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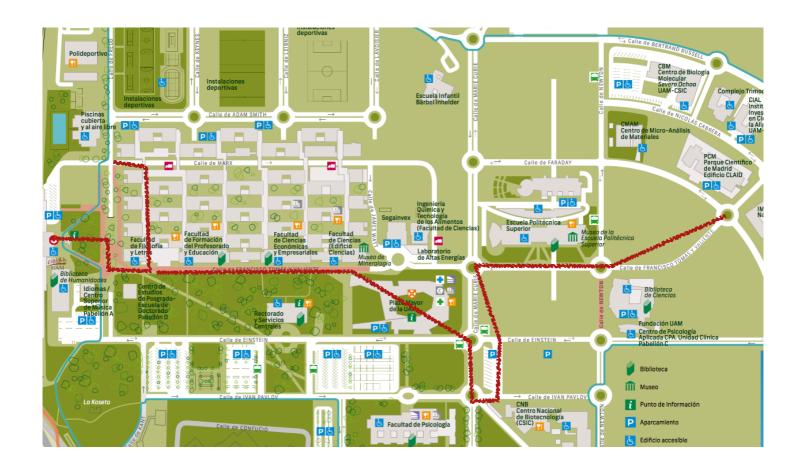
#### CAMPUS CANTOBLANCO

#### THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MADRID

# 69 Departments 8 Faculties/Schools

- Faculty of Philosophy and Liberal Arts
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Economics and Business Studies
- Faculty of Sciences
- Faculty of Medicine located next to the Hospital de la Paz, Madrid
- Faculty of Psychology
- School of Engineering
- Faculty of Teacher Training and Education

UAM is a Spanish public university established in 1968, along with the autonomous universities of Barcelona and Bilbao (now University of the Basque Country) during one of Spain's most ambitious educational reforms that took place during the late 1960s and early 1970s. In the first years, the UAM was located in C/Alfonso XII before moving to its current location. Throughout its history, UAM has been one of Spain's most prominent higher education institutions, being ranked first amongst Spanish universities by the El Mundo University Supplement (known as "Las 50 Carreras"), by The Times Higher Education Supplement, and by the Academic Ranking of World Universities.



# "La Autónoma"

20 MINUTES FROM SOL BY TRAIN

ESTABLISHED 1968

Located 15 km north of Madrid with an extension of over 2,200,000 m<sup>2</sup>, the campus was designed as a university town that was to be self-sufficient and rather far from Madrid in order to keep student activity against the Francoist dictatorship away from the capital. The UAM has approximately 28000 students, 23600 of them at the undergraduate level. Affiliated Institutions (in Madrid):

La Salle College Red Cross Nursing School Jiménez Díaz Foundation Nursing School La Once School of Physiotherapy

The UAM offers 53 official undergraduate degrees, 114 MAs and PhDs, 14 Dual Degrees in collaboration with others universities.







### Language Service

The UAM offers all exchange students the possibility of studying Spanish for a semester. You can also learn German, Chinese, French, English, Italian and Portuguese.

### Humanities Library

Inaugurated in 1996, the Humanities Library is located on the Cantoblanco Campus, next to the RENFE station. Inside there is the Cartoteca Rafael Mas and the bibliographic collection of the University Institute of Women's Studies. With 840,000

holdings, it integrates all the necessary information resources for learning, teaching and research in the field of Humanities. It caters to students, professors, researchers and other users. There are 20 internship positions offered by the Humanities library.





# "Eco Campus"



The Ecocampus Project is the formalization of UAM's commitment to the Agenda21 and it seeks to achieve two main goals:

- To improve the environmental situation of the different UAM campus facilities.
- To raise awareness to all staff and students to promote participation in the debate and search for solutions to the global and local environmental conflicts.

Due to its commitment to the environment and sustainability, UAM ranks among the top 50 Universities on the 2016 UI GreenMetric World University Ranking.

The original faculties were housed in interconnected buildings with several patios in between them. Characteristic of each building is a large number of stairs in its corridors, initially designed to prevent students from running in case of police raids. Currently, this fact has been considered by many university officials as a setback in the integration of handicapped students. The newest facilities were built in a contemporary style, being more accessible and allowing more free movement to students.

The UAM is divided into eight faculties and schools that support and coordinate most of the university's academic and administrative activity. Each faculty is divided into departments dedicated to teaching and research of the different subjects. The Autonomous University of Madrid has an active student body, having organized one of Spain's most important events against the dictatorship in 1976 called the Iberian Peoples Festival. It had an attendance of over 70,000.

UAM has over a hundred student societies and organizations covering activities ranging from student unions to theater and music. The oldest active association in UAM is the Law Students Association (AED in Spanish), a left-leaning student union established in 1981. Furthermore, there are new prominent societies in the field of social sciences, such as a Debate Society (Sociedad de Debates UAM) and a Model UN society (UAM-I-MUN), both founded and run mainly by Law students.





# Dates:

- 1968. The "Autónoma" was inaugurated (C/Alfonso XII)
- 1971. Cantoblanco Campus (There were no train or bus stations)
- 1975. The inauguration of the Cantoblanco train station
- 1983. Faculty of Psychology
- 1988. ERASMUS Program started
- 1991. General Establishment of the Autónoma University
- 1993. University Institute of Women Studies
- 1995. Residence for students Juan Luis Vives
- 1997. Ecocampus Office
- 2001. Madrid's Scientific Park
- 2002. Office of Solidarity Action and Cooperation
- 2008. Alliance of 4 Universities: Autónoma de Barcelona, Autónoma de Madrid, Carlos III of Madrid, Pompeu Fabra of Barcelona
- 2012. Plaza Mayor Building
- 2016. UAM was ranked number 210 in the QS World University Ranking and the 3rd best university in Spain.









### Festivals and parties?

UAM is also a festive campus, hosting several festivals throughout the spring. The most important one was the Spring festival held until 1993, but stopped because it got too big. Since then minor festivals have been held by student associations. These festivals usually consist of rock concerts by amateur rock bands (many of which have members that are UAM students).





# Annual Sports Card



Sporting facilities include two swimming pools (an indoor one and an outdoor one), two multiple-use pavilions, outdoor tennis, basketball, beach volleyball and paddle tennis courts and football and rugby fields. The Integral Bicycle Center - provides the option of renting bikes and other related services (bicycle hostel, mechanical workshop, second hand market, changing rooms, etc.).



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The University Administration / Rectorado building (1983-84), was originally designed to house the Library, however due to its central location, it was identified as the ideal building for the central administration of the university.





# "Tomás y Valiente walkway"

WHO IS FRANCISCO TOMÁS Y

**VALIENTE?** 



Francisco Tomás y Valiente (8 December 1932 - 14 February 1996) was a Spanish professor of the history of Law who presided Spain's Constitutional Court for two terms (1986-1992). He was assassinated by ETA in 1996. His killing mobilized approximately a million people who marched in protest through Madrid, headed by the then prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez, and the leaders of the mainstream political parties. The pedestrian way

that connects the faculties is named after him.





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## "Main Square - Plaza Mayor"

- Main Student Services Office
- Study Abroad at UAM
- Admissions and Transfers
- Scholarships and Student Financial Aid
- International Relations and Mobility Office
- International Reception Office
- Solidarity Action and Cooperation Office
- External Internships and Employment Office
- Ecocampus Office
- Cafeteria and Restaurant
- Pharmacy/Optometrist
- Bookstore/Stationery store
- Travel Agency El Corte Inglés
- Santander Bank
- Printing Service



# "Main Square - Plaza Mayor"

# NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH PLAZA MAYOR IN THE CITYCENTER

The Plaza Mayor at the University is a vanguard architectural structure built in 2012, which offers a wide range of services to students. Furthermore, what makes the Plaza Mayor building stand out is its eco-friendly characteristic. In part its energy is generated by 26 thermal panels and 92 solar panels that permits energy conservation. It was built to hold all student and faculty services.





### Internationalization at UAM

The UAM has approximately **2670 students** who participate in mobility programs annually. The UAM receives around 1500 international students per year, having over 532 exchange opportunities with 52 countries. Students become part of the student community at UAM and benefit from the use of all facilities on campus. Edificio Plaza Mayor houses the central office providing services to international students as well as UAM students who wish to take advantage of our mobility programs. (Erasmus + International Agreements, CEAL etc). The Study Abroad Office at UAM offers a variety of academic programs specially designed for foreign students. These include Intensive Spanish language and culture courses, the Diploma in Spanish Language, Culture and Civilization, tailor-made programs in Science and Engineering and the International Summer School among others.



# Mobility and International Programs

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# ERASMUS+ UAM-BANCO SANTANDER (CEAL) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS SWISS-EUROPEAN MOBILITY PROGRAM STUDY ABROAD AT UAM PROGRAMS

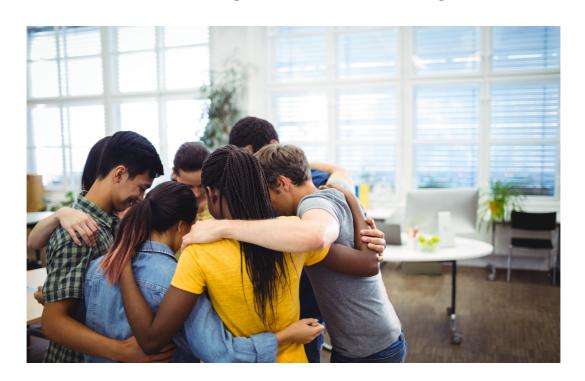
UAM is the only Spanish university listed in the Top 150 Most International Universities in the World ranking.

According to EU data, UAM is the 6th university in Europe in percentage of outgoing Erasmus students.





# Friendly University



### 16 cafeterias and other eating facilities

**Buddy-Up:** Students who mentor international students

Erasmus Student Network: A student-run organization that provides language exchange activities, fun student trips and other social events.

Computer rooms: Available in every Faculty free of charge.

WIFI access: Available throughout the campus via "Eduroam" network

Sala Owl: 24 hours access to any library during exam periods.

Erasmo Student Residence Hall: This is the on-campus student residence hall.



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The Museum of Computer Science and Telecommunication located in the "Escuela Politécnica Superior" (School of Engineering) at the Autonomous University of Madrid is where the past and the present meet the future.



The museum aims to give a clear and precise picture, and at the same time an enjoyable vision of the exciting and intriguing journey of technology. In a didactic and informative way, it shows some aspects of the world of computer sciences and telecommunication based on the milestones that have marked its development: technology and the people who conceived inventions, both hardware and software.

# School of Engineering (Escuela Politécnica Superior)

On September 28th, 1999 the UAM inaugurated the School of Engineering (Escuela Politécnica Superior). It's a modern open area and houses 10 classrooms, 13 laboratories, an auditorium with a capacity of up to 560 students, a library, a cafeteria and professor and administrator offices. With this new building, the Cantoblanco campus began its expansion towards the east, where now the molecular biology center, science library, Foundation building and the Scientific Park of Madrid are located.





## Science at UAM

The Scientific Culture Unit of the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UCCUAM) is a service created in 2006 and is ascribed to the Vice-Rector's Office for University Extension and Scientific Publication. Its objective is to foster and support activities which contribute to the social communication of scientific knowledge produced at the UAM and its associated centers. The Faculty of Sciences of the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid is the largest educational and scientific standalone university center in Spain with the following departments: Department of Biology, Department of Molecular Biology, Department of Ecology, Department of Material Science, Department of Condensed Matter Physics, Department of Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics, Department of Theoretical Physics. Department of Geology and Geochemistry, Department of Mathematics, Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Food Science, Department of Analytical Chemistry and Instrumental Analysis, Department of Applied Physical Chemistry, Department of Inorganic Chemistry, Department of Organic Chemistry.

### Scientific Park

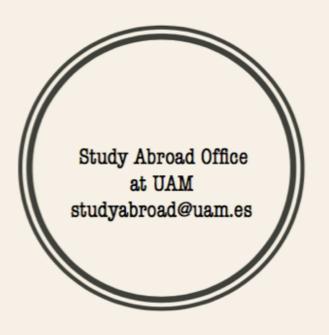
The Scientific Park of Madrid was founded in 2001 by the Autonomous University of Madrid and the Complutense University of Madrid to facilitate more innovative scientific and technological research and development. It is a non-profit foundation and is supported by the Spanish National Research Council, The Energy, Environmental and Technological Research Center, the Madrid Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Tres Cantos City Council and the Santander Bank. The Madrid Science Park (PCM) offers spaces and services of the highest quality for entrepreneurs and scientists to develop their R & D projects.



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