

UCAM Information Package

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Hello!

*Your adventure at UCAM is about to start...
Do you want to know more about UCAM and Murcia?*

Let's go!

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All about Murcia

ALL ABOUT MURCIA

Before the arrival to UCAM: Background information



Location

UCAM is located in Murcia.

This city is the 7th largest city in Spain.

As the regional capital, it has well developed infrastructure and transport system.

It is a safe city that can be easily explored on foot.

Murcia is well connected to the main cities of Spain and Europe by highways, trains and two international airports close by ([Alicante](#) and [Murcia](#)).

UCAM campus is located about 10 minutes from the city center by car and 30 min by public transport (bus or tram).

There are supermarkets, outlet shopping areas and restaurants located near the campus.



Before the arrival to UCAM: Things to remember

- ▶ Weather
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Safety



Weather

Murcia has a Mediterranean climate and it is one of the sunniest cities in Spain with over 300 sunny days in a year. The summers are hot with a medium temperature of 25°C and the winters mild with a medium temperature of 10°C. Therefore, during the summer the days are very sunny and hot without any rain. During the winter, the days are mild with chilly nights and there are some rainy days.

Water

The tap water is potable but if you prefer mineral water you can easily get 5 litres of water for approximately €1 in the supermarket (take note that some shops and supermarkets are not open on Sundays).

There is a problem with the water shortage in Murcia. So please, as much as possible, save water.

Safety

Murcia is a very safe city, but you must always take care of yourself and your belongings (especially your passport and money). Traveling in groups is more advisable than traveling alone.

Before the arrival to UCAM: Things to remember

- ▶ Electrical Plugs
- ▶ Telephone companies

Electrical Plugs

Spanish electrical socket (Type C & F)



(Suggestion) Bring a Plug Converter



Telephone companies:

Each company has different offers with internet connection and calls. There are cheap options that include few GIGAS per month (starting from 7€).

Here some examples of most used and easy to purchase online:

- Vodafone
- Amena
- Lowi
- Orange
- Pepephone

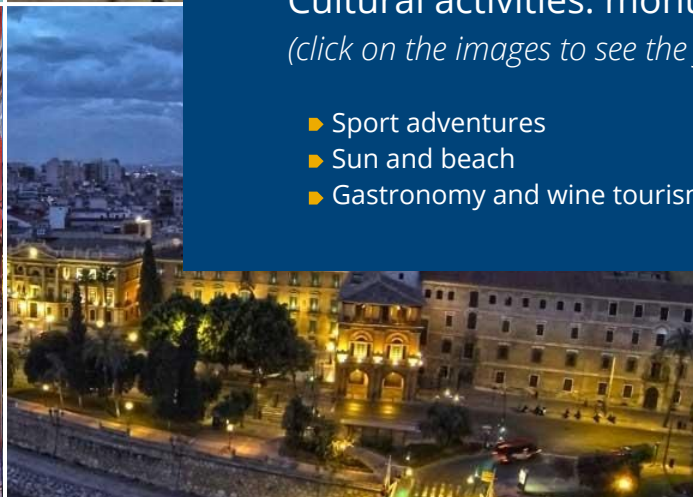


Things to do in Murcia

Cultural activities: monuments, museums...

(click on the images to see the full info)

- ▶ Sport adventures
- ▶ Sun and beach
- ▶ Gastronomy and wine tourism



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Before the arrival to UCAM: Things to do in Murcia

- Sport adventures
- Sun and beach
- Gastronomy
- Wine tourism

Sport adventures:

Murcia is famous for its sunny weather.

Therefore, there are many outdoor activities available all year round!

To see all the available activities and the places click on the images:



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Sun and beach

There are around 300 days of sun a year and 252 km of coast, so you will have a lot of options to have fun.

We want to advise you that it is important to use sunscreen even when the sun is not shining.



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Gastronomy

Typical Murcian food uses the products common in the Mediterranean Diet, such as lots of fresh fruits and vegetables, fish and meat, olive oil, and legumes.

Some of the typical dishes to try are “Pastel de Carne” (meat pie), “Paparajotes” (a dessert made with lemon leaf) or “Marinera” (mayonnaise-based salad on a cracker with anchovies on top)

If you want to know where to eat, have a look at this list in Tripadvisor (click on the images):



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Wine Tourism

There are some wine routes through the Region.

We have 3 wine-producing areas in the region: ***Jumilla, Yecla, and Bullas.***

You can check here all the routes and activities (click on the image):





All about accommodation

SPAIN STUDENT HOUSING

Accommodation

How to search

- How to search Tips

How to search

UCAM only delegates and trusts the accommodation of our students on Spain Student Housing Company. This company only works to look for the best options available for all members of our educational community and you can find it on our campus in Murcia.

You can contact as well by:



info@spainhousing.es



<https://www.en.spainhousing.es>

Monday to Friday

09:00 to 14:00 & 15:30 to 17:30



Accommodation Tips

- How to search
- Tips

Tips

Roommates: It is very easy to find single rooms in shared flats with other UCAM's students. Therefore, the best option is to contact the Spain Student Housing.

Check all information in English and Spanish. It's better to check in Spanish, if you can, because the information is more accurate.

Check flat location to reach transportation lines easily.

All students must have a legal rental contract. all those who contract the housing service have it. The best way is to trust in this service, for your safety and because you will need it for everything: registration, doctors, insurance, transportation cards and above all for the visa.

The Contract period is very important, try to arrange your contract until the end of your studies. Most of you will have a compulsory internship and you might have to move outside of Murcia, therefore please be sure of contract period and deposit conditions.

DO NOT pay anything before being 100% sure, always watch out before transferring money to anything found on the internet in order to avoid pirate ads and keep in mind that external agencies usually charge a much higher fee, so UCAM only recommends and trusts Spain Student Housing.

Never sign a contract if you do not understand all the points. The contract with Spanish Student Housing is always legal and checked. If you have any problems later, we can intervene but only if the rent is done with us.



All about Transportation

ALL ABOUT TRANSPORTATION

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Transportation

How to get to Murcia?



How to get to Murcia?

From around the world

Murcia is well-connected to the main cities of Spain and Europe by highways and trains.

And two international airports in the proximity: [Murcia Internacional Región de Murcia airport](#) (20 min from the city center by car or 30 min by bus) and [Alicante-Elche airport](#) (45 min from city center by car or 1 hour by bus).

From Murcia's airport to Murcia:

By 5€ from the airport to the bus station. You can check the timetable [here](#)



From Madrid to Murcia: Bus or train.

You can buy tickets online or once you are in the bus/train station. Click on the next images:

-**Alsa:** Bus company. The journey takes around 5.30 hours

ALSA

-**Renfe:** Train company. The journey takes around 4 hours.

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From Barcelona to Murcia:

Bus or train

You can buy tickets online or once you are in the bus/train station. Click on the next images:

-Alsa: Bus company. The journey takes around 10 hours.



-Renfe: Train company. The journey takes around 7 hours.

From Alicante to Murcia:

The easiest option is to take the bus (direct to Murcia from Airport): Take the Alsa bus (€5.19) from Alicante airport directly to Murcia bus station, Estación de Autobuses Murcia. The bus departs from the bus stop at the Departure level (Level 2) of the Alicante airport, and runs up to 8 times a day, depending on the day of the week. The journey takes about 1 hour.

Another option is by train from the train station of Alicante, located in the city center.

You can check the timetable here:



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How to get to Murcia?



Another option is to take a **taxi from**

Murcia (Corvera) airport.

The journey is 20 minutes and the price is around 30€ or 40€. Please may note that night service could increase the price by 15€ if you decide to request a 7 or 8 seats taxi.

Alicante (Alicante-Elche) airport.

The journey is 1 hour and the price is around 85 €. Please may note that night service could increase the price 40€ or 50€.

It does not matter what taxi service you want to rent because prices are almost equal.

Also do not worry about the reservation, there will be always a taxi waiting for you outside of the airport.



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Transportation Once you are in Murcia

Latbus

Well-established public transportation service in Murcia. Unlimited trips for 22 euros for students. Buses do not run all hours of the day therefore check the best times to arrive.

To apply Latbus student card there are two ways:

1. Main office at the city center (next to *El Corte Inglés*) always bring your university enrollment, passport and photo

2. Apply online form UCAM's virtual platform:

"servicios" --->"secretería" --->"unibono".

And once the email or sms reaches you, it's ready to pick up.

TRAM

The Tram runs from many points in Murcia with a final stop at UCAM.

It costs 1.40€ per trip, however, there is also bono card for the tram.

- **Website:** <http://www.tranviademurcia.es/inicio.aspx>

- **Office Address:** Urb La Ladera, Paseo de la Ladera, 79, 30110 Churra, Murcia.



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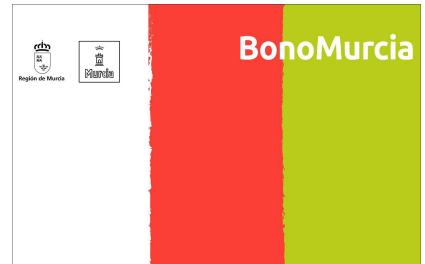
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Public transportation card (Unibono)

- A combined student card to travel for Murcia transport: City bus, Tram, and Latbus.
- You can apply and renew it at the offices of Transportes de Murcia at Plaza Camachos (1) and Abenarabi (2), the Tram central office or Latbus offices.
- This bonus expires at the end of the academic year of the course in which it is issued in.
- The price of the card is 1€ (for card activation) and you can charge it with a minimum of 5 €.

Documents needed:

- Valid Passport or ID
- Enrollment certificate (in Spanish: Matrícula)
- **NO** photo needed (it will be taken there)



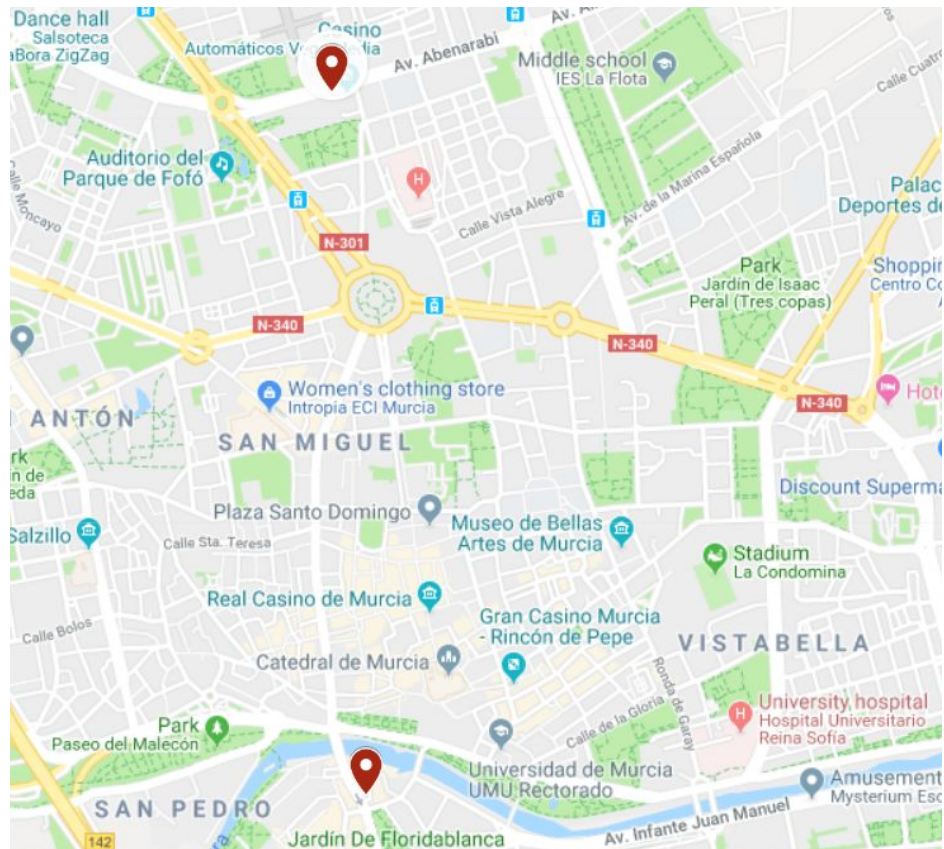
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Offices to obtain the Unibono card

Avenida Abenarabi and Plaza de Camachos (click on )



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Once you are in Murcia



Also you have the possibility to rent-a-car, a motorcycle or a bike:

A car: There are many different companies available, which you can find on the Internet.

A motorcycle: You can do this easily by searching on Google for different companies.

A bike: In Murcia, you have the opportunity of picking a bike from one of the bike stations from "[MuyBICI](#)" paying a basic tariff and then giving it back to another bike station. A safe way to cross the city thanks to our bike lane around Murcia.





Agenda Ñ

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This program consists of organizing different kinds of activities for students, where during these activities the students can gain valuable knowledge on the local culture and the surroundings, as well as meeting other international students.

This is the result of our School of Languages (ESI) proposal, the Spanish courses coordinator, Carolina Padilla and the teacher Charo Gomariz.

"Español en la UCAM" is focused on our international students, and also on everybody interested in knowing a little bit more about us and some of our university main commitments such as language tuition and cultural exchange.



Visit to Roman Theatre of Cartagena

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The activities are fun and the cost is very accessible. Some of the trips organized are:

"Murcia guided visit", "Climbing Wall", "International Gastronomic Day", "Rafting-Segura River...".

You can check all the activities on their **Facebook pages (click on icons)**:



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INTERNATIONAL UCAM



AGENDA Ñ



Visit to Alhambra (Granada)



UCAM Campus

All about Campus Life

Campus Life



UCAM Campus - Introduction

Campus de Los Jerónimos is located in Murcia - the capital city of the southeastern region of Spain.

Murcia Campus is located in the middle of Huerta Murciana, Murcian orchard, as the areas outside of cities are called in this part of the world because of the number of fruits and vegetables grown.

The heritage of Spanish culture, known for flamenco, tapas, and fiesta, is reflected in Murcia's people, who are welcoming, warm, enthusiastic and sociable, as you will be able to perceive on Campus by interacting with "Murcianicos", their nickname in Murcian dialect.

The one in Murcia is the main Campus of UCAM, even though there is a Campus in Cartagena, and through international collaborations, UCAM also educates people all over the world as you will learn during your time at the university.

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A bit of history...

UCAM represents a unique institution since it is built around a Monastery constructed in 1648. Until 1820 The Jeronimos Orden from the Catholic church was occupying the Monastery until it was closed and acquired by the Govern. Some years later, in 1855, the Monastery was a Mental Hospital during cholera.

Since those years until the 20th century, the monastery suffered a lot of sackings. It was abandoned and left in poor conditions. During its history, the monastery also served as a military center, as a place for planning strategies. Finally, the Catholic Church transferred the monastery to the Fundación San Antonio in order to create the University in 1996.

The Jeronimos Campus UCAM is divided in:

Monastery- where you can find the faculties departments, library, secretaria general and the church.

Buildings- In the different buildings constructed around the Monastery is where the classes are located, as well as other services the university provides, such as cafés and UCAM shop.

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Volunteering and Evangelisation

These two concepts are important at UCAM, because of the Catholic values the University transfers to the society:

- As part of Catholic Evangelisation, the university has a Chaplaincy. Their mission is to focus on lecturing and evangelizing, as they understand the importance of the church in society, which is the reason for the necessity to have a pastoral directed to each and every member of the university community.
- El Instituto Internacional de Caridad y Voluntariado Juan Pablo II (International Institution of Charity and Volunteering Juan Pablo II) is an entity dependent on UCAM, that focuses on the formation of socially aware professionals, does research on social assistance, and collaborates with different institutions in national and international projects and programs to promote charity and to organize volunteering activities in important causes.



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UCAM Symphony Orchestra and Dance Company

- Symphony Orchestra was founded in 2009 and it consists of 80 talented musicians, who perform and tour on national and international levels, playing concerts formed by pieces of different composers. For example, Harry Potter - inspired concert held in 2019.
- UCAM has Spain's first University Dance Company, giving its first performance in 2015 in Teatro Circo Murcia. Since then, the Dance Company is always growing by the hands of its director, Mariló Molina, performing at different events, festivals and competitions with pieces in different styles, such as Flamenco, Classical dance, and Neoclassical dance.



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International Courses and Congresses

UCAM organizes different courses, seminars, workshops, and congresses, where they invite professionals from different industries to the university to speak and teach about their experiences.

And as an international university, a part of these sessions are organized in an international ambient, where everyone can attend and learn something new.



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ORI and OPRI

- **OPRI** (Oficina de Proyectos Internacionales). The International Projects Office forms part of the Vice-rectorate of Investigation. It is a unit of the university with the mission to collaborate with international partners on research.

Through OPRI, UCAM has participated in multiple international projects, such as "[Life Clean Up](#)", "[LIVERUR](#)" and [ERASMUS + SPORT programs](#).



- **ORI** (Oficina de Relaciones Internacionales). The International Relations Office is in charge of the internationalization of UCAM and its students, so that the students get to appreciate the effects of this globalized world. ORI, for example, organizes the the international mobility programs with destinations for students and professors all over the world.

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Spain's University of Sport

Welcome to the University of Sport in Spain.

Following the Anglo-Saxon model, sports are part of UCAM's DNA, winning the title of Spanish Champion in the annual University Competitions with 141 medals (86 gold).

The twenty-one federated teams sponsored and managed by UCAM include UCAM Murcia CB, a professional basketball team competing in the ACB Liga Endesa. Our sports facilities are led by the UCAM Sports Center, a high-tech gym accessible to both university students and local communities.

Click on images to visit their websites.



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The Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia (UCAM) is recognized all over the world as the "The University Of Sport". Our dedicated support to athletes and teams has created a unique model inspired by EE.UU Universities but adding our own character and adapting it to the sports reality as well as the Spanish university system.

In the other hand, the cooperation with the Spanish Olympic Committee allowed UCAM to help hundreds of athletes by offering them: sport sponsors, scholarships, and personalized tutoring.



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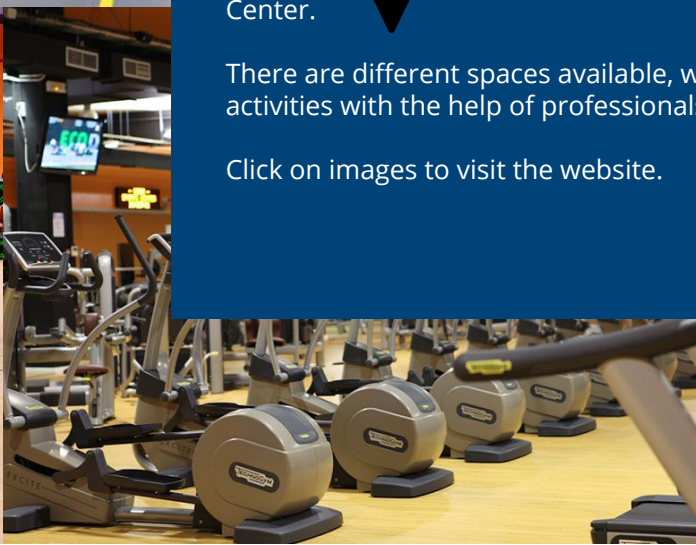


UCAM Sports Center

5 minutes  by foot from Murcia Campus you have UCAM Sports Center.

There are different spaces available, where you can do a lot of different activities with the help of professionals in sports.

Click on images to visit the website.



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Packages UCAM Sports Center

UCAM GOLD

Unlimited access
from 7h30 to 22h30

40€ month
105€ quarterly
280€ annual

UCAM SILVER

Unlimited access
from 7h30 to 17h00

30€ month
80€ quarterly
240€ annual

UCAM FAMILY

Unlimited access
from 7h30 to 22h30
Price for families
with 3 member or +
(Price per person)

30€ month
80€ quarterly
240€ annual

UCAM BONO


10 sessions to use
during 3 months

30€ 10 sessions

UCAM DAY

Enjoy our
installations for 1
day, room and
guided activities

5€ 1 day



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UCAM e-Sports

UCAM is the first Spanish University to support e-Sports market and with the effort made towards this sports industry, it was possible to reach first place in the ranking of European universities in this field.

3 professional gamers already started studying at UCAM because of the innovative educational model, where they can combine university studies with the demands of their professional career.

Visit <https://www.ucamesports.com/> to learn more.

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UCAM store



Inside the campus you can find the UCAM Store with the UCAM Basketball Team and UCAM Football Team official clothes by Nike; UCAM-branded apparel, merchandise, gifts, and more...

Students can get **great deals** during the course!

Click on the picture and check out more.

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Store
store.ucam.edu





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UCAM's Language School



There is a language department where you can take some language classes such as:

- Spanish
- English
- Italian
- German
- Portuguese
- Chinese
- French



You can check all the information:

<http://www.escuelaidiomas.ucam.edu/>

or contact

Carolina Padilla (Spanish Coordinator) cpadilla@ucam.edu

Office is located at building 7

P7



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Cafeterías



Inside the campus, you can find two different cafeterías.

The biggest one is situated in the main square in “Plaza de las Pérgolas” where are different rooms and also a self-service with very economic prices.

The other cafeteria is situated behind building 7.

Students can use the microwaves if they want to bring their own meals.



click on the image to know more
information about the meals at the
cafeteria buffet

	Cafeteria in UCAM		
-	Basic	€	4.20
-	Two courses, dessert and coffee	€	6.70
	Fast food restaurant menu	€	5 - 7
	Combination sandwich	€	2.30
	Soft drink	€	1.50
	Espresso	€	0.80
	Gym	€	200 /academic year
	Cinema ticket	€	6
	Drink	€	3 - 5



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Campus Life **WI-FI**

Campus life

WI-FI



Adjusting wifi "EDUROAM" in your laptop

Steps to follow

WINDOWS

1. Search for the wifi names **UCAM_INVITADOS** and connect to it.
2. Open navigator and write <https://www.ucam.edu/servicios/informatica/wifi/instaladores-eduroam>
3. Download the installation for your operating system and proceed with it (eduroam).
4. The installer will ask you for your usuario (username) (**name@alu.ucam.edu**) and your password for the Campus Virtual.

If you do not know your student email address, you can find it by entering Campus Virtual with your username and password. It will be found in: Mi sitio - Perfil (My place - Profile)

5. Accept everything and search for the wifi named eduroam and connect to it. It will not ask any passwords.

MAC

1. Go to General settings - Profiles - Delete the profile if the ir any.
2. Go to Settings - Wifi and connect to the wifi named eduroam.
3. Put your username (**name@alu.ucam.edu**) and your password for the Campus Virtual.

More info:



Android



Apple



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WI-FI



Adjusting wifi "EDUROAM" in your mobile phone

Steps to follow

ANDROID

- Search and connect to the wifi named **"eduroam"**
- In **method EAP**, choose **"PEAP"**
- In authentication of step 2, choose **"MSCHAPV2"**
- User certification: **"no especificado"** (not specified)
- The **"identidad"** (identity) is your email which ends in **@alu.ucam.edu**
- The **"identificación anónima"** (anonymous identity)
- The **"contraseña"** (password) is the same as your password in **Campus Virtual**
- Make sure that it is connected to **eduroam**

APPLE

- Search and connect for the wifi named **"eduroam"**
- The **"identidad"** (identity) is your email which ends in **@alu.ucam.edu**
- The **"contraseña"** (password) is the same as your password in **Campus Virtual**
- Accept the certification **Radius.ucam.edu**
- Make sure that it is connected to **eduroam**

More info:



Android



Apple



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UCAM APP

- Marks
- Quick access to Virtual Campus
- Events
- Calendar / Schedule
- Map of UCAM important locations
- News
- Discounts
- Gifts



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Campus Life Student Card

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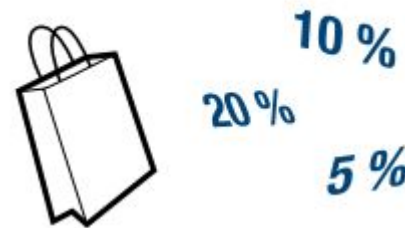
Student Card

Student
Card 

UCAM Student Card is an essential tool during your stay at our university.

You might find different uses:

- Discounts
- Access to the library (during night)
- Credit Card (Banco Santander)
- Daily class attendance check



How to get it?

After your enrollment, you must visit the campus the building number 5 or the Santander Bank and provide valid identification to the responsible. You will get the printed the card instantly.



We hope you enjoy it a lot!
For more information please contact us:

enquiries@ucam.edu

or

Tlf: (+34) 968 278 883

International Admissions Department located at ground floor in the Monastery (next to Library), Campus de los Jerónimos, UCAM (Murcia)

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