

A glance of the University of Castilla-La Mancha

The University of Castilla-La Mancha is born in 1985 and its statutes were promulgated in 1991.

In a geographic area of 79,000 km², the University of Castilla-La Mancha has four campuses located in the cities of Albacete, Ciudad-Real, Cuenca and Toledo, and two other local campus sited in Almadén and Talavera de la Reina. The university has 32,000 students, 1,800 teaching staff and 48 different degrees.

Among these 48 different degrees, some of them are located in a single campus such as Fine Arts in Cuenca, Medicine in Albacete, Civil Engineering in Ciudad-Real and Sport Science in Toledo. However, some other degrees that are more demanded by the local communities and the society in general are located in several campuses at the same time. This is the case of the degree in Law or Business Administration which are given in the four main campuses.

The university offers a variety of post-graduate courses:

- Masters:
 - International Trade and its techniques
 - Juridical Practice
 - Renewable Energies and Energetic Efficiency
 - Medical Education
 - Criminology
 - Credit Entities
 - Scientific Experimentation
 - Engineering and Environmental Management
 - Reading Promotion and Child's Literature
 - Consume and Social Work
 - European Community Law
 - MBA

- PhD:
 - Architecture and information and knowledge management in net systems
 - Contemporary art and research
 - Biology and digenetic resources technology
 - Social change and education
 - Homogeneous catalysis
 - Agricultural Science and Engineering
 - Building the past, visions from a contemporary world
 - Entrepreneurship, SMEs' management and family business
 - Criminology
 - European Community Law
 - European Tributary Law
 - Financial economy and accountancy

- Industrial economy and labour relations
- Hispanic world: inter-cultural patrimony
- Oenology
- Social Rights
- Philological studies
- Physics and mathematics
- Electric energy distribution systems economy and technical management
- Industrial engineering
- Chemical and environmental engineering
- Constitutional rights interpretation
- New perspectives in physical education
- Historic research in Hispanic scope
- The new visual culture
- Environment
- Territorial management
- Psychology
- Chemistry
- Green Chemistry
- Sport performance
- Society and Humanities
- Territory and historic and cultural patrimony

In most of these masters and PhD courses participate professors from other Spanish, European and Latin America Universities.

Graduates follow-up:

Regarding our experience in the follow up of graduates, the University of Castilla-La Mancha has undertaken two big projects with this aim:

- “Encuesta de Inserción Laboral 2003 –EIL 2003-”. This is a research carried out by the Employment Promotion and Information Centre –CIPE- which depends on the Vice-rectorship of Students. This is the first intent of this university to know the relationship between its degrees and the labour market.
- “Encuesta de la ANECA”. This is a research project that involves several degrees and in which participate all the Spanish Universities.

The EIL 2003 is a questionnaire aimed to graduates in 2000. It intends to know the degree of occupation and other characteristics of the graduates’ labour market in Castilla-La Mancha. Among its objectives, the EIL 2003 tries to know the factors that affect the transition from university to job market, the way graduates search for a job, the relationship between their degrees and their job, occupation level, job satisfaction, etc.

The technical aspects of the research can be seen in the following table.

Research design, data collection and analysis	CIPE –Employment Promotion and Information Centre- depending on the Vice-rectorship of Students UCLM
Population (graduates in year 2000)	4279 graduates
Sample	1093
Field study and methodology	Mailed questionnaire, 15 th Oct. to 30 th Nov. 2003
Error	2,56%
Areas	Health and Experimental
	Humanities
	Technical
	Social Sciences
Publication	June 2004
Contents	164 pages, 62 tables y 180 figures

This research has been the first intent of the University of Castilla-La Mancha to know the relationship between its degrees and the labour market. It has faced several difficulties; some of them are the following:

- Mailing questionnaire. As any mailing research, it has the problems of wrong addresses, change of student address, etc.
- Hard to find a significant sample for every degree. The research was design to be significant for the whole university and for the four main areas studied – Health and Experimental Sciences, Humanities, Technical and Social Sciences-. However, sample error increases as we go down in the areas and analyse job characteristics by degrees.
- A strong percentage of the graduates are very difficult to be found 3 years later due to the mobility of the labour market.

On the other hand, we would like to pinpoint some the good point that can be extracted from this experience:

- Great reception among faculty and local community
- Gives a lot of information
- Strong media coverage
- Results were very positive in several factors such as:
 - Job satisfaction
 - Role of degree to get a job

Although this kind of research has several problems as we have mentioned above, we believe that the quality and quantity of information it provides is good enough to deserve to be done.

The next projects regarding the follow-up of graduates that the University of Castilla-La Mancha will carry out are the following:

- EIL 2004. It will be co-ordinated with the ANECA project
- Satisfaction questionnaire. The University of Castilla-La Mancha will carry out a research project oriented to know the degree of satisfaction of its students with the facilities of the university including the Employment Promotion and Information Centre –CIPE-.