

Universidad del País Vasco

Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea

# UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY

A place to study, a world to discover.



On both sides of the Western Pyrenees we find Vasconia (*Euskal Herria* in the Basque language, Euskera), a land inhabited since ancient times by singular races and peoples speaking a language the origins of which are still an enigma, with a cultural tradition boasting its very own personality. Today Euskadi, the Autonomous Basque Community, is one of Europe's most remarkable regions in terms of economic, scientific and social development. A country brimming over with energy, strength and contrasts. A plural, solidarity-conscious country moving forward and reinventing itself day by day. Down through the years, Basque society has proved itself capable of adapting to historical circumstances, which have not always been favourable. This ability to adapt has been a key component of its development and has elevated it to its current ranking among the world's most advanced societies with a decisive focus on knowledge.

The Basque Country is now, in fact, well known for the scientific, technological and cultural progress it has made, based to a large extent on the activity of its public university, the University of the Basque Country (Universidad del País Vasco/Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea – UPV/EHU). Our university proved a decisive factor in the Basque community's development. The UPV/EHU has campuses in the territory's three main cities: Bilbao, Donostia-San Sebastián and Vitoria-Gasteiz, all of average size, with a warm and friendly town planning model and offering excellent artistic and cultural activities.

Mother Nature has also smiled on the Basque Country. It is a privileged location nestling amid mountains, woodlands and a coastline, a region dotted with attractive landscapes that create some unforgettable memories, just waiting to be discovered.

It all makes Euskadi a magnificent choice not only as a place to study, but also as a place to live.











### A university for an advanced society.

The Basque Country is one of the world's industrial benchmarks.

strategic focuses.

Per capita income exceeds the European average.

Half of the population between 25 and 35 years of age have higher education qualifications, well above the European

Industry 4.0 is one of the Basque economy's

qualifications above the Euro Its cultural production features a sculpture movement, led by Eduardo Chillida and Jorge Oteiza, which

revolutionised the precepts of this artistic discipline throughout the 20th century.

The Basque Country is one of the **safest places in Europe**, with one of the world's lowest crime rates.

The organisation and functioning of the **basque health system** make up an international **model of considerable renown.** 

Enjoy your studies in one of Europe's most developed regions.

### A public university, committed to excellence.

The UPV/EHU, founded in 1980, is a public research university which sets out to create knowledge and convey it to society amid an intense process of globalisation, which is compatible with close links to Basque culture. Its goals are magnificently symbolised in the logo devised by the great artist Eduardo Chillida, along with a verse from "Gernikako arbola" (The Tree of Gernika), a song by 19th century bard José María de Iparraguirre:

#### EMAN TA ZABAL ZAZU (MUNDUAN FRUITUA) Give and transmit (your fruit to the world)



The University of the Basque Country also constitutes a space in which to produce new ideas, debate and contrasting opinions, on the basis of a solid ethical and social commitment, through the defence of human rights, gender equality, multiculturalism and the co-existence of different peoples, to the benefit of society and future generations.

The University of the Basque Country has been a decisive factor in boosting the role of Basque as a language of thought and a vehicle for scientific production.

400

200

The Shanghai ranking puts it among the world's 400 best universities.

The Times Higher Education ranking puts it among the 200 best universities in the world less than 50 years old.

#### CROSS-BORDER CAMPUS

Cross-border campus with the university of Bordeaux, one of the eurozone's leading benchmarks.

#### INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE CAMPUS

International Excellence Campus, according to the Spanish Ministry of Education.

# A university where you can find everything you want...

### Over 100 undergraduate courses in all areas of knowledge.

Our range of undergraduate courses is one of the world's most varied and comprehensive: over 100 courses, from Medicine to Automotive Engineering; from Mathematics to Creation and Design; from Philosophy to Business Administration and Management, and also Law ... with the bonus of offering these courses in three languages.

#### Over 100 master's courses.

A master's course in Environment and Marine Resources? In Computation? In Biomedical Engineering? In Technology, Learning and Education? At the UPV/EHU you will find all these options, and 100 more besides. Postgraduate courses not only boost employability, but also delve deeper into a given area of knowledge and improve professional and intellectual gualifications.

#### And 66 doctoral programmes.

Three university	
campuses:	

- · Bizkaia
- · Gipuzkoa
- · Álava

languages: · Basque · Spanish · English

Three

20 faculties and schools

20

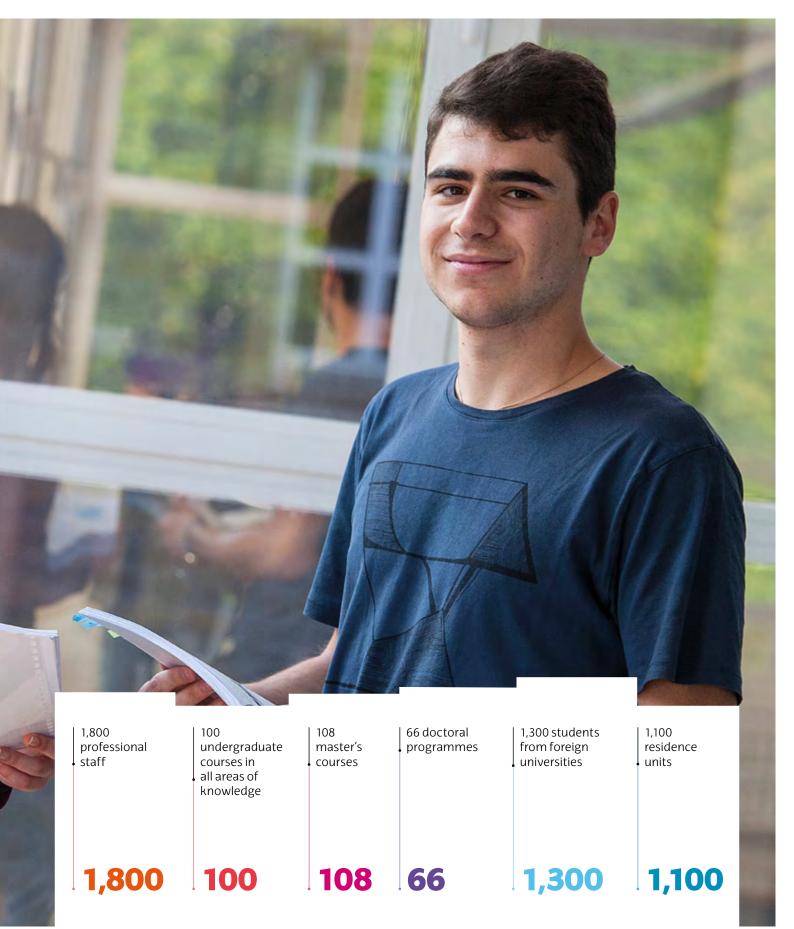
68 buildings (13 libraries)

**68** 

45,000 students 5,600 lecturers and researchers

45,000 5,600

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# ... and even double that.

Year after year the University of the Basque Country is extending its offer, and now has a dozen dual courses. Thanks to agreements with some of the world's leading universities, students have a choice of some twenty dual international qualifications which will give them two university degrees recognised in two different countries.

The UPV/EHU is a pioneer of dual qualifications, a model it has been developing and extending to a number of different areas of knowledge. The objective of this kind of education is to combine the acquisition of business skills with the competence acquired at the university.

Moreover, thanks to 5,000 agreements with businesses, associations and institutions, each year the UPV/EHU offers more than 11,000 internships with companies, associations and public authorities.



### Accredited in-house education model.

The University of the Basque Country operates the IKD education model, based on a dynamic cooperative learning process. This avails itself of active methodologies based on challenges, projects, problems and real-life cases that make a contribution to Sustainable Development Goals. In the IKD model, research is a key component of a solid learning scheme, in constant alignment with reflection and troubleshooting.

There is a place for everyone at our university. The UPV/EHU works daily to address diversity issues due to disability, persecution for political reasons, gender identities, protection systems, etc.

We also carry out a range of educational sustainability projects at the university, where learning becomes a vital experience that enriches our students.

The UPV/EHU's research work is first class in terms of both quality and volume. It is he Basque Country's major scientific agent, the university benchmark par excellence in the Basque research and innovation ecosystem. The quality of a university is gauged by the extent to which research is carried out on its campuses. The UPV/EHU research staff are committed to excellence. Many of them are also world authorities in various specialities. This means their students are afforded the privilege of studies in an atmosphere which encourages creativity and stimulates the critical spirit, essential tools for moving through top-level professional and academic environments.

Those earning degrees and doctorates at the University of the Basque Country embark on professional careers at universities, research institutes, technology and health centres, and also at companies in Euskadi and other autonomous communities. The university's networking system with these organisations makes professional placement easier. Many others, however, have taken up positions in other parts of the world, where their contributions are much appreciated.

In addition to facilitating employment placement, the UPV/EHU's links to local organisations play a major knowledge transfer role to develop products, services and processes to boost the competitiveness of our social and economic fabric, wellness and social cohesion.



### Research is in our DNA

290 officially recognised research groups.

60% of the Basque Country's research is conducted at our university campuses.

6 doctoral theses per week; 3 of these are international theses.

More than 35 articles per week in first-quartile (Q1) journals.

50% of publications in competitive journals (WoS and Scopus) are the result of international cooperation.

5 patents per year in various areas.

## A university open to the world.

Progressing, acquiring knowledge, discovering ... None of this would be possible if we failed to look beyond our immediate environment and share knowledge. In recent years the University of the Basque Country has strengthened its links to some of the world's leading universities (Cambridge, Copenhagen, Paris-Sud, British Columbia, Heidelberg, King's College London, etc.), learning from them and growing alongside them. It has likewise consolidated its relationship with the University of Bordeaux through the creation of a unique European Union concept, the Cross-Border Campus, already a genuine reference point for interuniversity cooperation.

On the other side of the Atlantic, the UPV/EHU is an active promoter of the Latin American Postgraduate Network, now one of the world's most extensive academic systems in geographic terms.

At the UPV/EHU languages are no barrier, and are in fact more of an opportunity. This means that there is a choice of language on many courses (Spanish, Basque and English), or a master's can be studied in any of these languages.



We work alongside 17 of the world's 100 best universities.

The Cross-Border Campus is an international cooperation model with a major impact on the Basque Country and New Aquitaine.

The UPV/EHU offers courses at approximately 20 universities in 13 countries through the Latin American Postgraduate Network.

### Kaixo. Hola. Salut. Hello...

#### There is no better way to learn.

There is nothing more fulfilling than travel; sharing experiences and knowledge; discovering other people and other cultures; listening, telling your own story, etc. This is why UPV/EHU students are present in over 150 countries. Likewise, students from all over the world are also to be found in UPV/EHU lecture theatres, libraries and labs. Studying a degree course, on an exchange scheme or a postgraduate course, or taking part in one of the development cooperation programmes, we know there is no better way to learn than to embrace the rest of the world.

A 66% increase in foreign students studying at UPV/EHU over the last four years.

250 subjects in the English Friendly Course model on undergraduate courses. More than 750 subjects in non-official languages. 22.5% of former UPV/EHU students have been on international mobility programmes.

> More than 1,100 Erasmus agreements in 27 countries.

More than 300 master's subjects in non-official languages.

### Feeling at home, thousands of miles away.

We want all visitors to the University of the Basque Country to feel at home, which is quite an easy task thanks to the openness, hospitality and friendliness of local people, and a consolidated university offering of Basque and Spanish language and culture courses.

# A university building the future.

Addressing the challenges of our time, providing industry with resources, working in a 4.0 world, rising to the upper echelons of biotechnology research, maintaining the development standards of an advanced society, working to achieve the millennium goals ...

All this is only possible with a university that can teach its students on the basis of excellence, with all the proper resources and services, facilities and infrastructures to meet their needs.

The University of the Basque Country is one of the best universities to round off a personal and professional project in keeping with these goals. And, most of all, it is a place where life and study combine to form a fertile alliance: a place to study, a place to live.

















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