Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) was founded in 1968 and has two campuses, Cantoblanco and the Medical School, in northern Madrid. This is a privileged location hosting a remarkable concentration of hi-tech firms and research centres, offering excellent opportunities for cooperation between the university and the business world, and for the development of innovation projects.

The 1.5-hectare Cantoblanco campus, located in an exceptional environment just 20 minutes from the centre of Madrid by public transport, is fully equipped for academic, cultural and sporting activities. The Medical School Campus is near La Paz university hospital.

UAM is a public institution internationally renowned for the quality of its teaching and research. It has been nominated Campus of International Excellence (CIE) within the framework of UAM+CSIC CIE project. It is ranked among the world’s top universities:

- 2016 QS University Ranking: Top 50 under 50: ranked 11th worldwide, 4th in Europe and 2nd in Spain
- 2016 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU): ranked 2nd in Spain
UAM is one of Spain’s leading universities in research, with a large number of high-quality multi- and inter-disciplinary projects in a variety of areas, including Law, Humanities and Social Sciences, Economics, Psychology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Medicine, Biodiversity and Environment, Computer Engineering and Telecommunications, among others. More than 300 registered research groups work on these areas, most of them among the best in Spain in their fields, and highly competitive at international level.

The research budget in 2016 totals 51.8 million euros and there are 336 research projects led by UAM researchers.

Research at UAM has been greatly boosted by its long and ongoing collaboration with Spain’s Scientific Research Council (CSIC). At present, UAM+CSIC campus hosts a large number of UAM and CSIC scientists conducting top research in three main areas: Nanoscience and Materials, Biotechnology and Biomedicine, Theoretical Physics and Mathematics.

The Cantoblanco campus houses 12 research institutes, with more than 3,000 scientists, ranked among the best in Spain, three of which are accredited as Severo Ochoa Centres of Excellence. The Madrid Science Park is also located on this campus and acts as a business incubator for entrepreneurs and provides services and facilities for research.

The Medical School has four affiliated hospitals. Students, researchers and academic staff work together with research groups and clinical groups at these hospitals and their four accredited health research institutes.

UAM offers 53 official degree qualifications in the areas of humanities, social and legal sciences, natural sciences, technology, engineering and medicine. The variety of disciplines taught at the campus is one of its main strengths, making it possible to offer inter-faculty double degrees.

The broad range of 114 official post-graduate degrees (master degrees and PhDs) are oriented towards helping students acquire skills valued by employers and becoming professionals in their fields, as well as towards basic and applied research. UAM’s post-graduate programmes enjoy international reputation.

In addition UAM offers 58 diplomas and lifelong education and training courses, 33 of which are at masters level.

The high number of internships at companies and public and private institution show the university’s commitment to employability.
UAM promotes international mobility and exchanges with other European and global institutions. It is one of the Spanish universities with the highest ratio of students in international programmes. Furthermore, 20% of students in masters and PhD programmes come from other countries in the world.

Around 20 languages are taught at UAM and 14 international double/multiple degree programmes are offered jointly with partner institutions all over the world at bachelor, master and PhD level, as well as 3 Erasmus Mundus Masters (academic year 2016-2017).

13 masters courses are taught entirely in English (academic year 2016-2017).

Latin America and Asia are two priority areas for UAM. Student exchange and research programmes are promoted via the Centre for Latin American Studies in cooperation with Banco Santander. UAM also has a Centre for East Asian Studies and, since 2005, it runs the Confucius Institute of Madrid, in partnership with Shanghai International Studies University.

According to EU data, UAM is in the Top 25 Universities in Europe in number of ingoing and outgoing Erasmus students (2012-2013).
Civic engagement is one of the fundamental principles of Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, whose Civic Engagement Action and Cooperation Office organises activities aimed at raising awareness, training and promoting values, focusing on cooperation, civic responsibility and justice.

- **The Disability Assistance Service** guarantees the equal opportunities and the full integration of disabled students in the university's academic life.

- **The Volunteering and Cooperation Service** fosters all those activities that promote students’ involvement in local, national and international volunteer programmes.

UAM belongs to international associations and networks such as the Talloires Network, the United Nations Volunteer Programme (UNV), and European Voluntary Service (EVS), and is responsible for various network development cooperation projects.

Due to its commitment to the environmental and sustainability UAM was ranked **62nd on the 2015 UI GreenMetric World University Ranking**. This commitment to sustainable development is formalised through the **Ecocampus Project**, aimed at improving the environmental status of UAM's campuses and their equipment, and raising awareness in the university community in the search for solutions to environmental issues.
The nurturing of close relationships of cultural exchange and cooperation with society is a priority at UAM. The Office for Cultural Activities organises extracurricular courses, meetings with authors, exhibitions, training in dramatic and musical expression, short story and poetry competitions, concert series, and support for university museums: Museo de la Escuela Superior, Museo de Mineralogía, Centro Cultural La Corrala-Museo de Artes y Tradiciones Populares, among others. UAM’s exhibition hall hosts art exhibitions and fosters the dissemination of various scientific activities.

The university has a Centre for Research and Promotion of Music which, among other activities, organises an annual programme of great composers and musicians at Madrid National Auditorium. Moreover, UAM’s orchestra and choir hold a series of free music concerts on the university campus throughout the academic year.

The Physical Education and Sports Service fosters and nurtures the practice of a variety of sports and physical activities at UAM’s facilities, promoting the principles of civic responsibility and sportsmanship that should always characterise university sports.

UAM’s library services support research, teaching and studies at their eight libraries and specialised documentation centres. The services offer around 4,500 reading seats and a study room open 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The services have over 840,000 books, 28,000 maps and 18,000 hard copy academic journals, 174,000 electronic books, 87,000 electronic journals subscriptions and more than 200 databases.

To facilitate the integration of students at the university, there is a Welcome Office for international students and staff and a Student Services Office, offering advice and guidance in various fields and topics. UAM Alumni Office fosters and maintains the links between UAM and its alumni.

UAM has various university halls of residence: Juan Luis Vives Hall of Residence, located in northern Madrid, near Paseo de la Castellana, which is adapted to cater for disabled students, and the Erasmo Hall of Residence, at the Cantoblanco campus, which offers accommodation for 765 students.
Cantoblanco Campus
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Economics and Business Studies
- Faculty of Arts and Humanities
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Psychology
- Polytechnic School
- Faculty of Teacher Training and Education

Medical School Campus
- Faculty of Medicine

Research Institutes and Centres

UAM's own research institutes and centres
- Nicolás Cabrera University Institute for Materials Sciences (INC)
- University Institute for Women's Studies (IUEM)
- Centre for Microanalysis of Materials (CMAM)
- Institute for Local Law (IDL)
- University Institute “La Corte en Europa” (IULCE)
- University Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Social Development (IMEDES)
- Teófilo Hernando Institute for Pharmaceutical RDI (ITH)
- Centre for East Asian Studies
- Institute for Forensic Sciences and Sciences of Security (ICFS)
- Institute for Research in the Physics of Condensed Matter (IFIMAC)
- University Institute for Research on the Ancient World (ICCA-UAM)
- The Centre for Research on Administrative Justice (CUA)

Interuniversity Institutes
- Research Institute for Higher Education and Science (INAECU)

Joint UAM–CSIC Centres
- Severo Ochoa Centre for Molecular Biology (CBM)
- National Biotechnology Centre (CNB)
- Institute for Higher Education and Science (INAECU)
- Institute for the Physics of Condensed Matter (IFIMAC)
- University Institute for Research on the Ancient World (ICCA-UAM)
- The Centre for Research on Administrative Justice (CUA)

Interuniversity Institutes
- Research Institute for Higher Education and Science (INAECU)

Institutes for healthcare research in which UAM also participates
- Fundación Jiménez Díaz Healthcare Research Institute (IIS FJD)
- Hospital Universitario de La Princesa Healthcare Research Institute (IP)
- Hospital Universitario La Paz Healthcare Research Institute (IPAZ)
- Hospital Universitario Puerta de Hierro Majadahonda Healthcare Research Institute (IPM)

Institutes for healthcare research affiliated with UAM’s Faculty of Medicine
- Hospital Universitario 12 de Octubre Healthcare Research Institute (I+12)
- Hospital Universitario Ramón y Cajal Healthcare Research Institute (IRYCS)
University Community

Undergraduate students: 23,249

Academic staff

3,043
of whom 2,368 are full-time

Postgraduate students

2,883
Master’s students

3,818
PhD students

3,672
Diploma students

Administrative staff: 1,036