form is needed for the Spanish course.

29. ERASMUS STUDENTS TUTOR PROGRAMM

Erasmus Coordinator will be tutor of all Erasmus students during autumn and spring semesters 2007/2008.

30. ARRIVAL DATES

Students who wish to attend the free Spanish course should be in Málaga before the following dates:

- First semester students must arrive before September 4 2009 at the very latest.
- Second semester students must arrive before February 4 2010 at the very latest.

31. LIBRARY

To use the CSM library Erasmus students must present the CSM card. They can obtain it at the conservatory secretary.

32. USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY

MÁLAGA

Málaga City Council: www.ayto-malaga.es/
 Culture: www.ayto-malaga.es/A_cultura/default.html
 A to Z : www.callejero.lanetro.com/apps/lanetro/index.asp
www.ayto-malaga.es/util_calle.html
 General Information: www.malagaturismo.com
www.webmalaga.com
 Consulates: www.webmalaga.com/organismos/consulados/
 Buses: www.emtsam.es
 Airport: www.aena.es
 Train: www.renfe.es

33. USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Security

- Civil Protection: +34 952 214 733
- *Bomberos* (Fire brigade): 080
- *Policía* (Police station): 092
- *Urgencias Seguridad Social a domicilio* (Home Emergency Health Service): +34 902 505 061
- *Emergencias sanitarias* (Emergency service): 061
- *Emergencias* (General emergencies): 112

Hospitals

- *Hospital Regional Universitario "Carlos Haya"*: +34 951 290 000
- *Hospital Civil*: +34 951 290 325
- *Hospital Clínico Universitario*: +34 951 292 232

Transport

- Airport: +34 952 048 484
- Bus station: +34 952 350 061
- Taxis: +34 952 320 000 / +34 952 333 333
- RENFE (Train station): +34 902 240 202

34. TOURIST OFFICE

City council tourist information centre (information about the city)

Avenida de Cervantes, 1
29016, Malaga
Tel.: +34 952 134 730 / 31
Fax: +34 952 214 120

Regional government tourist information centre (information about the city, the province and Andalusia)

Pasaje de Chinitas, 4
29015 Málaga
Tel.: +34 952 213 445
Fax: +34 952 229 421

35. ADRESSES

International office

Relaciones Internacionales
Conservatorio Superior de Música de Málaga
Plaza Maestro Artola, 2
29013, Málaga
Tel.: +34 951 298 340 (PBX) / +34 951 298 336 (International relations)
Fax: +34 951 298 341

Police station

Plaza Manuel Azaña, nº 3
29006, Málaga
Tel.: 952 046 200
Fax: 952 323 883

Youth hostel

Albergue juvenil
Plaza de Pío XII, 6
29007, Málaga
Tel.: +34 951 308 170
Fax: +34 951 308 775

Free spanish course

Cursos de español para extranjeros
Avenida de Andalucía, 24
29080, Málaga
Tel.: +34 952 278 211
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