The University of Santiago de Compostela, founded more than five hundred years ago, is an institution which boasts two Campus recognized by the Ministry of Education: “Campus Life” (2009) and “Campus Sea” (2010).

The large number and excellence of the courses taught, and the quality of the research undertaken place the USC among the most prestigious universities in Spain and Europe, and provide the basis for the university’s strong international reputation.

The USC takes part in a large number of student mobility programs with universities worldwide. As a result of this, the university receives visits from more than 1300 international exchange students from all over the world.

Applicants will encounter a wide ranging offer of courses at the USC, including more than a hundred undergraduate and postgraduate courses in many fields, as well as significant research resources and the opportunity to obtain work experience in laboratories, institutes and businesses. The USC also has several libraries, university residences, canteens and sports installations, and offers various cultural activities.

The USC campuses are integrated within two impressive historical cities in Spain - Santiago de Compostela and Lugo (both on the Camino de Santiago)- where visiting students will encounter a friendly, welcoming university environment. Both cities have been declared World Heritage sites by the Unesco.

Santiago and Lugo are safe and friendly cities. All university departments are fully integrated in the city, and most students get around by bike or on foot.

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The European Higher Education Area (EHEA) is an initiative aimed at harmonizing the different education systems within the European Union. The aim of the initiative is to facilitate recognition of students’ qualifications and mobility of teachers and students.

In this new environment, the performance of students is measured by the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). One ECTS credit is equivalent to 25-50 hours of study (including lectures and personal study). Higher education in Europe is divided into three cycles:

- **undergraduate studies**: covering a wide range of studies
- **master’s and doctoral studies**: more specialized

In Spain, most undergraduate studies are completed in four years, the equivalent of 240 ECTS credits. Master’s Studies are usually completed in one or two years.

The accreditation systems, which consist of an internal and an external evaluation, ensure the quality of each educational center and its relevance within the EHEA.

In addition to the above, a Diploma Supplement (DS) is provided to students who successfully complete their studies. This document, which is attached to the original certificate, details the nature, level, content and context of the qualification, in a standardized format throughout the EHEA.
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Health Sciences
- Dentistry (Santiago)
- Human Nutrition and Dietetics (Lugo)
- Medicine (Santiago)
- Nursing (Campus of Santiago and Lugo)
- Optics and Optometry (Santiago)
- Pharmacy (Santiago)
- Psychology (Santiago)
- Veterinary Medicine (Lugo)

Sciences
- Biology (Santiago)
- Chemistry (Santiago)
- Mathematics (Santiago)
- Physics (Santiago)

Social Sciences and Law
- Audiovisual Communication (Santiago)
- Business Administration and Management (Santiago and Lugo)
- Economics (Santiago)
- Geography and Land Use (Santiago)
- Infant Education Teaching (Santiago and Lugo)
- Journalism (Santiago)
- Labor Relations and Human Resources (Santiago and Lugo)
- Law (Santiago)
- Pedagogy (Santiago)
- Political Science and Public Administration (Santiago)
- Primary Education Teaching (Santiago and Lugo)
- Management for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
- Social Education (Santiago)
- Social Work (Santiago)

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Engineering and Architecture
› Agricultural and Agri-food Engineering (Lugo)
› Agricultural Engineering and Rural Environment (Lugo)
› Agro-food Industries Engineering (Lugo)
› Chemical Engineering (Santiago)
› Civil Engineering (Lugo)
› Computer Engineering (Santiago)
› Forestry Engineering and Environmental Engineering (Lugo)
› Geomatics and Topography Engineering (Lugo)
› Industrial Chemical Processes Engineering (Lugo)

Arts and Humanities
› Art History (Santiago)
› Classical Philology (Santiago)
› English Language and Literature (Santiago)
› Galician Language and Literature (Santiago)
› History (Santiago)
› Modern Language and Literature (Santiago)
› Philosophy (Santiago)
› Sciences of Culture and Cultural Dissemination (Lugo)
› Spanish Language and Literature (Santiago and Lugo)

Specific Degrees
› Advanced Diploma of Specialization in Orchestral Performance
› Diploma in Criminology
› Diploma in Hospitality Management
Science
› Aquaculture (90 ECTS)
› Biotechnology (90 ECTS)
› Chemistry (60 ECTS)
› Innovation in Food Safety and Technology (60 ECTS)
› Marine Biology (90 ECTS)
› Mathematics (60 ECTS)
› Photonics and Laser Technology (60 ECTS)
› Physics (60 ECTS)
› Renewable Energy and Energy Sustainability (90 ECTS)
› Statistical Techniques (90 ECTS)
› Theoretical Chemistry and Computational Modeling (120 ECTS)

Health Sciences
› Biomedical Research (60 ECTS)
› Dental Science (60 ECTS)
› Drug Research and Development (60 ECTS)
› General Health Psychology (90 ECTS)
› Gerontology (90 ECTS)
› Health Care and Management (60 ECTS) (Management Specialty; Clinical Specialty)
› Neuroscience (60 ECTS)
› Nutritional, Environmental and Genetic Factors for Growth and Development (60 ECTS)
› Occupational Risk Prevention and Environmental Health (90 ECTS)
› Psycho-gerontology (60 ECTS)
› Research in Veterinary Medicine and Health (60 ECTS)
› Vision Science Research (60 ECTS)

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Social Sciences and Law

- Advanced Studies on Language, Communication and their Pathologies (60 ECTS)
- Business Administration (Lugo) (60 ECTS)
- Business Administration (Santiago de Compostela) (60 ECTS)
- Communication and Creative Industries (60 ECTS)
- Economic Development and Innovation (60 ECTS)
- International Studies (60 ECTS)
- Labor Management and Direction (60 ECTS)
- Law (Lugo) (90 ECTS)
- Law (Santiago de Compostela) (90 ECTS)
- Master in Compulsory and Secondary Education, Vocational Training and Language Teaching (60 ECTS)
- Planning and Management of Regional Development (60 ECTS)
- Political Marketing, Consulting and Communication (60 ECTS)
- Public Law (60 ECTS)
- Research in Education, Cultural Diversity and Community Development (60 ECTS)
- Training Processes (60 ECTS)
- Urban Tourism and Management of Tourism Companies (60 ECTS)
- Work and Organizational Psychology, Legal-Forensic Psychology and Social Intervention (60 ECTS)

Arts and Humanities

- Advanced English Studies and its Applications (60 ECTS)
- Applied Linguistics (60 ECTS)
- Archaeology and Sciences of Antiquity (60 ECTS)
- Contemporary History (60 ECTS)
- Cultural Services (60 ECTS)
- Literature and Cultural Studies (60 ECTS)
- Logic and Philosophy of Science (60 ECTS)
- Management of Artistic and Architectonic Heritage, Museums and Art Market (60 ECTS)
- Medieval European Studies: Images, Texts and Contexts (60 ECTS)
Engineering and Architecture

- Agronomic Engineering (100 ECTS)
- Chemical and Bio-process Engineering (90 ECTS)
- Environmental Engineering (90 ECTS)
- Forest Engineering (100 ECTS)
- High Performance Computing (60 ECTS)
- Industrial Engineering (90 ECTS)
- Industrial Mathematics (90 ECTS)
- Project Management (60 ECTS)
- Sustainable Soil and Land Management (60 ECTS)

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Doctoral Degrees

- Biomedical Science and Health Technologies: 15
- Experimental and Technical Science: 18
- Social and Legal Science and Humanities: 22

Biomedical Science and Health Technologies
- Advances and New Strategies in Forensic Sciences
- Advances in Microbial and Parasitic Biology
- Basic and Applied Research in Veterinary Sciences
- Clinical Research Medicine
- Dental Science
- Endocrinology
- Epidemiology and Public Health
- Gerontology
- Innovation in Food Safety and Technology
- Molecular Medicine
- Nanomedicine
- Neuroscience and Clinical Psychology
- Research and Development of Drugs
- Veterinary Medicine and Health
- Vision Science

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Experimental and Technical Science

- Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- Agricultural and Forestry Research
- Biodiversity and Conservation of the Natural Environment
- Chemical and Environmental Engineering
- Chemical Science and Technology
- Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Engineering for Rural Development
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Fluid Thermodynamics Engineering
- Laser, Photonics and Vision
- Marine Science, Technology and Management
- Materials Science
- Mathematical Methods and Numerical Simulation in Mathematics
- Nuclear and Particle Physics
- Renewable Energies and Energy Sustainability
- Research in Information Technology
- Statistics and Operational Research
- Sustainable Soil and Land Management
International PhD School

The Postgraduate Center coordinates and develops postgraduate studies aimed at obtaining a PhD Degree, and also promotes the USC offer in courses oriented to specialized training and professional updating. The postgraduate academic offer is included within the USC’s highest quality strategy.

The International PhD School provides access, through PhD programs, to the International Cooperation Networks, working in the consolidation and recognition of a shared academic offer.
The USC is integrated in the new European educational model and is one of the top universities in Europe as regards the number of officially recognized degree courses offered.

This has led to important changes as regards new study plans, learning methods and evaluation systems. The USC has invested much effort as regards implementing these changes, including the Plan for innovative Teaching, with which lecturers have been able to improve their teaching skills, as well as the Program for evaluation of the quality of teaching, training and research.

The USC every year reinforces its research leadership, management in the field of R + D + I and its research and enterprise quality.

The USC has a network of research centers, 17 university institutes and 7 research centers.
The University of Santiago de Compostela provides foreign university students with an opportunity to learn Spanish at either of two different centers.

The Modern Language Centre (MLC) offers Spanish courses specifically designed for exchange students, as well as courses in Spanish literature and preparatory courses for the official exams for the Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE).

The USC is a collaborator center of Cambridge English Language Assessment, also provides accreditation of linguistic competence in German (Goethe-Institut), Italian (CILS) and Japanese (NOKEN).

The language offer includes Arabic, Catalan, Czech, Chinese, Danish, Slovak, Basque, French, Galician, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Sign Language, among others.

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University Residences

The University of Santiago de Compostela has offers a large number of places in the university residences located both on Santiago de Compostela and Lugo campuses. The residences have single and double rooms with bathroom and shared kitchen use; cleaning services are also provided. A large number of places are reserved each year for exchange students from other universities.

University cafeteria and canteens

The USC has a wide range of university cafeterias and canteens offering catering at reduced prices. The self-service canteens offer a wide range of dishes in the Atlantic diet style, and in some cases celiac menus.

University libraries

The USC libraries provide study spaces for approximately 7000 students, a virtual library, as well as digital newspaper libraries and video libraries.

Wi-Fi and Virtual Campus

The USC has an extensive wireless network that covers all buildings on the Santiago de Compostela and Lugo campuses. At the USC, students will enjoy direct Access to the Internet, a personal email account, and free computing and software courses. In addition, students can choose online enrollment and they may receive their semester examination results via SMS.
Students can play different sports in the sports pavilions, athletics stadiums, indoor swimming pools and gyms. If they prefer, they may take part in activities such as aerobics, step, zumba, ball-room dancing, martial arts, fencing, yoga, Pilates, tai-chi, chess, hiking, among others.

Students can also enjoy a multitude of cultural activities, such as dance, theatre, photography, music and film seasons and many others!!
WHY CHOOSE USC?

The following study options are available at the USC:

**Prospective students**

**Undergraduate studies: access and admission**

- Validation of previous qualifications/studies and university admission test are compulsory for those applicants whose degrees have been obtained outside the EHEA.

- Admission will be achieved by a certification issued by the National Distance Education University (UNED) for those accessing inside the EHEA.

**Post-graduate studies:**

- Validation of previous degrees by the USC or the Spanish Ministry of Education will be mandatory for those students applying for Master and PhD programs outside the EHEA.

- Studies obtained outside the EHEA will be valid in the USC in case they also give access to Master and PhD programs in the home country.

**Transfer applicants**

Transfer students have to apply for partial recognition of foreign university studies in order to continue their degree at the USC.

**Exchange students**

At present, the USC has agreements with more than 40 countries throughout the world (including EHEA signatories and non-signatories), to enable students to take part in courses for up to one academic year (one or two semesters), with full official recognition of the subjects studied. These students must be accredited for the corresponding studies by their home university. Exchange students are exempt from paying university fees.

**Visiting students**

Applicants coming from higher education institutions that do not have an agreement with the USC may be accepted for 1 or 2 semesters through the visiting student enrolment procedure. In this case the studies carried out as visiting students may be recognized later on in their new academic records.

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Galicia is a country with a rich landscape, a mountainous region, with about 1700 kilometers of coastline facing the Bay of Biscay and the Atlantic Ocean. It is situated on the NW of the Iberian Peninsula and it has a population of almost three million inhabitants. It forms part of the Celtic world in Western Europe, although its traditions and culture also include Roman and Central European influences, which have left their print on the landscape, culture and people’s character.

The cities of Santiago and Lugo, where the two USC campuses are located, reflect this cultural mix, with a predominance of medieval elements in Santiago and a more markedly Roman influence in Lugo.

The “Camino de Santiago” (St James’ Way) is an ancient pilgrims’ route of enormous importance in the present day: more than one hundred thousand people from Europe, America and Asia travel the route every year. Those who travel the last one hundred kilometers on foot or horseback, or the last two hundred by bike are awarded, by the Roman Catholic Church, a document known as the “Compostela”, in recognition of their pilgrimage. Without losing its spiritual or historical roots, the pilgrimage has become a universal and cultural phenomenon that makes no distinction among languages, races or countries and is a unique experience undertaken by many young people.

All routes to Compostela converge in Galicia; seven of these are officially recognized and signposted, and enter Galicia by the four cardinal points: these “caminos” are known as the French way, the Portuguese way, the English way, the primitive way, the North way, the Silver Route, and the way to Fisterra. There are hostels along all of these routes where the pilgrims can rest and refresh themselves during an overnight stay.

The “Camino de Santiago” was included in the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 1993, and declared the first European Cultural itinerary by the Council of Europe in 1987.