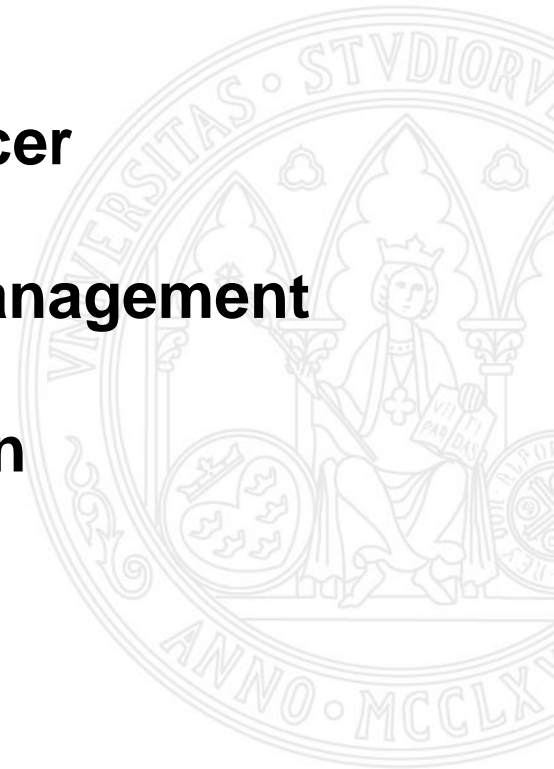


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## LOCATION AND CONTEXT

### •Murcia Region:

- A one-province Autonomous Community in Southeastern Spain
- Population of 1,4 million people
- Mediterranean climate: mostly sunny, soft winters and warm summers
- Economy based on agriculture (Europe's orchard), industry, tourism (250 kms coastline) and services

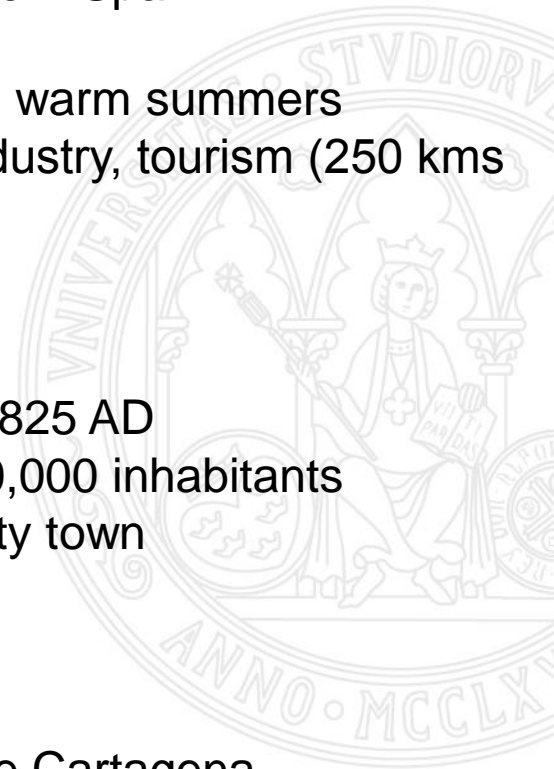


### •Murcia City:

- Founded by the Moors in 825 AD
- Capital and main city: 450,000 inhabitants
- Services city and university town

### •Universities:

- Universidad de Murcia
- Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena
- Universidad Católica San Antonio (private)



## HISTORY

- Its origins date back to medieval times, being Murcia a cultural melting pot
- Founded as Universitas Studiorum Murciana by the King Alfonso X of Castile, known as Alfonso X The Wise, in 1272 AD (see university's seal)



- Currently on its third foundation in 1915
- 10th oldest university in Spain
- Great growth on student population, academic offer, research activities and university facilities in the last two decades.

## DATA: ACADEMIC OFFER

### OFFICIAL PROGRAMMES

59 undergraduate programmes  
71 master programmes  
54 doctoral programmes



### OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES AND COURSES

395 *Promoción Educativa* courses  
46 specialist courses  
74 training courses  
49 *Universidad Internacional del Mar* (summer university) courses  
*Aula de Mayores* (adult education) programme

## DATA: UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND SERVICES

5 campuses

31.412 undergraduate students

1.569 postgraduate students

2, 489 professors

1,088 administrative staff

294 cultural activities

32,000 participants

Over 8,000 sport facility users

41 computer rooms      1,000 computers

1,729 job offers

5.825 student internships in enterprises

## UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES: LA MERCED

Located downtown Murcia

Oldest campus, origin of the university

Facilities:

Faculty of Law

Faculty of Humanities

Classroom Building

General Library

Service Building



Also, other university facilities in the city:

Rectorate, School of Tourism, *Colegio Mayor Azarbe* (student residence), University Museum and Aquarium, and several service and classroom buildings



## UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES: ESPINARDO

Located 5 kms North of Murcia city

Largest, most populated campus

- Northern part: Faculties of Fine Arts, Computer Engineering, Psychology, Medicine and Nursing; ATICA (Computer Service), Social Centre, indoor swimming pool, and several research and service buildings



- Eastern part: Faculties of Biology, Chemistry, and Veterinary, Veterinary Hospital, Rector Soler (service) Building, **main International Relations Office**, and research facilities (University Veterinary Farm located at 3 kms)

- Central part: Faculties of Mathematics, Communication and Documentation, Economy and Business Sciences, and General Library

- Western part: Faculties of Philosophy, Social Work, Labour Relations, and Education, Apartamentos Campus (student residence), and sport facilities

## THREE NEW UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

### HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS

Located 5 kms South of Murcia city



### SPORT SCIENCES CAMPUS

Located 45 kms Southeast from Murcia city, in San Javier, a town on the coast, by the Mar Menor



### LORCA CAMPUS

Located 70 kms away from Murcia city  
Recently built. Nursing and nutrition studies.



## THE FINE ARTS FACULTY: FACULTAD DE BELLAS ARTES



Created in 2001

54 professors

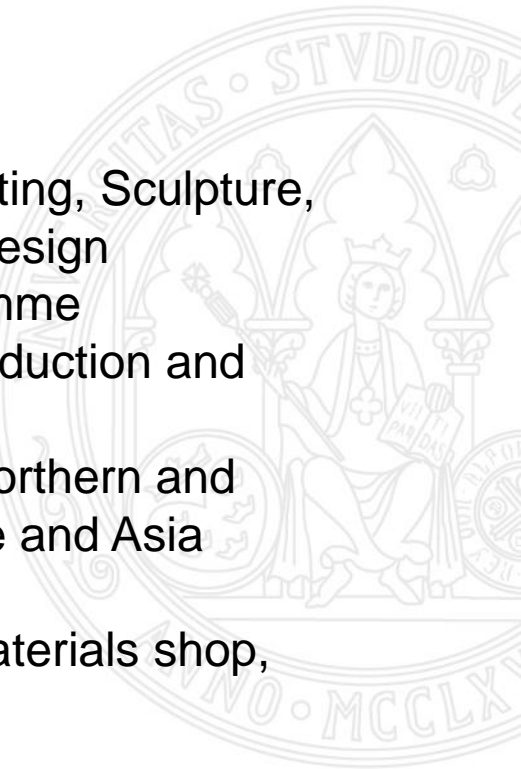
Studies:

- Grade in Fine Arts: Painting, Sculpture, Drawing and Design
- PHD programme
- Master in Artistic Production and Research

Mobility programmes to Northern and Southern America, Europe and Asia

4 groups of research

Services: Cafeteria, art materials shop, workshops



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## RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

- Institute of Education Sciences
- Centre of Water and Environment Studies
- Centre of Cooperation for Development Studies
- Centre of Economy and Business Studies
- Ageing University Institute
- Centre of Intercultural Studies
- Centre of Medieval Studies
- Centre of Murcian Studies
- Old Middle East Interuniversity Institute
- Centre of Biolaw, Ethics and Health Studies
- Centre on Education Memory Studies



Some others in the setting-up process:

- Optics and Nanophysics
- Oriented Communication and Information and Technologies
- Biosanitary Sciences
- Vegetal Alimentation and Health

## NEW INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS

Online administration development:  
University Electronical Seat project

Online education:  
*SUMA, Campus Virtual*

Strategic Planning development

*Mare Nostrum* Campus of Excellence  
(with the Polytechnic University of  
Cartagena)





## *International Relations Area*

### MOBILITY MAIN FIGURES 2010/11

	OUTGOING	INCOMING
ASIA	0	20
MASTER GRANTS	2	60
ERASMUS STUDIES	579	532
ERASMUS MUNDUS	14	30
ERASMUS INTERNSHIPS	22	4
LATIN AMERICAN	44	44
USA	24	54
MED INTERNSHIPS	3	1
EDU INTERNSHIPS	32	14
SPANISH MOBILITY	133	41
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>800</b>



## ESPINARDO CAMPUS

Edificio Rector Soler

- General Information
- Administrative Unit
- Mobility Unit
- International Projects and Development Unit



## LA MERCED CAMPUS

Edificio Rector Loustau

- General Information
- Accommodation Office



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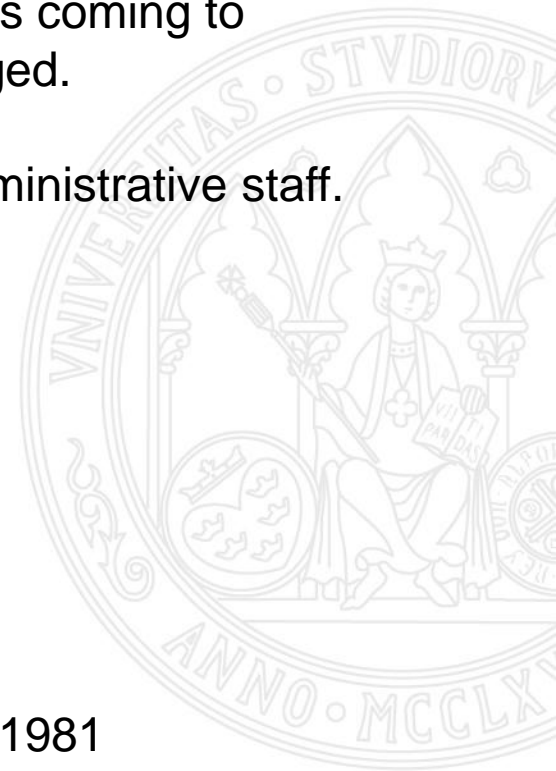
Aim: This service was promoted by University of Murcia's International Relations Office in order to help students coming to UMU as part of a mobility programme that we managed.

+Visiting scholars invited by teaching or administrative staff.

- Created in 2000.
- Website and database incorporated in 2009.

Stats:

- Flats: 257
- Owners: 222
- Accommodation applications via web (since 2009): 1981
- People accommodated per year: between 400 - 600





## SERVICIO DE IDIOMAS

- Intensive Courses (September and February) for international students
- **DELE, “Diploma Español de Lengua Extranjera” (Spanish as a Foreign Language Certificate)** issued by the “Instituto Cervantes”
- **SIDI.UM.ES**

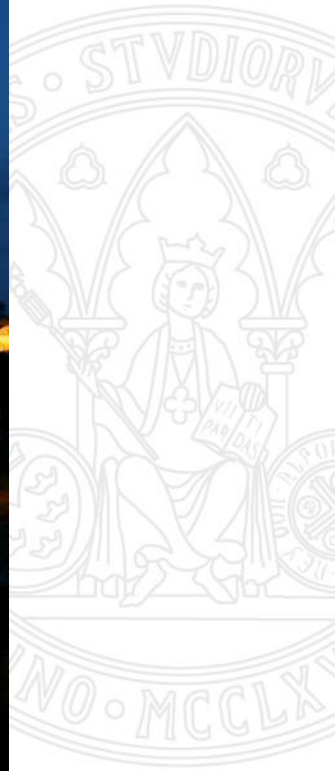
## RECEPTION OF INCOMING STUDENTS INTERNATIONAL WELCOME WEEK



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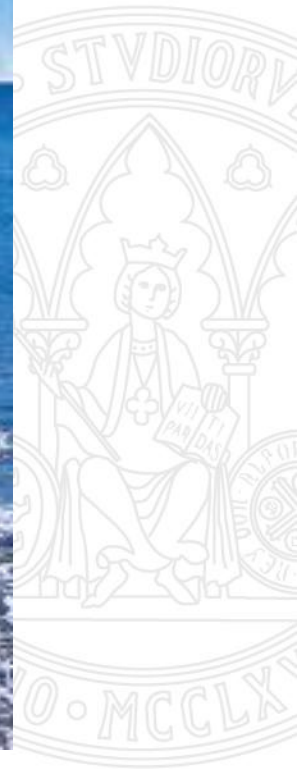
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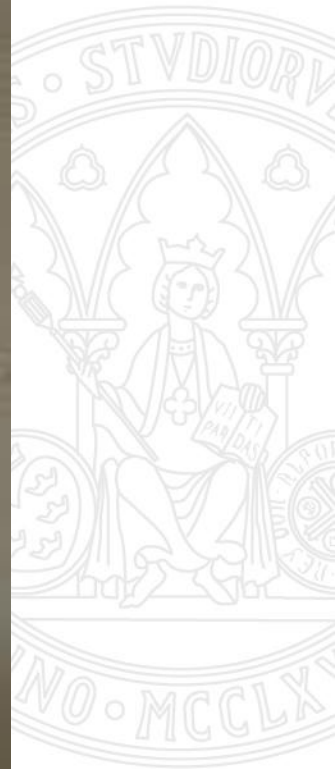
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## Postgraduate Office – Joint Doctorates

Very recent regulation: November 2010

A joint Doctorate (other names: Joint PhD; co-tutelle doctorate) is a doctoral degree awarded jointly by two (or more) different institutions. The doctoral student must undertake research in the partner institutions during a minimum period in each of them.

Each student requires the signature of a Partnership agreement





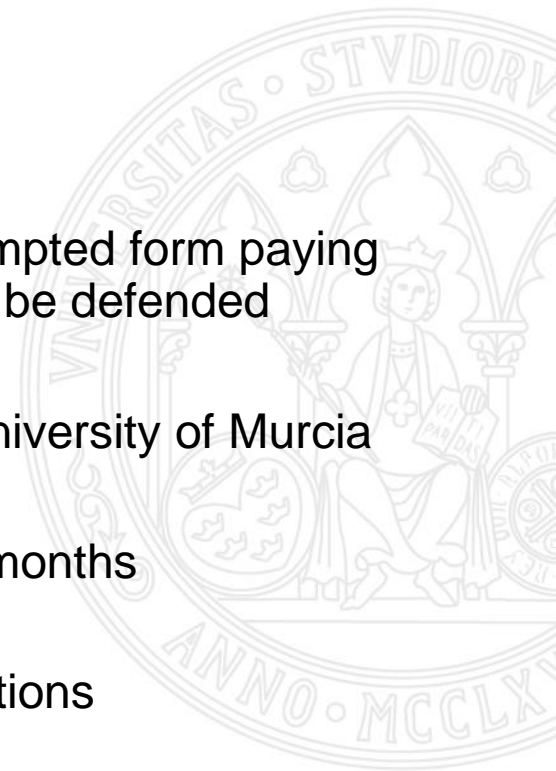
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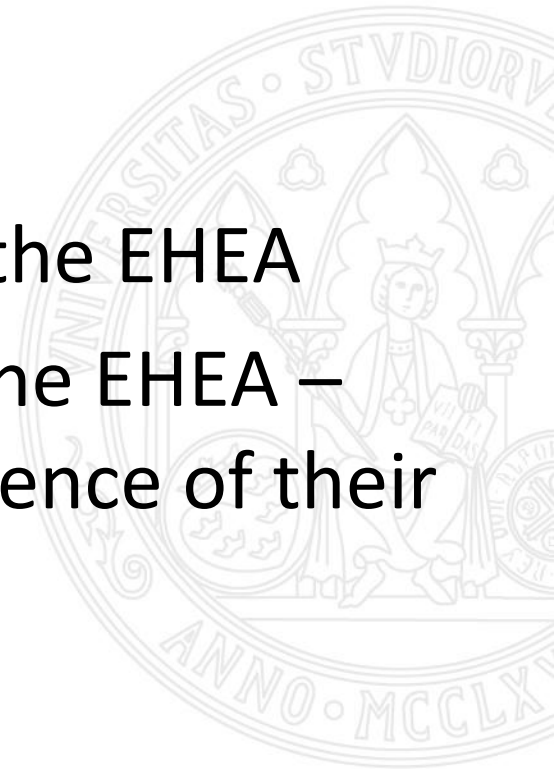
The doctoral candidate:

- must have a supervisor in each institution.
- must meet the entry requirements at each institution
- must formally enroll at each institution, but might be exempted from paying the tuition fee at the University where the thesis will not be defended
- must have an approved PhD research proposal at the University of Murcia
- must carry out research at each institution for at least 9 months
- must defend the PhD degree in one of the partner institutions



A very case-by- case proceeding

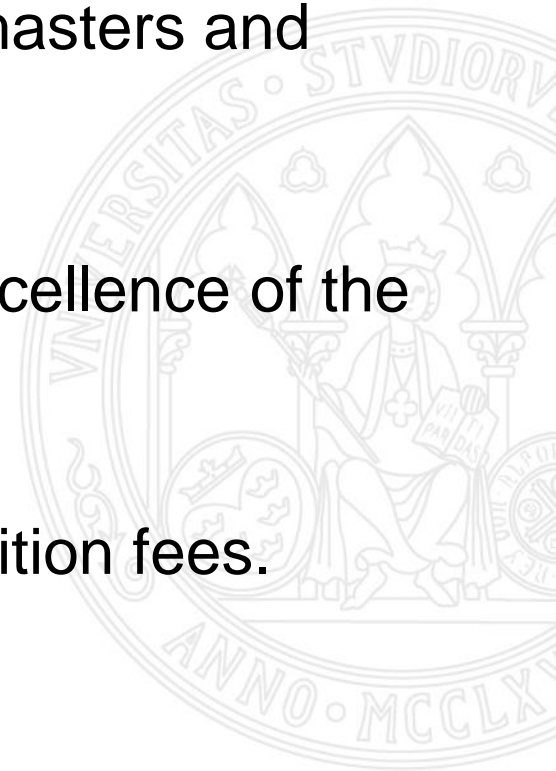
- Students from the EU
- Students from other countries of the EHEA
- Students from countries outside the EHEA – they need to apply for the equivalence of their degrees



The **Mediterranean Office for Youth (MOY)** brings together 16 Mediterranean countries to promote the mobility of students and joint delivery of masters and doctoral degrees.

3 programmes have received the label of excellence of the Mediterranean Office for Youth

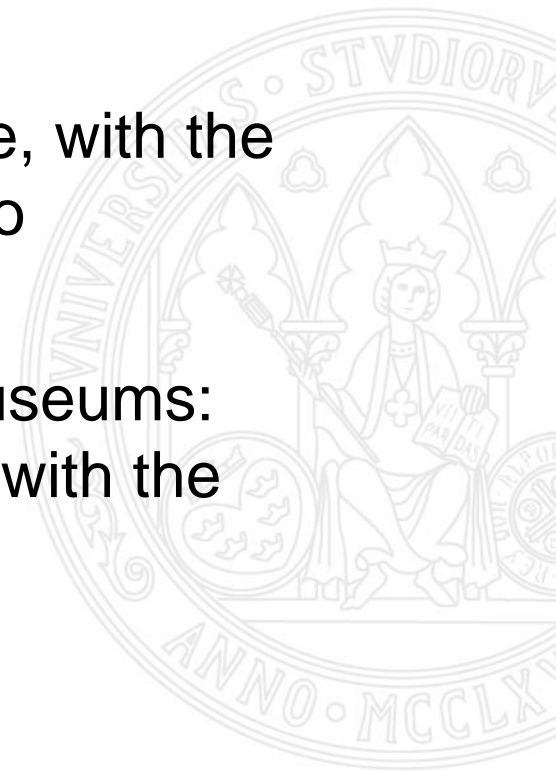
Mobility scholarships and exemption from tuition fees.



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- Double French-Spanish Master of Law and New Technologies, with the University of Lille 2, France
- Doctoral programme in Computer Science, with the University Mohammed V Souissi, Morocco
- Doctoral programme in Education and Museums: Heritage, Identity and Cultural Mediation, with the University Cadi Ayyad, Morocco



## **More information:**

- **On the MOY website:**

**<http://www.officemediterraneendelajeunesse.org/>**

- **On the University of Murcia website:**

**<http://www.um.es/internacionales/practicas/becas-omj.php>**

