INFO UPCT
Erasmus student destination
Why Cartagena?
- A Great Weather
- The sea
- The gastronomy
- The campus
- The location

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Testimonios

The UPCT in a few words

The Technical University of Cartagena (UPCT) was founded in 1998 and it specialises in Engineering, Architecture and Business Administration studies. The University has 3 campus: Campus Alfonso XIII, Campus de Ciencias de la Empresa and Campus Muralla del Mar. The UPCT offers a mix of modernity and tradition that gives the University an innovative and dynamic essence. Since its foundation, UPCT has developed alliances with over 178 European Universities. UPCT makes an effort to satisfy foreign students’ needs in order to make their stay in the region a positive experience.

Many students from Europe, India and Latin America have already obtained a diploma in Cartagena. The two public Universities in the region: The University of Murcia and the UPCT have teamed up to create the Campus of International Excellence “Campus Mare Nostrum 37/38. UPCT also takes part of the UP4 alliance, the association between the 4 Technical Universities of Spain: UPM (Madrid), UPV (Valencia), UPC (Catalonia) and UPCT.
Why Cartagena?

300 sunny days a year!
With its subtropical Mediterranean climate, Cartagena has an average annual temperature of 20°C.

From the cove to the sandbank
- ‘Cala Cortina’ is just a 15 min walk.
- La Manga, a large sandbank with long, sandy beaches on both sides, separates the Mediterranean Sea from an inshore salty lagoon (Mar Menor). It is easy to reach, only 30 minutes away by bus.
- Los Nietos, 40 min away by FEVE train.

Typical Spanish food
Eating in Spain involves eating with friends and/or family. “Ir de tapas”: To hop from bar to bar, eating and drinking, finishing with an asiático, the typical coffee of Cartagena.

And more importantly...festivals!!
Many celebrations over the year:
- “Semana Santa” -meaning Holy Week- is an important religious festivity that commemorates Jesus Christ’s passion, and is celebrated all over Spain in March and April. Cartagena’s Holy Week has been declared of international touristic interest;
- Carnival is celebrated in February.
- “Cartagineses y Romanos”, re-enacts the historical foundation of the city in the ancient Roman era, and it’s celebrated in mid-September.

You can find more information on the Tourism office’s website.
Why Cartagena?

Means of transportation

- 2 Airports: Murcia-San Javier and Alicante-Elche.
- The Spanish railway company is called RENFE.
- The means of transport most frequently used is the bus. The most important company leaving from Cartagena is ALSA.

ALSA

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What does UPCT offer?

Technical Schools/Faculties

Technical School of Agricultural Engineering
Technical School of Industrial Engineering
Technical School of Naval and Ocean Engineering
Technical School of Telecommunications Engineering
School of Business
Technical School of Civil and Mining Engineering
Technical School of Architecture and Building Construction
International Doctoral School
Defence University centre, General Air Force Academy (Affiliated Public Centre)

You will find the available courses on: upct.es
-> studies, -choose your level of study (Bachelor, Master, PHD,...)- or directly on the webpage of the faculty you are looking for.
For any other information regarding studies or internships at UPCT you can contact the International Relations Office: relint@upct.es
The UPCT, according to current University rankings, stands out for its research productivity and for its innovative teaching. In fact, the University was a distinguished recipient of university prizes such as the Universia or the Spanish Ministry of Education awards, competing in the ‘best open educational content’ category. Its motto is “A different way to teach. A different way to learn”. Students can make use of what they learned in classrooms in a practical way thanks to internships in companies, research projects or international engineering competitions, such as the ones where UPCT students participate by manufacturing race cars and racing bikes, top energy-efficient solar cars or electric motorcycles for urban use.
Welcome Day and Orientation Day

An Orientation Day is organised by the International Relations Office in the beginning of each term. On this day, different meetings are held in order to present the services and the associations (ESN, Bolsa de Idiomas...) that may help you or be of interest during your stay. This day also marks the beginning of Welcome Week: a week full of activities and parties to meet foreigners and locals.

Acommodation
- UPCT student dormitory: “Alberto Colao”
- Other useful websites: pisocompartido.com, bolsadepisoupct.housingon.com.
- Programa Padrino: contact local students to guide you on your first steps in the city and ask them to help you find a room! Contact on relint@upct.es

Sports
You can practice a wide range of sports at UPCT facilities, including:
- Bodywork, Bodybuilding-Fitness, Tonification, Pilates, Zumba, Judo, Taekwondo, Yoga
- Dance (Classical, Contemporary, Flamenco...) Boot Camp, Diving, Sailing, Kayaking, Horseback riding,...
More information on: servicio-deportes.upct.es

International Relations

Wifi
All UPCT buildings (faculties, sport facilities, dormitories,...) have a common WIFI network (OPEN-UPCT), that can be accessed with your university credentials.
Erasmus Student Network Cartagena

ESN is a European organisation that aims to bring together and guide international students. ESN Cartagena often organises trips and sport, cultural and leisure events to help you integrate in the city.

Funcarele

Funcarele is a foundation in Cartagena accredited by the Cervantes Institute that provides Spanish courses, free of charge for the Erasmus students at UPCT.

Bolsa de Idiomas

Bolsa de Idiomas is an initiative led by the local government of Cartagena. Bolsa de Idiomas organises some meetings every week so that locals and foreigners can meet up and speak in different languages.

Casa del Estudiante / Student’s Recreation Centre

UPCT’s “Casa del Estudiante” is a friendly place where students can meet to socialise and work.
Erasmus Student Network

ESN Cartagena is a non-profit organisation with the aim of helping foreign students settle in and integrate at UPCT. The association organises a variety of events around the cultural and local life of Cartagena which foreign students can take part in.

Activities
ESN organizes regular activities such as “Broken Coffee”, relaxing and engaging moments between students, Salsa classes, “Salsa Night” every Monday, etc… There are some other specific activities such as Welcome Week that includes a tour around Cartagena, a welcome party and other surprises! Trips to visit or take part in national events, an international dinner, themed parties; sport events are also organised.

ECTS Credits
By taking part in some of the ESN activities you can get up to 2 ECTS credits.

How to become a member
The ESN card costs 6 Euros and it gives you access to all activities organized by the association.

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Giulia Gambuzzi, Italia
I'm keen on history, for that reason I love Cartagena. This city has 2,000 years of history. Its blend of modernity and tradition makes Cartagena a unique city. UPCT has buildings with historic classrooms and places reserved to students.

Aigerim Yedembayeva, Azerbaïdjan
I am studying Global Economics at UPCT and I really like it. We often work in groups and we do a lot of research. We do a lot of different activities with the other Erasmus students and we learn much about Spanish culture. I like it here, it's a really cool city and it's also very hot!!

Maulik Makwana, Inde
I love UPCT for the architecture of its ancient buildings and especially the School of Business where I study. I have never seen such an Erasmus group like the one in this University. I like meeting people from Europe. Cartagena is, in my opinion, a small paradise.

Fausto Osiris, México
UPCT attracted me because of its interdisciplinary nature: here you can find from Agricultural to Telecommunications Engineering as well as Architecture or Business... Thanks to my Erasmus experience I will go back to Mexico more mature. That's for sure!

Kitti Szalay, Hongrie
I am studying at the School of Business. The building, facing the port, is really nice and has wonderful sea views. I particularly like the last floor because it is a quiet place. It's a privilege to be able to study while overlooking the Mediterranean!

Hannah Boose, Germany
I came to the UPCT to study International Business. Since I arrived, I've made a lot of friends to travel with! From Cartagena you can easily reach many other Spanish cities like Granada, Seville, Cordoba, Madrid or Valencia...
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