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The Faculty of Engineering at MONDRAGON UNIBERTSITATEA

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Basques are friendly, sociable and fond of good food and best wine, not forgetting their entrepreneurial skills that have enabled them to develop a leading industrial, technological and modern economy.

This brochure tends to be a guide for those students who are thinking about coming to study at Mondragon Goi Eskola Politeknikoa -MGEP-, the faculty of Engineering belonging to MONDRAGON UNIBERTSITATEA.

Mondragon Goi Eskola Politeknikoa is a tiny polytechnic school born in 1943 as a vocational training school and is the origin of the Mondragon Cooperativism Movement.

Nowadays, together with training and research network of different entities working together has become outstanding because of its dynamism, investment in research, innovation and narrow link with companies. The employability of students is the highest one in the area according to a Basque Government survey.

We hope that during your stay in the Basque Country, you will enjoy yourself, success in your studies and come to know and understand us better.

*International Relations Office*
Welcome to the Basque Country, Spain

Spain

Spain is a country located in the southwest of Europe. It shares the Iberian Peninsula with Portugal, Gibraltar and Andorra. To the northeast, it borders France and the tiny principality of Andorra.

The Spanish State is divided into towns, provinces and autonomous communities. There are 17 autonomous communities, recognized under the Spanish constitution (1978) endowed each of them with institutional statutes.

Strong economic growth and an expansion in trade following membership of the European Union in 1986 made the country’s economy the tenth largest in the world in 2002.

Spain is a country of contrasts between high technology & industrial activity and ancestral traditions & culture.

It is also remarkable the Tourist sector, being Spain the second destination for world tourism.
Basque Country

Three of the Basque Homeland’s seven historic territories, located in the north of Spain, Araba, Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa, covering a total surface area of 7,234 square kilometres, are grouped together to form a political unit known as EUSKADI, or the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country.

Population (2004): 2,112,204 – the 4.94 % of the Spanish population
Area: km²: 7,234
Population Density: 287.9
Capital: Vitoria Gasteiz
GDP (Thousand Euros, 2004): 44,881,854 € is the 6.04% of the Spanish GDP
GDP per cápita (Euros, 2004): 21,248.8 €
GDP Increase (2004): 2.9 %
Consumer Price Index (2004): 3.3 %
Research & Development (2002): 1.5 % GDP
Employment Rate (2004): 7.8 %
Official language: Spanish and Basque
Head of The Basque Government: Juan José Ibarretxe (PNV) Basque Nationalist Party
Mondragon. Where are we?

Mondragon is placed geographically in the center of the Basque Country. It is an outstanding industrial town, worldwide well-known thanks to the cooperative movement born in Mondragon five decades ago and leaded by Mondragon Corporación Cooperativa (MCC).

Today, MCC, is the largest business group in the Basque Country and the seventh largest in Spain, with important activities in the Financial, Industrial and Distribution Sectors.

This important industrial centre and focal point of the region’s co-operative movement is rich in both architectural splendour and natural beauty. Founded during the 13th century, its medieval quarter, based around three main streets, remains largely intact and three of the gateways along the old town walls still stand today. The walled precinct contains many interesting buildings, including the Town Hall and San Juan Bautista Parish Church, and the surrounding countryside is dominated by the majestic slopes of Mount Udalaitz.

During the Modern age, a prosperous economic situation and pace period came. The transformation of steel was the main activity at the beginning of the XX th century, and consequently many private industries manufacturers of locks and iron articles raised.

After the civil war, in 1939, social and economical situation was devastating, and the cooperative movement emerged by the hand of the priest José Mª Arizmendiarríeta.
what to see

TOWN CENTRE: Zurgin Kantoi, Kontzesino and Portalon Gateways, San Juan Bautista Parish Church (gothic, 13th-14th century), Banez de Artazubiaga (16th century), Andikano Zelaa and Okendo Palaces, Town Hall, Monterron Palace and Park, Santa Barbara Park, San Francisco Church and Convent and Garibai House.

SURROUNDING AREA:
• Bedoña Neighborhood: Santa Eulalia Parish Church religious.
• Garagartza Neighborhood: San Miguel Parish Church.
• Udala Neighborhood: San Esteban Parish Church.
• Meatzerreka Neighborhood: San Valerio Parish Church.
• Leze Txiki: Archaeological site (remains dating from the mid-Paleolithic era).

Visit Basque country tourist information official web site: www.basquecountrytourism.net
The Faculty of Engineering at Mondragon Unibertsitatea

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Loramendi, 4
20500 MONDRAGÓN (Gipuzkoa)
Tel. 943 79 47 00
Fax 943 79 15 36
info@eps.mondragon.edu
MONDRAGON UNIBERTSITATEA

Comprises three faculties: Mondragon High Polytechnic College, is the faculty of Engineering, with several campuses, in Mondragon, Goierri and Lea Artibai, being Mondragon the main site.

The Faculty of Business Administration located in Oñati, and Bidasoa, and eventually, the Faculty of Humanities, in Escoriaza.

This small cooperative University offers a total number of 22 degrees with more than 4000 students enrolled yearly.

Historical Background

The Faculty of Engineering started its teaching activity in 1943, promoted by Father Jose Maria Arizmendiarieta, founder of the cooperative scheme of Mondragón. The College has experienced continuous growth since then and has, on the other hand, boosted the creation of hundreds innovating business experiences.
It is remarkable the creation of ALECOP in 1966 as an industrial cooperative enterprise that enables the student to share study and work, and which at the present time has over 50 monitors and more than 700 students.

From 1972 onwards the former Mondragon High Politechnic College, nowadays, since 1997 with a Faculty level, has fostered and enhanced international relations with foreign prestigious universities with the aim of providing our students an international approach and widen our programme studies.

The Research Centre IKERLAN, associated with our faculty of Engineering, was created in 1974 and at the present time has around 200 researchers and is one of the leading technological centres in Spain.

Since 1986 the College has also participated actively in several international Training projects and in Research and Development.

In 1995 the College received the ISO certificate of quality ER353/1/95, being the first university centre in Spain and, among the first ones in Europe to achieve this recognition.

A year after, the company CEI-SAIOLAN was set up, as a generator of new companies in advanced sectors, even though this activity has been fruitful since 1984.

**Educational Programmes:**

**Fields of Study / Specializations**

The Faculty of Engineering at Mondragon offers studies in several engineering disciplines. these studies are divided into two cycles:

- The first cycle of engineering studies, is three years long and at the end, the student gets an intermediate degree of Technical Engineer.
- The second cycle of Engineering studies is two year long and at the end the students get the diploma of Engineer.

After the second cycle, the student is able to start a third cycle programme oriented to get a PhD diploma.
1st cycles studies

- Technical Engineering for Industrial Electronics
- Industrial Technical Engineering in Mechanics
- Technical Engineering for Systems Computing
- Technical Engineering in Management Computing
- Technical Engineering in Industrial Design
- Technical Engineering for Telecommunications:
  - Specialising in Telecommunications Systems
  - Specialising in Telematics

Duration:
3 years, and one year more developing the Final Project.

2nd cycles studies

- Industrial Engineering
- Engineering for Industrial Organisation
- Engineering for Telecommunications
- Engineering in Industrial Automation and Electronics
- Engineering in Computing

Duration:
2 years including half a year developing the Final Project.

3rd cycles studies

PHD PROGRAMMES:
- Automatic and Electronics
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Mechanical Behaviour and Materials

MASTERS:
- Master in Production Management
- Master in Prevention of Labour Risks
- Master in Logistics and Operation Management
- Master of Innovation in Casting Technology
- Master Specialization in Automobile Competition Techniques
- Master in Modelization and development of web implementing
- Master in Technological Innovation and Development
ECTS

Our Faculty of Engineering acknowledges that education must be internationalised, and pursuing the objectives underneath the European High Education Space, the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) has been implemented as first measure.

The code of good practice called ECTS provides those actors with tools to create transparency and to facilitate academic recognition.

The full recognition of studies is a conditio sine qua non for student mobility under Socrates and Erasmus programmes. ECTS ease the creation of a European Higher Education Space.

International Relations: Contact Persons

International Relations Office is the central unit for foreign students in MHPC.

- Promoting students and professor exchange agreements with international higher education Institutions.
- Managing of International Projects.
- Provides the student with housing, Spanish language courses, and organizes social and cultural activities.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

• International Relations Director: Txema Pérez Lazare
  E-mail: txperez@eps.mondragon.edu

• International Relations Responsible: Esther Olabarria
  E-mail: eolabarria@eps.mondragon.edu

• Exchange Student Office: Eskarne Eraña
  E-mail: eeraña@eps.mondragon.edu
Student Entry Requirements

for regular students and socrates erasmus students

NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR SOCRATES-ERASMUS STUDENTS:
Universities will receive the Application Forms and send the documents specified herein to make their students’ application in our Faculty of Engineering:

1. Application form
2. the Learning Agreement
3. Transcript of records
4. A document stating that the student is enrolled in the University of origin, specifying the period of registration
5. 2 copies of the Passport or the Identity Card in force.
6. 4 photographs
7. A copy of the E-111 form, the European health card
8. Accident and third party insurance copies
9. Proof of Solvency

Application form deadlines:
• 30 June, for the fall semester/1st Semester (start: September 26, 2006)
• November 1, for the spring / 2nd semester (start February 19, 2007)

NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

1. Student that access University
   1. Final diploma of secondary school title in original.¹
   2. Qualification or degree that gives access to University, duly homologated by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Education.
   3. Document certifying the success in University Access Test held by Spanish Embassies at candidates residence country.
   4. 4 photos with passport size.
   5. Validated passport copy.
   6. Application form duly fulfilled.
   7. Only for Non Eu citizens residing in Spain: copy of residence permit or residence card.
   8. Accident and third party insurance copies.

2. Student that decides to continue studies at Mondragon
   1. Document that accredits last accomplished studies from University.
   2. Collated photocopy of the obtained university title (in its case).¹
   3. When bachelor studies or similar are concerned, the credential of homologation to the corresponding Spanish title, issued by the Science and Education Ministry.
4. When University degree corresponds to that of a postgraduate level or equivalent, ask for information about the procedure to follow.
5. 4 photos with passport size.
6. Application form duly fulfilled.
7. Validated passport copy.

1) This document must be validated by the Spanish Diplomatic Representation, generally an Embassy or Consulate, unless it comes from countries member of EU). - In case of documents written in a foreign language, must be accompanied by an official translation into Spanish.

All documents will be sent to the following address:

Mondragon Goi Eskola Politeknikoa
International Relations Department
Loramendi, 4 (Apdo. 23)
E - 20500-MONDRAGON
(GUIPUZCOA)
e-mail: eerana@eps.muni.es

Period to make the application
The period to apply for studies in Mondragon Goi Eskola Politeknikoa, usually goes from the 1st of February until the 20th of June.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE
All documents and Transcripts Records will be checked, and once the selection is finished the student will be informed about the admission notice.

Procedure that must be followed after coming to Mondragon
Enrolment will be done in September. For that, the student must go to the Registration Office with the passport or Identity Card, depending on your nationality.

Once the student is enrolled, he/she will receive:
• An e-mail account
• The Student Card
• The Academic Norms

And he would be able to get the following information:
• The timetable
• The Calendar of Exams
• The Students Guide
Academic Calendar 2006 / 2007

1st cycle and 2nd cycle (1st course)
1st Semester: From 26 September until 1, February 2007
2nd Semester: From the 19, February until 22, June 2007

2nd cycle (2nd course)
1st Semester: From 28, September to the end of November, 2006
2nd Semester: From the end of December to the beginning of March, 2007

The Governing Board of the Faculty of Engineering Studies, establishes every year the day of the beginning of the course, the holidays period, the festive days and the last day of the course.

• Beginning day of the academic year 2006/07, 26 September 2006.
• Last day of the academic year 2006/07, 20 June 2007.
• Holidays: - 6 October 2006: Maritxu Kajo. Local holiday.
  - 1 November 2006: National Holiday, all Saints Day.
  - 20 February 2007: Carnival Tuesday (free afternoon).
  - 21 February 2007: (free morning).
  - 10 May 2007: San Pancracio. There are no lessons.

Period of Exams are published during the academic year, three months in advance These dates will be available in EPS web page: www.eps.mondragon.edu. However, estimated dates of exams are the following:

1st cycle and 2nd cycle (1st course)
2nd Semester: 19 June - 6 July.

2nd cycle (2nd course)
1st Semester: December.
2nd Semester: March.
Timetable

There are available two shifts (morning and afternoon shift), so as to allow the students share work and study.

Morning shift: From 7:45 to 13:00.

Library & Computer Facilities

The library is opened from Monday to Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 24.00 p.m. Indeed, in the exam period, it is available for you till 2.00 a.m.

The student card (given to you after the enrolment) must be shown to acede the library. There is a local library at Arrasate-Mondragon which has a computer room.

Address:
Monterron Jauregia
Zarugalde kalea, 2
Tel. 943770105

All around the campus, you can find several computer rooms for free use.

Tuition Fees

Enrolment tuition fees are established on the basis of the cost of a credit assigned by cycle. Thus, depending on the number of credits you are registered, you can have the total amount of payment under the concept of tuition fees.

- 1st Cycle: 55,00€ Credit / Year *
- 2nd Cycle: 63,00€ Credit / Year *

* Referred to the academic year 2006/2007
Grants

If you are interested in this issue, you should contact the International Relations Office.
03 Practical Information for Students

Administrative Documents Required Prior to the Arrival in Spain
Apply for a Temporary Student Visa:
(Usually 3 month validity)

1. Passport valid for a minimum of 6 months.
2. 4 recent photographs.
3. Original letter addressed to the Spanish Consulate verifying your enrolment in Mondragon and payment of tuition fees.
4. Medical Certificate, saying that you are in good health, free of contagious disease, drug addiction or mental illness.
5. To guarantee living expenses in Spain, you need to present one of these documents:
   a. Letter from the study abroad program assuming full financial responsibility for tuition, room and board.
   b. An account in a Spanish bank with a minimum balance of $350.00 per month of stay in Spain.
   c. Proof of having received financial aid or scholarship covering expenses for tuition, room, board, and personal expenses during the stay in Spain (minimum of $350 per month).
   d. Letter from parents assuming full financial responsibility for at least $350 per month of stay in Spain.

**VISA OR RESIDENT PERMIT / IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT**

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| Students and Exchange Students. | Spanish Consulate or Embassy in the students residence country (with good time in advance). | Apply for a Temporary Student Visa: (Usually 3 month validity)
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**Non-EEA * citizens (www.mae.es)**

- VISA is not required. Just bring your:
  1. Valid passport or Identity Card.
  2. Proof of Solvency.
  3. The official forms E-111 or E-128 or European Health Card, proving that you have health insurance coverage in your home country.

**EEA citizens**

For EEA citizens, VISA is not required. Just bring your:

1. Valid passport or Identity Card.
2. Proof of Solvency.
3. The official forms E-111 or E-128 or European Health Card, proving that you have health insurance coverage in your home country.

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* EEA: European Union + Norway + Liechtenstein + Island + Switzerland
Citizens from the European Economic Area do not need a visa for Spain. With valid Identification Card or passport, they can stay as long as they want.

A STUDENT VISA is compulsory for students staying in Spain longer than 90 days. It will be handled by the Spanish Consulate Office in the country of Origin. (Necessary to ask for it with enough time in advance and personally) For more information: [www.mae.es](http://www.mae.es)

All students Visas are valid for a period of 90 days maximum, after that period you must contact local authorities to acquire a student residency card, which will be valid as long as you are enrolled in a program in Spain.

**Assurance / Health Service**

If you are from a UE member country, you should bring with you the form E-111/E128 or the newly introduced EU Health Insurance Card. If not, but you come from Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Norway and Maroc, should also bring the form E-111/E128, as there is an agreement between each of these countries and Spain.

With this form, you can use freely the services offered by the Spanish “Seguridad Social” or Social Security. These E11/E128 documents are obtained in your own country at the Social Insurance Office.

Certainly a private insurance is always welcome. But, if you are not a citizen from the countries mentioned above you need a private health insurance, assuring medical assistance in cases of illness or accidents. This insurance could be hired in your home country or in Spain.

It could be also useful to have other type of insurances as: insurance for package, rob, lost, third party liability insurance valid in Spain.

For any Emergency, the telephone number is: **112**
For the Basque health Service Osakidetza: Tel. **94 410 00 00**
Arrasate Hospital: **943 03 53 00**
Red Cross: **943 76 55 76**
Ambulance: **943 33 03 30**

**Arriving at Mondragon: Means of Transport**

The town Mondragon or Arrasate (its basque name) is in the southwest of the province of Guipuzcoa. 33 kilometres away from Vitoria-Gasteiz, capital city of the Basque Autonomic Community, 55 kilometres from Bilbao, and 80 kilometres from Donostia (San Sebastian).
BY PLAIN. The nearest international airport – Loiu Airport (tel. 34-905505505 www.aena.es) is 56 kilometres far from Mondragon, in Loiu close to Bilbao. To arrive at our University from the airport, first of all, you have to go to Bilbao. This trip can be made by taxi or by bus. The bus works from Monday to Friday every 30 minutes, and during the weekend every hour. To make the trip from Bilbao to Mondragon you can take the PESA bus line (Tel. 34-902101210).

BY BUS. There are different bus lines connecting Mondragon with the 3 capital cities of Basque Country and with other towns in Spain. The company who makes this is Pesa. (Tel.34 – 902101210 www.pesa.es). Termibus (bus Station in Bilbao - Tel. 94 4395077). Bus Station in Vitoria: 945 258400.

BY TRAIN. All three main towns: Bilbao, Vitoria and San Sebastian offer railway services. If you are interested, please take a look at the main railway operator: www.renfe.es or Telephone Info Renfe: 902 240202.

Students with special needs should contact us before arriving here.

TAXI. All authorized taxis clearly display the status of their public service. There is a fixed price for beginning service, plus a fee depending on the time and the area covered, which are regulated by publicly displayed tariffs. All taxis have a taximeter which indicates the amount due. If there are additional fees, these should be displayed to the public. Mondragon Taxi phone number: +(34) 943 79 12 22.

Other Documents Required Once In Mondragon

STUDENT RESIDENCY CARD
Once in Spain it is compulsory to get a Student Residency Card for non EU Members, as soon as possible, if you pretend to stay more than three months studying in our territory.

Where do you get the Student Residency Card? In the closest Central Police Station at Vitoria: Olaguibel, 11. Vitoria – Gasteiz (Tel. 34 945 209521).
What do you need?
- Admission letter of the host University, specifying the study programme you are following.
- A certificate of Solvency (guaranteeing living expenses).
- Valid Passport (original and copy).
- 1 Photograph.

ISIC CARD
This card offers discounts at libraries, museums, some transport, sport-centres, with a validity time of 16 months.

You can get it in Gazte Bulegoa (Youth Service Office)
Biteri Etorbidea, Nº 3. 20500 Arrasate-Mondragon
Tel. 34 943 770065

With the following documents:
- Admission letter of the University of origin
- Photograph
- 6 €

Living In Mondragon

accommodation

The Faculty of Engineering at Mondragon Unibertsitatea, manages the Biteri Hall of Residence, located in the same campus, which apart from offering housing service, it has its own educational project, in addition to the academic curricula. This means that cultural activities (seminars, study groups...), artistic activities, (choir, photography, dance, guitar, pottery...) sports-leisure as well as board games, are held for you in order to enjoy your stay here in Mondragon, and gain experience in working at human relations.

The facilities in Biteri Hall of Residence include:
- 280 Rooms: individual, double or triple rooms.
- Meeting rooms, study rooms, library, computer rooms,
- Game-rooms and get-sitting-rooms, newspaper room, TV room, music room, Sports facilities, gym.

| 2006-2007 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Daily cost of the rent (not included weekends) meals included. | Daily cost of the rent (including weekends) No meals are offered on weekends | Deposit |
| 26 € | 16,50 € | 412 € |
Cost of the rent for a long period (10 months):
• The rent is charged in 9 instalments (from October to June).
• At inscription time, it is charged a 10% of the annual cost of the rent.

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<td>Deposit</td>
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<td>Triple room full boarding</td>
<td>4,186 €</td>
<td>381 €</td>
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<td>Double room full boarding</td>
<td>4,606 €</td>
<td>418 €</td>
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<td>Single room full boarding</td>
<td>5,024 €</td>
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**DEPOSIT:** The deposit is refundable at the end of the stay subject to deductions for leaving the room before the booked period or the state in which the room is left on departure. It will be charged in September if the stay is for a long period (10 months). If it is for less than 10 months, on registration day.

Other possibilities for accommodation are:
• Sharing a flat with other students
• Students and elderly living together

If you are interested in any of those choices, please lead ahead to the Exchange Student Office, that manages housing service for you.

Mondragon city offers different accommodation options. On the next chart you will find important information that will help you decide the option that best suit your personal requirements. If you required further information, you are welcome to consult the web page: [www.euskadi.net/turismo/sit_c.htm](http://www.euskadi.net/turismo/sit_c.htm) from where such data was obtained.
Mondragón’s campus has two services of restoration: The dining room of the Hall of Residence Major College and the cafeteria / restaurant.

- A ticket for 10 meals costs 52.65 € at the Hall of Residence
- A ticket for 5 meals costs 26.75 € at the Hall of Residence
- A ticket for 10 meals costs 54.10 € at the cafeteria

Our Faculty has a cultural activity offer (conferences, workshops, round tables, etc.) as well as of a wide variety of sports and leisure activities (cinemas, theatre, museums, sport-centre, excursions, climbing mountains, computer science, frontons of professional ball, …)

**CONCERNING SPORTS ACTIVITIES:**
Internal and external competitions are held in pelota (played with a tennis racket), basketball, five-a-side football, chess and hand pelota football, five-a-side football, basketball, handball, volleyball, beach volleyball, rugby and waterpolo; and individual sports such as, chess, athletics, badminton, cross-country, winter sports, golf, judo, karate, orientation, squash, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, triathlon and archery. And are available all sorts of sports and activities you could imagine (rock climbing, massage-relaxation, sailing, golf, downhill ski, canoeing, Basque dancing, bungie jumping and scuba diving…

**Local sportscentsre**
Address:
Elkano Kalea, 27. Arrasate-Mondragon
Tel. 943771677

**CONCERNING LEISURE:**
You will see updated information about the leisure offer in Arrasate-Mondragon in the different monitors shown at the Faculty.

**Cinema:** AMAIA ANTZOKIA
Otalora Lizentziatua Kalea, 2
Tel. 943792053

**Industrial exhibition room**
Nafarroa Etorbidea, 2 – 2
Tel. 943797692

Otherwise, all the capitals which are very close from Arrasate-Mondragon (Vitoria-Gasteiz, San Sebastian-Donostia, Bilbao-Bilbo) have a very broad offer
of cultural activities such as cinema, theatre, music... In the following table, you have information about museums and interesting places you could visit in the capitals:

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<td>- Concha Bay</td>
<td>- Gugenheim Museum</td>
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<td>- Cathedral</td>
<td>- Kursaal Convention Centre by Moneo</td>
<td>- Euskalduna Conference Centre</td>
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<td>- Fournier Museum</td>
<td>- Txillidaleku Museum</td>
<td>- Arriaga Theatre</td>
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<td>- Plaza de los Fueros</td>
<td>- Oceanarium</td>
<td>- Bizkaia's Hanging Bridge</td>
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<td>- Natural Science Museum</td>
<td>- Miramon Kutxa Science Hall</td>
<td>- The River of Bilbao Maritime Museum</td>
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Jazz Capital: Each July takes place the International Jazz Festival.

In autumn, tens of companies burst onto the stages of Vitoria Gasteiz with their latest works to participate in the International Theatre Festival.

June sees new audiovisual media being exhibited in Vitoria-Gasteiz.

Film capital: Each September takes place the International Film Festival.

Each summer a great variety of music is offered in "Quincena Musical".

The longest running jazz festival in the Basque Country takes place at the end of July.

It is worth visiting the countryside as well. You will have an excellent opportunity to climb the mountains that are around the valley or have a walk in the marsh of Urkulu.

Udalaitz: 1117m
Muru: 778 m
Tellamendi: 838 m
Aitzgorri: 1528 m
Kurtzebarri: 1148 m
Anboto: 1331 m
cost of living

The cost of living in the Alto Deba and specifically in Mondragon is 530 Euros (monthly estimation for housing and subsistence).

The expenses, merely approximated, might be break down in the following concepts:

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<th>ESTIMATED COST</th>
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<td>HOUSING (sharing a flat)</td>
<td>230</td>
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<td>MEALS</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>POCKET MONEY</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>530</strong></td>
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The expenses are estimated and based on common expenses; they could differ depending on the needs you have.

spanish language courses

Spanish language courses are available for foreign students. For more information contact international Department Relations.
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Other Useful information

WEATHER
In the Basque Country the climate is wet oceanic on the coast, and continental inland. The temperatures are mild throughout the year, with more frequent rain in spring and autumn, mild winters, and summers which are not excessively hot. The average temperature in summer is 18º C, and 8º C in winter. Weather information: www.euskadi.net/meteo

BANKS AND MONEY
It is convenient for you to open an account in a bank which is established in your home country and here, in Spain, to make easier the collection of the scholarships and the availability of money.

You can find the following banks in Mondragon: (BBVArgentaria, Banco Santander Central Hispano, Banco Guipuzcoano, Banco Vasconia, La Caixa, and Caja Laboral).
The banks are open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the week and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except summer time, between June and September). Some branches of the banks are also open in the afternoon, between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

CURRENCY
As of 1 January 2002, the coinage used in the Basque Country will be the euro. The coins come in denominations of 1 € and 2 €, 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents and the notes in denominations of 5 €, 10 €, 20 €, 50 €, 100 €, 200 € and 500 €.

ELECTRICITY
The usual voltage we use is 220 V and 50 cycles. European type electric sockets, with two round pins.

SHOPPING
The shops are opened from Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

The big stores are opened from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday.

POSTAL SERVICE & TELEPHONES
The Post Office is opened from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Tel. 902 197197.

Local Post Office:
Otalora Lizentziatua, 3-5. Arrasate-Mondragon.
Tel. 943791174

TELEPHONE
International calls: To phone abroad from Spain dial 00. When the tone can be heard, dial the telephone prefix for the country or city where the call shall be received, followed by the number.

EMERGENCY
The 112 telephone provided by the Ertzantz (Autonomous Basque Police) responds to all emergency calls in case of accident, fire or other emergencies.

POLICE
LANGUAGE

In the Basque Country, there are two official languages: Euskara (the Basque language) and Spanish. Spanish is spoken by all of the inhabitants. Euskara, which is used in a more limited manner, is the Basque Country’s own original language. It is a language whose origins have not been determined and it has no apparent similarity with any of the neighbouring languages. The signs found on roads, in airports, ports, official centres, etc. are often bilingual. Many Basque people also speak French or English.

small dictionary

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<td>Kaixo</td>
<td>Hola</td>
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<td>Eskerrik asko</td>
<td>Muchas Gracias</td>
<td>Thank you</td>
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<td>Aparkalekua</td>
<td>Aparcamiento</td>
<td>Parking</td>
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<td>Sí</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Good Afternoon</td>
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<td>Gabon</td>
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<td>Welcome</td>
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USEFUL LINKS

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www.arrasate-mondragon.net
www.mondragon.edu.
www.eps.mondragon.edu
www.mcc.es
www.mae.es
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Tel. 94 4236897

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Telesforo Aranzadi, 1- 7º izda BILBAO 48008
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48001 Las Arenas.
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