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# THE FIC

- The Faculty of Informatics of the University of A Coruña (UDC), popularly known as the **FIC**, is the reference center for university studies in Computer Science in Galicia, due to its trajectory, number of students, professors and researchers, degree programs, doctoral programs and the involvement of their activity with the productive industry of the region.
- In the **FIC** you can study the **Degree in Informatics Engineering**, being the only center in the Galicia where you can study the five specialties of the ACM curriculum.
- In addition, the **FIC** offers **seven master's specializations**: Master's Degree in Informatics Engineering, Master in Bioinformatics for Health Sciences, Master in Cybersecurity, Master in High Performance Computing, Master in Geoinformatics, Master in Statistical Techniques and Master in Industrial Mathematics.
- The **FIC** offers also **two double international degrees** with the University of South Wales (UK), and with the École Internationale des Sciences du Traitement de L'information (France).



# A CORUÑA

*THE CITY WHERE NOBODY IS A FOREIGNER*

The **FIC** is in **A Coruña**, a city where leisure time and culture are melted creating a great variety from places to enjoy nature (its beaches with fine sand in the city centre, its wonderful seafront, which surrounds the city with more than 12 Km long, its gardens...) to restaurants, bars, pubs, discos, and a great cultural variety with museums, exhibitions, theatre,...and you can also find all the facilities of a big city like banks, cinemas and shopping areas...



# WHERE TO LIVE?

- Close to the **FIC** there are some student residences, such as Rialta, Siglo XXI, or Los Lagos, whose prices for a double room are around 500 €/month including breakfast and dinner.
- In A Coruña there's also a great amount of shared flats, which are placed in the heart of the city, and it's possible to rent a room for a price between 150 up to 250 euro, plus expenses (water, electricity, Internet...).
- Many visiting students book a hostel for the first days and look for a flat at their arrival. The price of a hostel in A Coruña is variable, but the average of a normal one is between 18-30€ (double room).
- If you are planning to rent or share a room or a flat, you will find lots of advertisements in signboards in the **FIC**.





## WHERE TO EAT?

- In the campus, you will find a cafetería in the **FIC**. The menu there (two-course meal with drink and dessert) is around 6 euros.
- A two-course meal with drink and dessert, in a restaurant, costs between 9 to 12 euros in the city center. A portion of any kind of food in a bar is between 5 to 10 euros, and the tapas are about 1 to 3 euros each.
- If you want a burger or similar, you will spend about 6 euros in a menu. And there are also some small stands around the city where you can buy a slice pizza or fast food for 1 or 2 euros. However, a fancy dinner costs between 15 to 30 euros.
- Savings can be made by preparing meals at home. You will find lots of markets and supermarkets in the city, from the discount ones, like Lidl and Mercadona, to the popular Gadis, Carrefour and so on. There is also an OpenCor in the city center that is open 24/7.



# GETTING AROUND?

- The **FIC** is in the so-called Campus de Elviña, which is 4 km from the city center. Though you can reach the FIC by walking, many times you will need public transport.
- **Buses:** A Coruña has a large network of public buses to get around the city. It cost €1,30 to get in a bus (without the card, your pay directly to the driver), but you can save some money by using a card: each trip by bus costs €0,85. Moreover, you can change a maximum of 3 buses in an hour paying just one trip with the card. There are two different cards: (1) Millennium card: it cost €7 to get it, and it's valid to get the bikes paying €30 per year, and (2) Metropolitan card: it costs €2 to get this card.
- **Bikes:** Another cool option is to move by bike with the bicycles that the Council has in some points of the city. This service costs €30 per year. To hire this service you just need the ID or passport and the Millenium card. Visit [bicicoruna.es](http://bicicoruna.es) to find the terms of use and how to register.





## GETTING INVOLVED

- Once you arrive to the UDC, it's necessary for the incoming students to register at the International Office (in Spanish the short name is: ORI). To register you will need the European health insurance card or a private insurance.
- Once you arrive to the **FIC** you should get in touch with the coordinator of the International Programs or with the coordinator of the Program Degree you will attend. Some welcome meetings and activities are scheduled each term for the incoming students.
- **Spanish courses:** Visiting students have the opportunity to attend a free 30-hour Spanish course in the UDC. There will be two free courses, one during the first term, for students arriving in September, and another during the second term, only for those arriving in February. Visit the [www.udc.es/centrodelinguas](http://www.udc.es/centrodelinguas) website for more information.



The following links will help you on your arrival:

- [Faculty of Informatics - FIC - Website](#)
- [UDC International Studies Website](#)
- [UDC Welcome Guide](#)
- [A Coruña Tourism Website](#)





# ENJOY THE FIC

*Thank you for visiting*