



The University of Alicante was created in October 1979 on the structure of the UNIVERSITY STUDIES CENTRE (CEU), which was started in 1968. Thus, Alicante recovered in this way its university studies centre that was suspended in 1834, when -after two centuries of existence- its precursor, the University of Orihuela was closed. The University of Orihuela was created by means of a Papal Bull in 1545 and had kept its doors open for two centuries (1610-1808). The province of Alicante, therefore, has an important university tradition and rich heritage as can be seen through the present Santo Domingo School, the oldest building of the University of Orihuela, which today has been recovered, thanks to an agreement between the Diocese and the University.

Curso 1968-1969 In this latest phase, university studies were resumed in the academic year 1968-69 with only 230 students. Currently this number has increased up to nearly 33,000, turning the University of Alicante into the university with the highest proportional growth of students among all of the Spanish universities.

After almost twenty years of existence, the University of Alicante has a very significant potential for socio-economic development in the province, becoming the fourth in total GDP of Spain. The University of Alicante includes around fifty study programmes, over seventy university departments and research groups in the areas of Social Sciences and Law, Experimental Technology, Humanities, Education and Health Sciences and five university research institutes developing the most outstanding research activities in the country.

Vista Universidad

Our University is the first company in the province of Alicante with over 2,000 employees (administrative and academic staff) and an annual budget of around 90 million Euros. It is indeed a referent for many companies with which it has contracts for technical assistance, technology

transfer, internships, postgraduate education ... It is also a place of reference in international relations: conventions, university venues, mobility and exchange, cooperation between various innovative projects in various parts of the world.

Our Area for Industrial Experimentation and Research Services (Analytical Lab, Pilot Plants, Laboratories, Computer Service, Information, Bibliographical and Documentation Systems, European Data Centre, New Business Creation Centre, Employment Development Centre, Technology Transfer Office, European Innovation Rely Centre (CENEMES), Office of the Vice President for Technology and Educational Innovation, Image Workshop, International Relations Centre ...)

All of this makes our university one of the best campuses in Europe: one million square metres with the best urban design, the most innovative architecture in a framework of environmental excellence (green areas, landscaping, with pedestrian areas, as well as cultural, sports and educational facilities ...) and a wide variety of services.

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