

## **MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY OF ELCHE: INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY**

Internationalization is one of the main strategic priorities of the UMH. In order to accomplish this, it actively collaborates with other European, Latin American, Asian, North American, and African universities and institutions. These partnerships grow out of common goals and interests by members of the university community, are the result of previous collaboration, and are established by teaching, departmental, and research units with approval by the university governing body.

The UMH places special emphasis on the selection of its international partners, which are based on criteria of quality, complementariness, and opportunities resulting from collaboration. In recent years, the UMH has put different lines of action into motion that will develop throughout the 2014-2021 period. Included among these are improved mobility for the entire university community, both Incoming and Outgoing, the promotion of joint international degrees, internationalization at home, as well as strategic collaboration in teaching, research, training, and cooperation.

In the field of mobility, participation by students, faculty, and administrative personnel is promoted in international programs. Funds are also allocated for mobility outside the European Union through the UMH's Destino program.

In the field of education, a program of joint international undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees has been launched, based on agreements with international universities that improve the education of our students through greater international exposure. This will allow our campuses to attract a greater number of international students to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered at the UMH. This program's main objective for the 2014-2021 period will be the establishment of joint degree agreements that improve and complement the education of our students, and result in a valuable

asset for attracting international talent. Along with this initiative, English-language classroom instruction has begun. This will improve the professional capacity and international profile of our students, in addition to offering a range of educational options that improve the mobility and exchange options for international students at our campuses.

- <http://internacional.umh.es/en/dobles-titulaciones/>
- <http://internacional.umh.es/en/courses-catalogue/>

For language instruction, the Plan UMH de aprendizaje de inglés (UMH English Learning Plan) has for many years offered the possibility to improve linguistic ability in this language. It is available to the entire university community, and besides English, courses in German, French, Italian, and Spanish as a second language are also offered.

The UMH is an examining center for the Diplomas in Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE). Throughout 2014-2021, we will continue increasing and improving both the linguistic instruction possibilities as well as English language classroom instruction.

- <http://internacional.umh.es/en/idiomas/>

The UMH currently promotes, and will continue doing so throughout the 2014-2021 period, international mobility and education through active participation by members of the university community in international cooperation activities.

Today, our institution participates in international networks and groups regarding teaching, research, university management, international cooperation. In this regard, it should be noted that the UMH has formed an alumni association to improve students' professional relationships, as well as support and orientation from university graduates toward new students, for example in aspects related to mobility and internationalization in their education and professional careers. This network is linked to additional university activities to introduce students to the benefits and opportunities that internationalization offers, helping them prepare for international

exchanges and facilitating contacts and educational opportunities that are better suited for their education in other countries.

<http://alumni.umh.es/>