Information for Exchange Students coming to Chemistry Faculty University of Valencia

VNIVERSITAT (À \*) Facultat de Química

# Introduction

This is a general guide for Exchange students that plan to follow some studies at the Chemistry Faculty. In this guide, we have pointed out some aspects of the student's life in the Campus de Burjassot but also the contents map of the degree in Chemistry.

## International Relations Office (IRO)

Is the office the University of Valencia that centralizes all the administrative work concerning the exchange student. All the correspondence should be addressed to:

International Relations Office of the Universitat de Valencia.

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# Location of the Chemistry Faculty

Valencia University's faculties and schools are to be found in three campuses spread through Valencia and Burjassot:

- In the Campus de Tarongers you can find the Faculties/Schools of Economy, Social Sciences and Law.
- In the Campus de Blasco Ibañez, located in the Avenida de Blasco Ibañez, you can find all the centres in the area of Humanities/Arts, as well as the Faculty /School of Medicine and Orthodontics, Psychology and the College of Nursing. In this area you will also find the International Relations Office.
- The Campus de Burjassot-Paterna is the location of the Chemistry Faculty and others Faculties/Schools of Sciences like Mathematics, Pharmacy, Physics, Biology and, the recently created School of Engineering that integrates five different technical degrees like for example Chemical Engineering (a five years degree).

# Campus de Burjassot

## Facilities

General campus services comprise a library, two cafeterias and two dining rooms, a copy centre located at the Secretary building and a bank office (Banco Santander Central Hispano). There is also a small gymnasium and several sport facilities are located in the vicinity (two swimming pools, outdoor athletics tracks, etc.).

## Catering service

The Campus of Burjassot has two restaurants that offer meals at economical prices for students: one located in the Pharmacia Faculty and other placed in between the buildings B and C (see campus map). The price of a three-course, set menu is between 3 and 4 euro, which includes 1st and 2nd course, dessert and a drink. Otherwise, you can choose a "bocadillo" (filled roll) at prices around 1,5 and 2,5 euro.

Microwave ovens are available to students who prefer to bring their own food.





## Libraries

There is a library on each campus, which can be used by all students at the University. Books can be taken out on loan for 3 days; students must show their student card. Here are some of the libraries you should visit:



- Biblioteca de Ciencias Science Library Located on the Campus de Burjassot. Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 8:15 to 20:45 and Saturdays: 9.00 to 14.00
- Biblioteca de Farmacia Pharmacy Library Located inside the Pharmacy Faculty building (Burjassot) Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 8:15 to 20:45
- Biblioteca Gregorio Mayans Located on the Campus de Tarongers. Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 8:30 to 20:45 and Saturdays: 9.00 to 14.00

# Transport services from Valencia to Burjassot

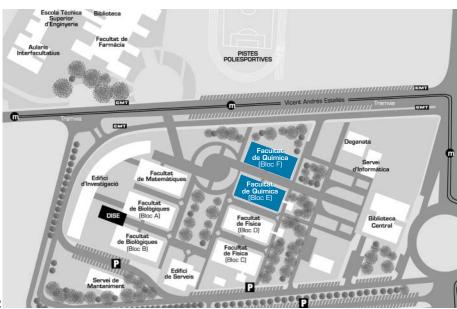
Burjassot is only 5 km far from the centre of Valencia. In the present time there is almost no discontinuity between the two towns. There is an extensive transport network of busses, underground and tramway leading to the campus of Burjassot:

#### Tramway:

Company "FGV" line 4 (blue) stopping down in "Campus de Burjassot" and "Vicent Andres Estelles" stops.

#### Underground:

the underground does not have a stop on the campus, but you can get line 1 (yellow) and get off at the "Empalme" stop, changing here to catch the tramway line 4 (free of charge), which takes you right to the Campus.

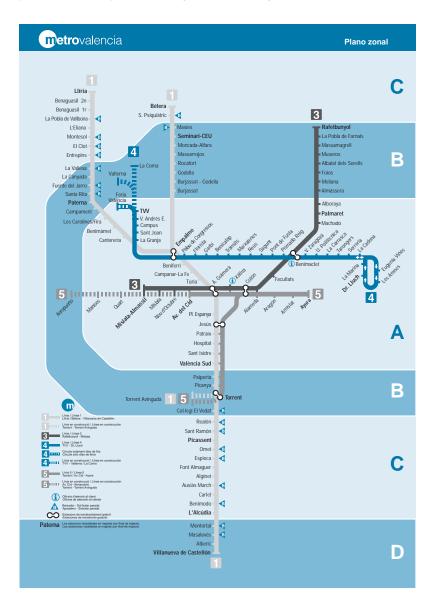


#### Bus:

EMT (red busses from the municipality). The line arriving to the campus is number 63, only during weekday and lective periods (last stop), .

#### Prices

Travelling by bus is the cheapest if you buy a "bono-bus" (bus pass). A single ticket is around  $0,9 \in$ , whereas if you buy a 10-ticket pass it is only  $0.5 \in$ . There are several possibilities of bus passes that let you to save money.



# Chemistry Faculty (Facultad de Química)

#### Address

Facultad de Química C/ Dr. Moliner, 50 46100 Burjassot Valencia FAX: 963544322 e-mail: Fac.Química@uv.es web: http://fquími.uv.es

## Organization

The Chemistry of Faculty only has one degree: Chemistry (Licenciatura de Química)

The Chemistry Faculty is organized in four departments, namely: Analytical, Inorganic, Organic, and Physical



Analytical, Inorganic, Organic, and Physical Department. All of them are located, mainly in the to buildings (E and F, see campus map) but also in other buildings as the Centro Jeroni Muñoz and the Faculty of Pharmacy. Two Research Institutes: Instituto de Ciencia de los Materiales (Materials Science Institute http://www.uv.es/icmuv/) and Instituto de Ciencia Molecular (Molecular Research Institute, http://www.uv.es/icmol/) concentrates several very active research groups in chemistry.

Lecture rooms are distributed in the two main buildings (E and F) but also in the Aulario Interfacultativo (see campus map). All the laboratories are located in the buildings (E and F). They are recently renovated offering very good conditions to perform the practical works.

Several computer rooms available for the students are located at the building F. All the Erasmus students can use them in the same conditions that the rest of the students. For example you can get an e-mail address and check you mail using this computers. You can also use them to prepare your practical works, etc.

## Coordinators of Exchange Programs

#### **Centre Coordinator**

- Dr. Margarita Parra, Margarita.Parra@uv.es

#### Degree Coordinator

To whom all the questions concerning the exchange programme should be, preferably, addressed

- Dr. Juan José Borras, Juan.J.Borras@uv.es Coordinador Erasmus de la Facultad de Química

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## Additional information

You can get further information in the following web pages:

- Chemistry Faculty: http://centros.uv.es/web/centros/quimica/castellano/
- Erasmus at the Chemistry Faculty: http://www.uv.es/~fqpin/lic\_quim/web\_erasmus/index.html
- International Relations Office: http://www.uv.es/relint/

## How to get Burjassot

## AIR: Manises Airport - Valencia

If you come by plane, there is a bus service that leaves you at the Central Bus Station and from there you can get the bus line (EMT) or underground. If you are coming to the campus straight from the airport, the easiest and quickest way is to get a taxi, which will take you approximately five minutes, as the Burjassot campus is near the airport. It can cost around 6-8  $\in$ .

#### TRAIN: Estacion del Norte – Valencia (RENFE)

If you come by train, you must get off at the Estacion del Norte (the Central Rail Station), which is in the city centre. Just as you come out of the station into the calle Bailén, you can get the bus line 63, which goes right to the Burjassot Campus. You are also very near the underground station (called Xàtiva or Játiva).

#### UNDERGROUND

The underground does not have a stop on the Campus. You can get Line 1 (yellow line) and get off the Empalme stop, changing here to catch the tramway, line 4 (blue line), which takes you right to the Campus. Other possibility is to get off the Cantereria stop only 10 minutes wy walking from the Campus. Both the underground ant the busses run from six in the morning to around ten at night. After this time only a few night busses run until one thirty in the morning (or until three in the morning on Thursday, Friday and Saturday) (http://www.metrovalencia.com). The tramway line 4 links the Campus de Burjassot with the Campus de Tarongers and also the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (http://www.upv.es).



#### BUSSES

There are numerous municipal bus lines (EMT) that you can catch to get to Burjassot campus. One that goes right to the campus is the 63 bus, which can be caught near the train (RENFE: Estación del Norte) station, however, this only runs on week days, The line 62 reaches Benimamet, a neighbourhood next to Burjassot, and from which you can walk to the campus in 15 minutes. At night the N3 night bus leaves from the Plaza del Ayuntamiento and stops at the Campus. (http://www.emtvalencia.es).

#### BY CAR/PRIVATE VEHICLE

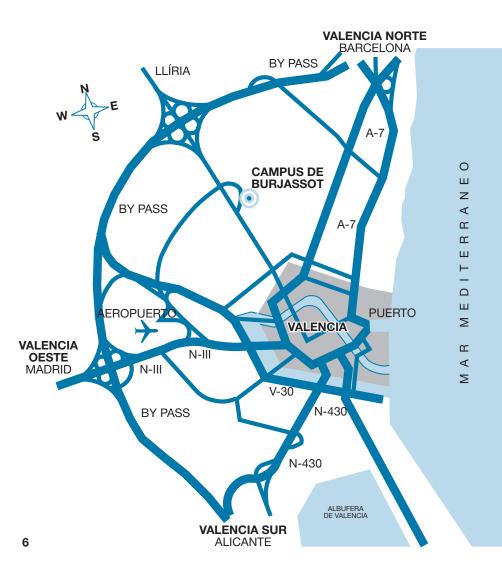
If you are entering Valencia by car you can take the bypass (ring road, see map) whatever direction you are coming from (Madrid, Barcelona or Alicante) as this is the quickest route to the to the C-234 which takes you to Burjassot Campus. The International Trade Fair (Fira de Mostres) is next to Burjassot Campus and is well sign-posted, bordering Paterna; it is a good reference point.

## From Valencia

If you are coming to Burjassot from Valencia, you should take the C-234, called also Pista de Ademuz, which takes you straight to the Campus. Both the Valencia Television Centre (TVV; Canal 9) and the International Trade Fair are good reference points, although the Campus itself is perfectly visible from the road.

## From Valencia by bike

Biking is easy in Valencia because it is completely flat. There are no special pathways for biking but you can use the tramway line, that is a secure way.



# Procedure to follow for admission to the University of Valencia

## Information for the Coordinators

- 1 Every academic year and before the course finishes, the I.R.O. (International Relations Office), send as many applications forms as agreed exchange students, to those Universities with which a bilateral agreement has been signed. The Universities have to return these applications, completed according to the given instructions and with the period stipulated on the application form.
- 2 Once the application forms containing the students' data have been received, the I.R.O. sends them to the Coordinators at each centre. Those Universities that have their own application forms where admission by the coordinator of the centre of destination is specifically required, can send the application form straight to the centre coordinator so that



it is signed and returned, but they must also send the University of Valencia application form.

## Information for the students

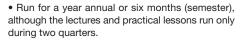
- 1 Students can consult the information concerning the syllabus and the subjects at the following web site: http://centros.uv.es/web/centros/quimica/castellano/ and they can also speak to the degree coordinator to solve possible doubts.
- 2 The students can follow any subjects of the Chemistry degree. Given that the University of Valencia registers students only once a year at the beginning of the course, it is important that the foreign students arrive before the academic course starts (in the third week of September) in case they have to take annual subjects or subjects belonging to the first term, so that they can reserve a place in their chosen subjects. In the case of staying from the second term only, the students should tell the degree coordinator the subjects they would like to study, for the same reason.
- 3 If the incoming student would like to carry out a research project such as DEA (France), Tesi di Laurea (Italy), Diplomarbeit (Germany), etc., he/she has to inform the Erasmus degree coordinator in advance (at least two months before the arrival) and send a CV and an authorization of the person in charge of him/her at the university of origin. He/she has to specificate the field in which he/she would like to work and justify the reasons for doing it in the University of Valencia as well. The coordinator will evaluate the application and, if accepted, will notify the student how to proceed.
- 4 On arrival, the foreign students should go first to the I.R.O. in order to enrol and to get the student card. Next, they should contact with the degree coordinator that will take care of the administrative process to inscribe him in the pertinent courses.
- 5 After finishing their stay, the Faculty will issue a certificate which will reflect the qualifications obtained in the subjects taken, signed by the degree coordinator. On student request, teachers can issue partial certificates in which the successfully passed subjects contents will be explained.

6 The University of Valencia cannot take on the responsibility of student accommodation, therefore students should enquire at the institutions or addresses list after this, in order to find accommodation.

# **Syllabus**

The Chemistry Faculty follows a five-year syllabus, which comprises two cycles (3 + 2 years). The different subjects are structured around a system of credits (following the old ECTS system). Each credit is equivalent to 10 hours of lectures of practical/demonstration classes (a Spanish credit is equivalent to one ECTS).

It is important to know that the subject matters can:



• Be theory or practical. In some few subjects there are practical demonstrations linked to the theoretical lectures, so if one wishes to follow the practical part of the subject one must also attend the corresponding lectures. But in general practical subjects are independent modules you can choose without further restrictions.

• Core and compulsory subjects: are the subjects that are compulsory for the Spanish chemistry students to follow in order to obtain their Degree.

• Optional: there is a wide range of subjects from which the students can choose, depending on the specialisation that interest those most.

• Free option or choice: refers to a limited number of subjects offered by the other faculties belonging to the Valencia University that chemistry students can follow even though they are not thematically linked to their degree course.

The information about how this subjects are arranged can be found on the web page:

http://centros.uv.es/web/centros/quimica/castellano/estudios/ plan\_estudios.xml?id=411

# Subject map

Core Mod	dules Compu	Isory Modules	Elective Modules	Free Choice
(CO)		(CM)	(EL)	(FC)
181,5 cre	edits 49	,5 credits	40,5 credits	30,5 credits

The modules are distributed among the five courses in the way showed in the following tables. The legend term means: A for annual subject, 1 for winter semester (September to January) and 2 for spring semester (February to June).



	First course					
Code	Туре	Term	Module	Module		
12847	CO	2	BIOQUÍMICA	OQUÍMICA		
12865	CO	1	ENLACE QUÍMICO Y ESTRUCTURA DE LA MATERIA	LACE QUÍMICO Y ESTRUCTURA DE LA MATERIA		
12873	CO	A	FÍSICA	ICA		
12881	CP	1	EOQUÍMICA Y MINERALOGÍA		4,5	
12907	CO	A	ATEMÁTICAS		10,5	
12909	12909 CP 2 MATEMÁTICAS II		6			
12913	12913 CP 2 OPERACIONES BÁSICAS DE LABORATORIO			4,5		
12607	CP	1	QUÍMICA GENERAL		6	
	EL 1 OPTATIVA (Elective subject)		4,5			
	TOTAL					

	Second course					
2	Code Type Term Module		Credits			
	12861	CP	2	ELECTROMAGNETISMO	4,5	
	12879	CP	1	FUNDAMENTOS DE QUÍMICA FÍSICA	6	
	12895	CO	2	LABORATORIO DE QUÍMICA FÍSICA I	7,5	
	12899	CO	A	LABORATORIO DE QUÍMICA INORGÁNICA I	7,5	
	12917	CO	A	QUÍMICA ANALÍTICA	9	
	12941	CO	A	QUÍMICA INORGÁNICA	9	
	12949	CO	A	QUÍMICA ORGÁNICA	9	
	EL/FC 2 OPTATIVA/LIBRE ELECCIÓN (Free Choice or Elective subject)		9			
	TOTAL					

	Third course					
Code	Code Type Term Module					
12833	CP	2	AMPLIACIÓN DE QUÍMICA INORGÁNICA	6		
12835	CP	1	AMPLIACIÓN DE QUÍMICA ORGÁNICA	6		
12496	CP	2	ANÁLISIS INSTRUMENTAL	6		
12887	CO	A	INGENIERÍA QUÍMICA	9		
12891	CO	A	LABORATORIO DE QUÍMICA ANALÍTICA I	7,5		
12903	CO	2	LABORATORIO DE QUÍMICA ORGÁNICA I	7,5		
12933	CO	A	QUÍMICA FÍSICA	9		
	EL/FC	2	OPTATIVA/LIBRE ELECCIÓN (Free Choice or Elective subject)	9		
	TOTAL					

	Fourth course				
Code	Туре	Term	Module	Credits	
12857	CO	1	DETERMINACIÓN ESTRUCTURAL	6	
12897	CO	1	LABORATORIO DE QUÍMICA FÍSICA II	6	
12901	CO	2	LABORATORIO DE QUÍMICA INORGÁNICA II	6	
12921	CO	A	QUÍMICA ANALÍTICA AVANZADA	9	
12935	CO	A	QUÍMICA FÍSICA AVANZADA	9	
12943	CO	CO A QUÍMICA INORGÁNICA AVANZADA		9	
12951	CO	A	QUÍMICA ORGÁNICA AVANZADA	9	
EL/FC 1 OPTATIVA/LIBRE ELECCIÓN (Free Choice or Elective subject)		6			
			TOTAL	60	

Fifth course						
Code	Code Type Term Module					
12851	Т	1	CIENCIA DE LOS MATERIALES	6		
12893	Т	A	ABORATORIO DE QUÍMICA ANALÍTICA II 6			
12905	Т	1	LABORATORIO DE QUÍMICA ORGÁNICA II			
	EL	EL 1/2 OPTATIVA (Free Choice) 36		36		
	EL/FC 1/2 OPTATIVA/LIBRE ELECCIÓN (Elective subject or Free Choice) 6,5					
TOTAL				60,5		

	Elective subjects (fist cycle: 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> courses)						
Code	e Course	Term	Module	Credits			
1283	7 3	2	ANÁLISIS CROMATOGRÁFICO 4,				
1284	5 1	1	APLICACIONES INFORMÁTICAS EN QUÍMICA	4,5			
1284	9 3	1	CERÁMICA				
1252	3 1	1	HISTORIA DE LA QUÍMICA	4,5			
1292	9 3	2	QUÍMICA DE LOS COMPUESTOS HETEROCÍCLICOS	4,5			
1294	5 4	2	QUÍMICA INORGÁNICA ESTRUCTURAL				
1296	1 2	2	TECNOLOGÍA DE INSTRUMENTACIÓN	4,5			

Elective subjects (second cycle: 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> courses)					
Code	Course	Term	Module	Credits	
12839	5	1	ANÁLISIS INDUSTRIAL	4,5	
12843	5	1	APLIC. DE LAS TEC. ESPECTROSCÓPICAS EN Q.ORG.	4,5	
12853	5	1	CINÉTICA QUÍMICA	4,5	
12855	5	2	CRISTALOGRAFÍA	4,5	
12859	5	1	ELECTROANÁLISIS	4,5	
12863	5	1	ELECTROQUÍMICA	4,5	
12867	4	2	ESPECTROMETRÍA ANALÍTICA	4,5	
12869	5	2	ESPECTROSCOPÍA MOLECULAR	4,5	
12871	5	2	EXPERIMENTACIÓN INSTRUMENTAL AVANZADA	4,5	
12715	5	2	FÍSICA DEL MEDIO AMBIENTE	6	
12885	5	2	HOMOLOGACIÓN Y CALIDAD EN LOS LABORAT.	4,5	
12537	5	2	INTRODUCCIÓN A LOS REACTORES QUÍMICOS	4,5	
12539	5	2	MATERIALES POLÍMEROS	4,5	
12915	5	A	PROYECTO	12	
12947	5	2	QUÍM. INORGÁNICA INDUSTRIAL Y DEL MED.AMB.	4,5	
12953	4	2	QUÍM. ORGÁNICA DE LOS PRODUCTOS NATURALES	6	
12919	5	2	QUÍMICA ANALÍTICA AMBIENTAL	4,5	
12923	5	1	QUÍMICA BIOINORGÁNICA	4,5	
12925	4	2	QUÍMICA CUÁNTICA	4,5	
12927	5	2	QUÍMICA DE COORDINACIÓN	4,5	
12931	5	2	QUÍMICA DEL ESTADO SÓLIDO	4,5	
12937	5	2	QUÍMICA FÍSICA DEL MEDIO AMBIENTE	4,5	
12955	5	2	QUÍMICA ORGÁNICA Y MEDIO AMBIENTE	4,5	
12957	5	1	QUÍMICA ORGANOMETÁLICA Y CATÁLISIS	4,5	
12959	5	1	SÍNTESIS ORGÁNICA	6	
12963	5	2	TEORÍA DE LAS REACCIONES ORGÁNICAS	6	

## Academic calendar

The calendar can undergo small variations depending on the academic year. You can consult the details for each course in the http://www.uv.es/~webuv/estudis/calendari\_academic.htm

In general the calendar is as follows:

- 1 The first quarter begins at the last week of September and finishes at the end of January. This period is followed by a period of exams, lasting 2 or 3 weeks.
- **2** The second quarter begins the second week of February and finishes at the beginning of June. The exam corresponding to this quarter takes place mid June.

In July and September, from the 1st to the 15th approximately, there two periods for exams for those students who did not pass in the first sitting.

## Lectures

Attendance is not compulsory, although it is advisable to take most of the lecturer's explanations. However, it is compulsory to attend the practical or demonstration classes.

Normally each lecturer has specific times for tutorials, during which you can speak to them to clarify any doubts you have about the subject. These times are displayed on the notice boards in the corresponding Department or on the door of the lecturer's office.

There are two exams (also called "convocatorias") during the academic course for each subject. The second is for those who did not sit the first exam of who failed it. Some lecturers offer the opportunity to do partial exams throughout the academic course, which, depending on the subject, can mean the exclusion of certain subject matter from the final exam.

The student has the right for the exam to be revised, in order to check the correction and the mark. The lecturer who sits the exam establishes the day, time and place of a revision of this type. Sometimes the lecturer thinks it necessary to include projects, seminars or talks by the students in the final mark.

Finally, for regular course subjects, tuition language is Spanish.



## Marks and qualifications

Marks	Spanish marks	Numeric marking system	Other equivalencies
Not present (did not sit the exam)	No presentado		
Failed	Suspenso		F
Passed	Aprobado	5 - 6,9	D/E
Outstanding	Notable	7,0 - 8,9	B/C
Excellent	Sobresaliente	9,0 - 10,0	B+/A
Excellent +	Matrícula de Honor	10,0	A+

The marks that appear on the official certificate students are given are as follows:

The Matricula de Honor is given hardly in Spain. A maximum of 5% of the students per course can get this mark.

## Information centres

 There is an office dedicated to helping young people called the Instituto Valenciano de la Juventud or IVAJ, where they will attend inquiries about travel, air tickets, lodging, information about Valencia and anything related to youth and student life. The address is:

IVAJ C/ Hospital, 11 Tel: 96 3869700 46001- Valencia http://www.ivaj.gva.es

This is also the place you should go to get information about how to acquire the "Carnet Jove" which you will need to enjoy special discount on transport, entertainment, trips, etc.



- If the information you need is more closely related to the University you could find help in the offices of the DISE (http://www.uv.es/dise/) and CADE (http://www.uv.es/cade/).
  Here you will find information related to courses, grants, lodging, and syllabus and about the University in general.
  These are located also in the campus of Burjassot (tel 96 386 40 60), close to the Biology Faculty (buildings A and B).
- There are two Erasmus Associations, open to all students participating in any exchange program (not only Erasmus).

Student volunteers, who organise outings, sports competitions, suppers and a variety of events that allow the foreign student to become involved in the university world, create them. These associations also have a great deal of information about lodgings. Their coordinates are the following ones:

#### Erasmus association

Avda. de los Naranjos s/n Despacho 601 (aulario Sur-acceso oeste) 46022 Valencia Tel: 963866422

#### Erasmus association

Avda. Blasco Ibáñez, 21 Facultad de Psicología 46022 Valencia Tel: 963866422 http://centros.uv.es/web/centros/psicologia/

## Hotels

Find below a short list of cheap hostels where you can spend your first days in the city. If you require more information about another category of hotel, you can contact the Tourist Info Valencia.

> Hostal Londres C/ Barcelonina, 1 46002-Valencia Tel: 96 351 22 44

Hostal Home C/ Cadirers, 11 Valencia Tel: 963924063 Shared bathrooms, kitchen, and dining room. Laundry service and Internet room.

Hospederia del Pilar C/Mercado, 19 Valencia Tel: 963916600

# University residences

To get a place in a residence or colegio mayor you should bear in mind that the places are limited and therefore it is necessary to book, well in advance. Although exchange students seldom choose this option, you can get in touch with theseresidences or "colegios mayors" on the telephone numbers given below. Prices range between 360 to  $500 \in$ ./month all included. You can get information on the following web page: http://www.uv.es/~webuv/organitzacio/mapa\_colegis.htm

Find below a list of the closest residences to the Campus de Burjassot

- Residencia Universitaria Campus Confort Burjassot Av. Primer de Maig, Burjassot. Tel: 902 44 44 47
- CMU La Coma C/ Alcasser, 21-23. Paterna, Tel: 96 316 02 72
- CMU San Juan de Ribera Pl. San Juan de Ribera, 1-6. Burjassot, Tel: 96 363 82 70

In Burjassot there are other private residences for students that offer the possibility of lodging during periods from a week to several months. They are not very expensive.

# Sharing a flat

If you decide you would rather rent a house or shared flat, you can find numerous adverts on the notice boards in and around the schools, as well as in the CADE or DISE offices or adverts in shops and streets near the Campus. This is the option most frequently chosen by students in general, and is, above all, the most economical option. Prices start with  $180 \in$ . a month including common expenses (water, electricity and community charges), in ha furnished flat. However, prices depend on the area, the number of students sharing the flat, and of course the use of electricity, water, gas and telephone.

Whatever the choice, students should bear in mind that it is not a good idea to arrive in the city at the last minute unless they have previously booked lodgings, because depending on the time of arrival it will be more or less difficult to find the right kind of place. It is important to understand that the University of Valencia is not responsible for providing foreign students with board and lodgings, even though they will give advice and help on how to look for it.

To summarize, the best ways to find lodging are:

- Look at the adverts on the faculty notice boards and those listed by the CADE.
- Look at adverts in weekly newspapers (Trajín, Baúl, etc.) which advertise flats to let and share.
- Through a state agent. These require a fee and deposit which equal one or two months rent. The deposit is returned at the end of the contract if here are no damages to the property and all expenses have been paid. You should demand a signed contract that outlines all the norms and obligations that each party must fulfil.
- Ask around. Fellow students may free rooms in their flats, adverts can also be found in student areas.
- Some landlords/ladies offer rooms to lodgers in their own homes, sharing their house with them.