Universidad Zaragoza

1542



UNIVERSIDAD DE ZARAGOZA

- Founded in 1542 (one of Spain's oldest universities)
- Home to over 33,000 students
- Based across Zaragoza, Teruel and Huesca in Aragon
- Main campus in the heart of Zaragoza, Spain's 4th largest city
- All scientific studies taught in Spanish



WHY ZARAGOZA?



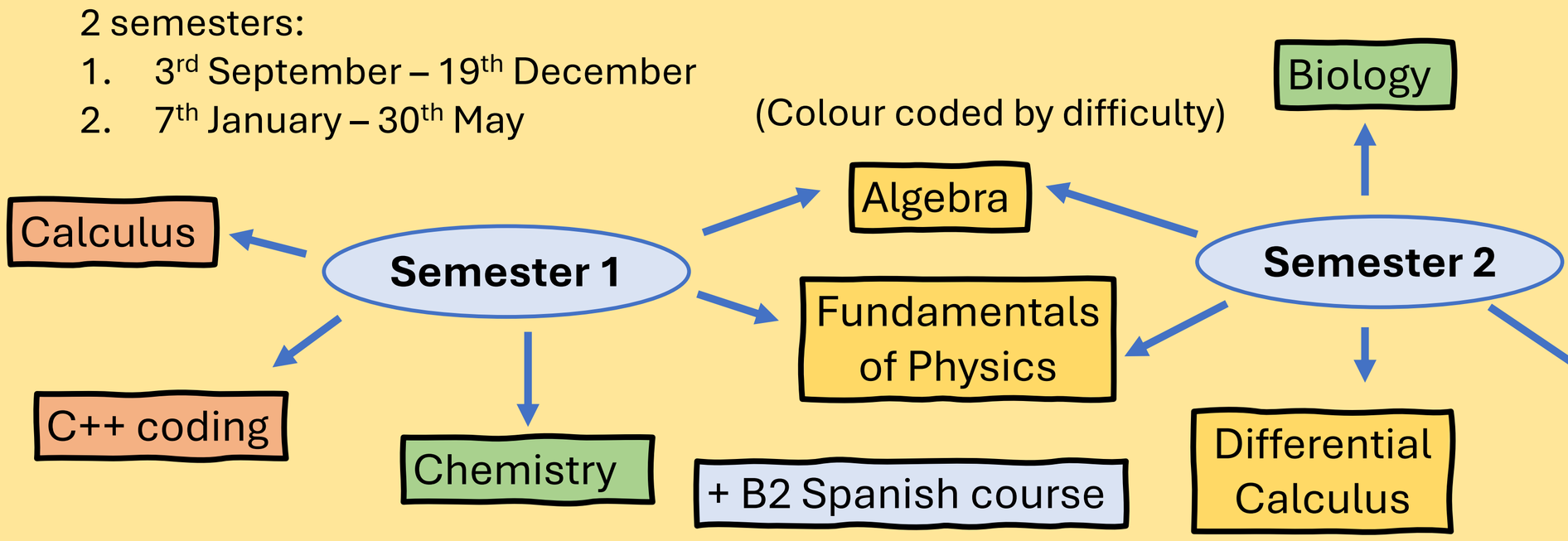
At school, I had a passion for languages, both French and Spanish. When choosing my A-level subjects, I knew I wanted a language alongside my three scientific subjects. I have always loved spending time in Spain, taking in the beautiful scenery and the rich cultural history that arose from the melting pot of Arabic, Latin American and European cultures. When looking for a university for my Study Year Abroad, Spain was my first thought. After seeing Bath's exchange partnership with Zaragoza, it was an easy choice. In addition, I can now say it's a vibrant city with lots of young people and plenty of opportunities to explore almost any passion.

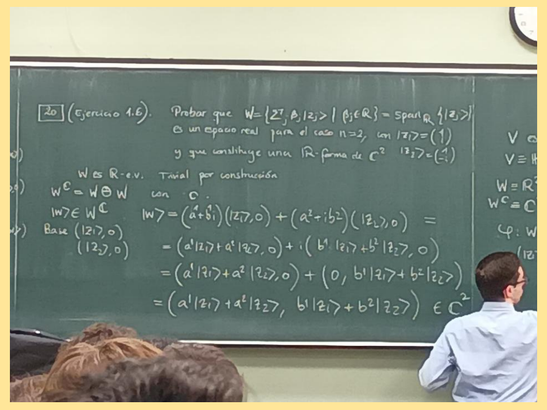
MY STUDIES

2 semesters:

1. 3rd September – 19th December
2. 7th January – 30th May

(Colour coded by difficulty)





There were pros and cons to studying in Spain. The main challenge I faced was the language barrier as the only international student in a cohort of native Spaniards.

HIGHLIGHTS & TIPS

- Zaragoza has a thriving Erasmus community with over 600 members each semester from all over the world. My best moments from the year abroad were events run by this group, with people in this group. For example, the trip to Valencia or San Sebastian.
- The city is spanned by numerous cycle routes and there are electric bike docking stations all over the city. I strongly recommend using these, along with the tram system.



- Zaragoza is a city with lots of culture and history. A large part of this is centred around the miracle of El Pilar. Every year this is celebrated with a week of regional holiday and lots of musical, cultural and dance events across the city, ending with a huge firework display over the Ebro river. Despite the shorter holidays in Spain, I recommend staying in Zaragoza for this week as it's great fun and you don't want to miss it.
- The university runs an 8-week language course for international students to help learn the language. It's expensive but a good way to meet new people and learn Spanish.

