Venue

The 8th International Conference on Public Service Interpreting and Translation (PSIT8) will be held at the Rectorate Building of the University of Alcalá, located in the Colegio de San Ildefonso in Alcalá de Henares:

Colegio de San Ildefonso. Rectorado. Plaza de San Diego, s/n 28801 – Alcalá de Henares (Madrid)



How to get there: Historic Campus

From Madrid

By train:

- There are three Renfe train lines (Cercanías) that make the Madrid-Alcalá de Henares route: line C2 (*Chamartín-Guadalajara*), line C7 (*Príncipe Pío-Alcalá de Henares*) and line C8 (*Cercedilla-Guadalajara*). All three lines will take you to the Historic Campus of Alcalá de Henares and all of them stop at the main stations in Madrid.
- The main stations where you can take these three lines are the following: Chamartín, Príncipe Pío, Nuevos Ministerios, Recoletos, and Atocha.
- You will find the official line map of Renfe Cercanías in <u>this link</u>. Depending on which line you take and from which station, the travel time usually varies between 45 minutes and 1 hour and a half. Please note that trains pass quite frequently – approximately every 10 minutes.

- To get to the Historic Campus of the University of Alcalá by train, please bear in mind that your stop is Alcalá de Henares (after La Garena stop). Note: in the case of lines C2 and C8, the Alcalá de Henares Universidad stop corresponds to a different campus, so please take into account that the correct stop is Alcalá de Henares. Line C7 ends directly at Alcalá de Henares.
- Once at the station, walk down Paseo de la Estación until you reach the intersection with Libreros street. Take Libreros street towards Plaza de Cervantes and turn left onto Beatas street. The Colegio San Ildefonso / Rectorado [Rectorate Building] of the University of Alcalá is located right in the center of Plaza de San Diego.

Practical information – Madrid Cercanías (suburban train):

- To move around Madrid by Cercanías, for short stays you can purchase non-personal tickets: single tickets (one-way tickets), round-trip tickets or the Bonotren, a train pass valid for all Renfe Cercanías lines with which you can make up to 10 trips. Any of these three tickets can be purchased at the ticket offices and Cercanías self-service machines located at Renfe stations (Atocha, Nuevos Ministerios, Príncipe Pío, Chamartín, Alcalá de Henares, etc.).
- Fares vary depending on the zone and type of ticket. There are 8 fare zones, 6 of them for the Community of Madrid and 2 for Castilla-La Mancha. While the center of Madrid belongs to zone A, Alcalá de Henares corresponds to zone B3. For more information on Madrid fare zones, access Prices e-way tickets:

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1/2 Areas	1,70 €
3 Areas	1,85 €
4 Areas	2,60 €
5 Areas	3,40 €
6 Areas	4,05€
7 Areas	5,50€

 It is also possible to purchase the Tourist Travel Pass that allows unlimited trips on the metro, buses, and Cercanías trains. It is possible to purchase this pass with a validity of 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 calendar days; the first pass option is valid for Zone A (which would not cover the area of Alcalá de Henares) and the second pass option is valid for zone T (total geographical coverage up to zone E2). It can be purchased at all metro and Cercanías stations. For more information about the Tourist Travel Pass and fares, see this link.

By bus:

Areas

From Madrid (*Intercambiador de Avenida de América* bus station), **ALSA** buses will also take you to Alcalá de Henares. It usually takes about 50 minutes to get to Alcalá from the Intercambiador de Avenida de América bus station.

- Bus 223 Alcalá de Henares (Historic Campus)
- Bus 227 Alcalá de Henares-Hospital/Universidad (Scientific-Technological Campus)
- Bus 229 Alcalá de Henares (Virgen del Val)

From Torrejón there are also buses to Alcalá de Henares:

- Bus 251 Alcalá de Henares (Historic Campus)
- Bus 824 Avd. de las Fronteras (Torrejón de Ardoz) to Scientific-Technological Campus

Practical information – Madrid bus:

- The fare zones of the Community of Madrid and Castilla-La Mancha also apply to bus transport.
- The tourist pass is also valid for the bus, not only for Cercanías and metro.
- If you go for the single ticket option, please note that it can be purchased directly on the bus. Although fares vary depending on the zone, the one-way ticket (valid for 1 trip) usually costs between 1.50 and 5€. For more information about suburban buses, access <u>this link</u>.

From the airport

- A taxi from the airport to the Historic Campus of the University of Alcalá costs around 40€. Uber also operates in Madrid and prices usually vary between 28 and 38€. The distance between the airport and the university is approximately 23 km (14 miles), i.e. about 20 minutes by car.
- Direct bus: from terminals T1 or T2, take the ALSA bus <u>824</u> that goes directly to Alcalá de Henares. If you are in T3 or T4, you will need to take the airport bus that connects all four terminals to get to the bus stop. The price is 3,60€ and it usually takes 45 minutes to get to Alcalá. There are buses every 30-50 minutes.
- By metro from the airport: keep in mind that there is no metro stop in Alcalá, so you will have to transfer to the train (Cercanías) or bus. If you choose this option, we recommend taking the metro from the airport to Nuevos Ministerios and, once there, take the Cercanías to Alcalá de Henares/Guadalajara. Please note that you will have to pay a supplementary charge when taking the metro from the airport. The total travel time is approximately 1 hour and a half.
- By car from the airport: the estimated travel time is 20 minutes. There are two public parking lots in the historic city center of Alcalá: one on Santiago street and the other on Ángel street. Please note that the streets are color coded in Spain. While white lines mean that parking is free, blue is for visitors only and you will be able to park for up to four hours in this zone. Most of Alcalá's city center is blue, but you might find a parking spot in the Venecia neighborhood, where parking is free (white).

From Guadalajara

By train:

From the Guadalajara and Azuqueca stations, Cercanías trains depart to Alcalá Universidad (*Scientific-Technological Campus*) and Alcalá de Henares (*Historic Campus*). The frequency of train service is approximately every 15 minutes during rush hours, and every 30 minutes during off-peak hours. Train schedules are available on the <u>Renfe website</u>. Once again, please bear in mind that the correct stop/station is *Alcalá de Henares*.

By bus:

You can take **ALSA** buses from Guadalajara to Alcalá de Henares. It usually takes 15 minutes to get to Alcalá from Guadalajara by bus.

- Bus 221 Guadalajara (Campus Guadalajara) Alcalá de Henares (C.C. La Dehesa) – Madrid
- Bus 221A Guadalajara Alcalá de Henares (Campus histórico)

From La Dehesa shopping center, the historic campus can be accessed by bus (Line 5).

By car:

From Guadalajara, Alcalá de Henares can be reached through the A2 Madrid-Barcelona highway. Although there are many exits that lead to the city, the first one (exit 34), leads directly to the Scientific and Technological Campus (external campus) as well as to the city center.

Parking spots can usually be found free of charge in the residential area behind the Caracciolos Building. A nearby alternative is La Paloma 24-hour underground car park (8.80 euros per day).

Get around the city

The university buildings are located in the center of Alcalá de Henares, very close to the train station and the intercity bus terminal, so you can get around on foot. However, if you prefer to take the bus, there are several bus lines from the train station to Libreros Street (where the Law School is located) and to Plaza de Cervantes, in the center of the city, very close to the rest of the Faculties and Schools.

City map

Access <u>this link</u> to download and print a map in PDF format that will allow you to visualize the main buildings and facilities of our campus in Alcalá.