

Study with Us Program

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Overview: The **swU** program integrates **STEHAIM disciplines** (Science, Tech-Engineering, Heritage, Artificial Intelligence, Mathematics) with Valencia's unique culture, traditions, and innovative UPV ecosystem, offering international students a **transformative academic and cultural experience at the UPV**.

The program features **experience-based content** rarely found in short-term education, such as applying generative AI to traditional Valencian art (e.g., Falla design) or exploring the science of cooking through live applied chemistry sessions (e.g., Paella). Learning takes place **in real settings**, through direct interaction with research groups, open laboratories, and the city itself, combining **academic rigor with high-impact, hands-on learning** in a unique scenario that connects knowledge, innovation, and local context.

Feature	Description
Multidisciplinary Approach	Combines academic rigor in STEAM with cultural immersion in Valencia.
Flexibility	Modules range from 1-week to 4-week program, and Term courses
Innovation	Includes UPV's research, industry collaborations, and local entrepreneurship.
Cultural Integration	Explores Valencia's traditions, such as Las Fallas, alongside academic learning.

Benefits: **swU** highlights the value of **human connection, live teaching, and personal interaction** with expert faculty, placing the student experience at the core. The goal is not only to **acquire knowledge**, but to **engage with those who generate and apply it in real contexts**.

- Strengthen intercultural competence and adaptability in international environments
- Gain direct exposure to research-active faculty and cutting-edge practices
- Connect academic learning with industry, innovation, and real-life contexts
- Enhance critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills

Credits and Recognition: **swU** programs award ECTS credits, and a UPV-micro-credential may be available depending on the format and academic conditions. Recognition of credits is determined by each institution's academic policies and is managed by students and their institutions.

Program Formats

Within **swU**, the UPV offers **five flexible formats** designed to match different goals, durations, and levels of immersion. Four of them —**FlashTracks, Scholars in Motion, Faculty Fusion, and Faculty Flash**— are built on the **core swU model**, combining academic rigor, hands-on learning, and a strong connection to Valencia's innovative ecosystem and cultural identity. In addition, the UPV offers a **Term** format, a more **traditional academic option** in which courses are designed and delivered **on demand and aligned with partner institutions' syllabi**. From short, high-impact modules to a full academic term, each format provides a unique way to engage with the UPV, all supported by a structured academic content model that ensures both flexibility and academic coherence across disciplines.

Academic Content Model

Academic content across all Study with Us formats is organized by discipline — *Science, Technology & Engineering, Heritage & Human Skills, Artificial Intelligence, and Mathematics* — each offering a curated portfolio of courses to match different academic backgrounds.

Depending on the format, **participants** may either **select their course from the portfolio** (as in **FlashTracks**), or **follow a predefined academic module** aligned with faculty design or partner institutions' requirements. This structure allows both flexibility and academic coherence, enabling personalized learning paths while ensuring high-quality, research-based teaching across all disciplines.

Detailed Description of Each Format

- **FlashTracks** are **intensive 1-to-4-week academic modules** that blend **STEHAIM academic instruction** with UPV strategic workshops, applied Spanish, lab visits, and cultural activities. Each week includes **12 hours of academic content**, 5 hours of thematic workshops, **10 hours of Spanish**, one UPV strategic lab visit, and one cultural experience, totaling **30 contact hours**. Students **select one course per week** based on their academic background and interests, while sharing workshops, visits, and cultural activities with the wider cohort and **interacting with UPV students** acting as buddies. Learning is **experiential and delivered in real settings through direct practice**.
- **Faculty Flash** is a **1-month intensive module** composed of four consecutive FlashTracks within the same discipline (50 contact hours). The partner institution selects the subject area, and the UPV designs and delivers the full sequence through its own faculty. This format provides a **coherent and structured progression with increasing academic depth**, ensuring **consistency in teaching, aligned learning outcomes**, and a **focused immersion in a specific field**.
- **Faculty Fusion** is a specialized **1- to 2-week** academic experience **fully designed and led by UPV faculty**, who define the academic content, visits, and learning activities. It offers **30-60 contact hours** in a compact, high-impact format that showcases each professor's expertise. Content is grounded in research and innovation, combining academic rigor with hands-on, applied activities in a focused, immersive learning experience.
- **Scholars in Motion** is a **one-week intensive module for university faculty** that offers a **structured, curated academic experience** within one of the program's core disciplines. It includes a targeted academic match with UPV professors, combining interactive sessions, methodological workshops, and lab-based experiences. Participants engage with the UPV model in context—learning through **real settings, peer exchange, and Valencia-based immersion**—in a format that **cannot be replicated online**.
- **Term Courses** are full academic offerings delivered over one academic term, based on courses designed on demand and aligned with US partner institutions' syllabi and calendars (38, 45, or 50 contact hours). This format is intended for **closed institutional groups**, ensuring academic continuity and direct integration into home-degree requirements. Unlike the other SwU formats, Term Courses follow a **standard academic structure, focusing on curriculum delivery and credit recognition**, with selected elements of the UPV experience incorporated where relevant.

SwU Discipline Tracks

The **learning is fully experiential**: from using generative AI to reinterpret traditional Valencian art—such as designing a *falla*—to exploring the chemistry of cooking through live paella sessions. Nothing is theoretical; students learn through real settings and direct practice, made possible by a university with open laboratories, strong industry ties, research-active faculty, and the uniquely vibrant context of Valencia.

Science: *Everyday Science Unfolded: From Chaos to Valencia's Skies*. Discover how science shapes daily life—from the rhythm of the tides to the logic behind weather, chance, and choice.

Tech-Eng: *Tech-Eng Crafted: Smart Water, Valencia's Liquid Gold*: Explore how water shapes a city—from natural cycles to smart urban systems—uncovering how Valencia transforms its most vital resource through technology, sustainability, and innovation.

Heritage & Human Skills: *Self-Leadership Skills in the Spotlight: Me, Myself and I*. Develop self-awareness, resilience, and personal clarity by understanding how you think, feel, and act. Learn to shape your inner mindset and translate it into confident communication and purposeful action.

Artificial Intelligence: *App Development Unlocked: Valencia in Your Pocket*. Learn the fundamentals of Android app development by creating simple, real-world applications inspired by Valencia's culture and daily life. Turn ideas into interactive mobile experiences using hands-on tools and a practical, beginner-friendly approach.

Maths: *Orbits In Motion: From Fragments to Safe Skies*. Explore the mathematics behind space missions by simulating orbital mechanics and debris interception using professional tools. Learn how to plan maneuvers, optimize trajectories, and design safe deorbit strategies in real-world scenarios.

Term Courses

Term courses vary each term and are designed according to the specific needs of our partner institutions. Offerings may include *Elementary Spanish, Intermediate Spanish, Advanced Spanish, Calculus III, and Spanish Culture and Civilization*, among others, with up to 10 courses available per term.

Spanish to Survive: Speak, Connect, Experience

Gain the essential Spanish to navigate Valencia, understand local culture, and interact with confidence. Learn through real situations, everyday expressions, and the cultural “hacks” that help you connect, integrate, and feel at home.

Workshops (Examples)

- **Leadership: Unlock Your Potential.** Discover how Valencia’s architectural and artistic heritage shapes the city’s identity, from its Mediterranean past to its present-day cultural landscape
- **Innovation: Uncover the Secrets of an Innovative Campus.** Discover how UPV became a leader in innovation and how to apply creative thinking to your own challenges.
- **AI & Cybersecurity: Behind Your Screen.** Explore how artificial intelligence and cybersecurity are shaping the future — and your daily life.
- **Communication & Creativity: Say It Like a UPVer Pro.** Learn how to express ideas that spark action, combine storytelling with visual impact, and bring your creativity to life.

UPV Lab Experience (examples)

Lab Experiences are tailored to each program and may include:

- **CPI Tour Experience:** An immersive experience through the innovative heart of the UPV that allows you to see from the inside how knowledge is researched, innovated, and transformed into real solutions.
- **ITEAM Immersive Lab:** Cutting-edge laboratory specialized in the development, testing, and integration of next-generation immersive and holographic technologies
- **Neuroarchitecture Lab:** A laboratory that studies the cognitive-emotional dimension of architectural design.

Cultural Visit

Each module connects academic learning with Valencia’s cultural and social context through curated visits and real-world experiences. Visits are tailored to each program and may include:

- Museo de las Ciencias Príncipe Felipe en la Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias
- Church of San Nicolás (Valencian “Sistine Chapel”)
- Fallas Museum, workshops, and artisan studios
- Albufera and surrounding agricultural landscape (huerta)
- Horchata Museum (El Machistre)

Weekly Academic Structure (3 ECTS)

- **12 hours of academic content per subject**, distributed as:
 - 10h theoretical/practical sessions
 - 2h recap sessions
- **5h of strategic thematic workshops**, aligned with UPV core strengths (e.g., innovation, leadership, communication, artificial intelligence)
- **10h. Spanish language**
- **1 UPV lab visit**
- **1 cultural visit**



Flashtrack Schedule per Week

		Calendar	Per week			
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8h30	9h00	Welcome to UPV				
9h.00	9h30	Surviving in Spanish	Surviving in Spanish	Surviving in Spanish	Surviving in Spanish	Surviving in Spanish
9h30	10h00					
10h00	10h30					
10h30	11h00					
11h00	11h30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11h30	12h00	FT Topic	FT Topic	FT Topic	FT Topic	FT Topic
12h00	12h30					
12h30	13h00					
13h00	13h30					
13h30	14h00	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch
14h00	15h00	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch
15h00	15h30	UPV Workshop	UPV Lab Experience	UPV Workshop	Valencia Exp	FT Recap
15h30	16h00					
16h00	16h30					
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18h00	19h00					
19h00	20h00					

PROGRAM FEES

FlashTracks

Fees include a seat in one course from any of the five academic areas. Students may select their preferred course according to their interests, subject to availability within each track. Courses are offered based on minimum enrolment requirements, ensuring an optimal academic experience.

Pricing:

25 K€ (up to 20 students) – 1 Week | 1,200€ Additional student

45 K€ (up to 20 students) – 2 Weeks | 2,000€ Additional student

65 K€ (up to 20 students) – 3 Weeks | 3,000€ Additional student

85 K€ (up to 20 students) – 4 Weeks | 4,000€ Additional student

(Reduced weekly rate for longer stays)

Faculty Formats

Fusion: Custom-designed academic experiences (see specific proposal)

Track: **285€** per contact hour (*academic instruction only*, up to 10 students; *additional activities available on request*)

Term

Term Course (group-Based): 170 € per contact hour (standard academic delivery within the regular term structure; up to 10 students).

Term Program (Individual Students): 6,000 € per term (12 US credits / 18 ECTS; 3 courses) Additional courses may be added at a reduced rate.