



**STUDY
IN SPAIN**





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INTRODUCTION

Spain has a long tradition in the field of university education dating back to the medieval times.

Some of its Universities are amongst the oldest in Europe: Salamanca – 1218, Complutense – 1293, Valladolid – 1295, Barcelona - 1430, Santiago de Compostela - 1495. Spain also pioneered the concept of overseas university education, founding universities outside of the country with Santo Domingo in 1538, Lima and México in 1551 and the Philippines in 1619.

Today, Spain boasts of a strong university system with 84 Universities, welcoming more than 57,000 foreign students annually, primarily to the cities of Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, Seville, Cordoba and Salamanca. These numbers are topped by the more than 35,000 European students that come to Spain every year under the student interchange program: Erasmus. And finally, many post-graduate students seek Spain's elite business schools that feature amongst the best in international rankings.





WHY STUDY IN SPAIN

While Spain excels in the quality of educational programs offered at a university level, there are many more reasons to come and study here:

International Recognition – Spanish universities feature amongst the top 10 in international rankings in the fields of Civil Engineering, Marine & Oceanic Engineering, Instrumental Science & Technology and Veterinary Science and amongst the top 20 in Food Science & Technology.

Innovation & Technology – Being the world leader in all phases of integrated water cycle management, industrial vehicles and technologies and renewable energy and the amongst the top in Europe for vehicle manufacturing and agro-biotechnology, studying in Spain offers you the opportunity to be at the forefront in these fields.

Spanish Language - Along with your degree, you would have also mastered a language, that is the official language in over 21 countries and also widely spoken in USA. To master Spanish is a competitive advantage for anyone in the global business world.

Quality of Life – Spanish cities are cosmopolitan, open to other cultures, friendly, safe and easy to live in; Spain is in fact the second safest country in the European Union.



Affordability – Spain is an affordable destination to pursue higher studies – the average cost of living for a student in Spain is estimated to be less than 1,000 € per month. And, while tuition fees do vary between public and private universities, they are still lower than many other international destinations.

Incredible Living Experience - Spaniards have a unique way of life that is recognized as passionate, intense and welcoming and its vibrant energy is contagious!

Social life in Spain happens outdoors, on the streets. Spaniards enjoy socializing with friends in **terrazas**, coffee shops, tapas bars, discos and beaches. Whenever and wherever you go, you are sure to find a lively ambiance, even late into the evening.

After having spent your time living in Spain as a student, one could say that you will come away having 'mastered' a new way of living that truly embraces life!

Rich in Culture - A very cultural country, Spain dawned to history very early and the footprints of multiple cultures from traditions, art, architecture, gastronomy to music are part of the everyday life here.

Average Temperatures in Spain (°C)

City	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Oct	Nov-Dec
Madrid	10	17	25	32	22	11
Barcelona	13	17	23	28	23	15
Valencia	15.5	19	24.5	29	25	17.5
Sevilla	16.5	22.5	29.5	37	29	18
Valladolid	8.5	15.5	23	29	22	10
Salamanca	5	10	15	21	16	7
Bilbao	10	13	16.5	21	18.5	11.5
Zaragoza	11	18	25	31	23	12

Opportunity to Travel - From natural parks to cosmopolitan cities, from wild beaches and cliffs to touristic coastlines, from historical towns to avant-garde architecture, from cozy rural hotels to world class hotels, from Muslim architecture to Gothic cathedrals – Spain offers endless places to visit for those who love to travel. And, thanks to the excellent transportation network, some of these destinations are just around the corner and others just few hours away by road, high speed train or a local flight.

Choosing Spain to pursue your higher education also gives you the opportunity to be in one of the key gateways to visit and explore the rest of Europe.

Off Campus Life - Studying in Spain is not just about life on campus – there is an infinite choice of entertainment and leisure pursuits for students - an extensive coastline of fine sand beaches, adventure sports, shopping, theme parks, nightlife, cinemas, concerts, festivals, football games and more.

Amazing Weather - Spain is located in the South of Europe and enjoys a largely Mediterranean climate with milder average temperatures compared to other countries in the region. With approximately 2000 hours of sunshine annually, even in winter, you can enjoy outdoor living and a social calendar full of events year round.

Muslim Friendly - Spain is a respectful country that accommodates all religions and where numerous cultures coexist. From restaurants offering halal food to mosques in key cities, students from Muslim countries will feel at ease here.

Proximity to Home - If you ever feel homesick, you can always visit home on one of the 11 daily international flights to the GCC.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STUDY IN SPAIN



The price of a degree in a Public University depends on the number of "credits", the kind of studies (Experimental sciences versus management or humanities), the number of subjects and the university.

Prices per credit can go from 110 € to 150 € for a Bachelor's Degree. As degrees in Spain last 3 to 4 years (mostly 4 years), the number of credits per year will vary accordingly.

A course can cost anywhere from 6,000 € to 9,000 € plus another 200 € in administrative fees per year while a full Graduate degree can cost anywhere from 25,000 € to 38,000 €. On average, a 4 year Degree offering 240 credits can cost around 30,000 € or 7,500 € per year.

Credits for post-graduate programs can range from 60 credits (1 year) to 120 credits (2 years) and can cost from 120 € to 160 € per credit.

Private universities decide their own fee structure and there is a wide range on offer - it is advisable to check this information with each individual university.

WHAT IS THE COST OF LIVING

Spain is generally not considered an expensive country for living according to most of the international rankings. For instance:

Rank	City	Cost of Living Index	Rent Index	Groceries Index	Restaurant Price Index
1	Most expensive city in Europe	141	66	150	136
88	Palma de Mallorca, Spain	74	24	63	72
92	Bilbao, Spain	73	30	65	75
104	Barcelona, Spain	70	34	59	65
111	Madrid, Spain	68	33	57	70
113	Zaragoza, Spain	65	15	55	51
118	Valencia, Spain	60	21	51	57
119	Seville, Spain	60	21	52	58
125	Malaga, Spain	57	21	49	55
131	Granada, Spain	54	15	45	51
136	Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain	53	20	45	51

Source: https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/region_rankings.jsp?title=2018®ion=150



THE COST OF LIVING



ACCOMMODATION / LODGING

You will find a wide range of hotels and service apartments, from budget to luxury, to suit everyone's taste and budget, but most students choose to rent an apartment either on their own or share it with other students.

Prices of apartments will vary depending on the city and the area the apartment is located and the apartment size and the amenities it comes along with.

Eg.: An apartment of 50/60 sqm can cost from 400 € to 1000 € per month depending on the city and its location.

A room in an apartment shared with other students can cost from 350 € to 500 € depending on the city and the area.

Some universities have their own halls of residence (colegios mayores) and student flats, but places are limited. Look on the university website for information on university residences on and off campus as well as home stays with Spanish families.

FOOD

The prices of the "raw" ingredients should you choose to cook for yourself are similar to other European countries such as Germany or Italy.

Eating outside is very affordable and the quality of Spanish cuisine is great. There are literally thousands of restaurants to choose from offering a-la-carte to daily menus.

Tapas, the concept of bite-sized meals shared between people is a great option for a quick meal while socializing.

Most universities have a canteen for their students and you can have a simple meal for 6 or 8 € per person.

Beverages are incredibly inexpensive compared to any other European country. You can easily include a nice drink to your meal for a portion of the cost than you are generally accustomed to.



TRANSPORT

It is easy to move around in Spanish cities. Central areas are generally pedestrianized and you will find that most of your transport is by foot. A great option is rental bikes that are available in most of the cities at a flat monthly rate.

Public transport (buses in every city, the subway in Madrid, Barcelona and Seville) is fast, convenient and frequent. The cost per trip will be around 1.5 € but most cities have the option of monthly cards that reduce the price to 1 € per trip or unlimited monthly trips for 50 €.

DISCOUNTS FOR STUDENTS

There are a number of options for obtaining reduced prices for leisure and culture activities, travel and transport in the main cities, as well as direct discounts offered by many museums, theatres and cultural institutions for students. Getting an International Student Card (ISIC) is one such advantage. Cities like Madrid and Barcelona offer discounts to the 30-and-under and 25-and-under age groups respectively on their metros while the Spanish National Railway Network (RENFE) is introducing a new low cost HST service between Madrid and Barcelona in 2019 called EVA!



THE SPANISH ACADEMIC YEAR

Most Spanish universities divide the academic year into two semesters: the first generally runs from mid-September/early October to the end of December; the second runs from late January/early February to the end of May. Some universities have trimesters.



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HOW TO ENROLL AT A UNIVERSITY

You have to apply directly to each university because there's no centralized system in Spain, and each university sets its own entry requirements and deadlines for applications. The enrollment period usually goes from mid-June to mid-July but each university has their own calendar.

Along with other documents, all universities require validation of your prior educational certifications to ensure qualification for the degree you will be pursuing in Spain.

This takes time and it is advisable to obtain this certificate well in advance.

Universities in Spain will also want to see proof that you have good English-language skills for programs which are conducted in English. Almost all Spanish universities accept IELTS and TOEFL official English exam results.

You should also be aware that in order to apply for a student visa, a pre-enrollment acceptance from the university is a requirement and this should be asked for in advance.

It is always advisable to visit the website of the university, get in touch with the student secretariat, understand all the application requirements and start preparing the file in advance.



QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED IN SPAIN

Spanish universities offer official and non-official degrees.

Official degrees follow the **Bologna ECTS (European Credit Transfer and accumulation System)** and are recognized within all the countries making up the European Higher Education Area (EHEA):

- Grado – Bachelor's, four years, 240 ECTS.
- Posgrado – Master's, one to two years, 60–120 ECTS.

Under the ECTS, one credit corresponds to the student workload required to successfully complete the course modules, and these credits can be accumulated and transferred.

In addition, all Spanish universities also award non-official masters (Magister) and graduate (Maestrias) degrees specific to each university and only recognized as a good formation but not possible to homologate.

MAIN UNIVERSITIES AND BUSINESS SCHOOLS WITH PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES & LAW

- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, UC3M
www.uc3m.es
- CEU Universidad San Pablo, Madrid
www.uspceu.com
- Universidad Complutense Madrid
www.ucm.es
- IE University, Madrid & Segovia
www.ie.edu
- Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid
www.urjc.es
- Universidad Europea, Madrid
<https://universidadeuropea.es>
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
www.uab.cat
- Universitat de Barcelona
www.ub.edu
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
www.upf.edu
- Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona
www.iqs.edu
- Universidad Europea de Valencia
<https://universidadeuropea.es>
- CEU Cardinal Herrera, Valencia
[www.uchceu.com](http://uchceu.com)
- Universidad Zaragoza
<http://econz.unizar.es>
- Mondragon University, Mondragon
www.mondragon.edu
- Universidad Pablo De Olavide, Seville
www.upo.es
- Universidad Católica de Murcia
<http://international.ucam.edu>

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURE, TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, UC3M
www.uc3m.es
- CEU Universidad San Pablo, Madrid
www.uspceu.com
- Universidad Complutense Madrid
www.ucm.es
- Universidad Europea, Madrid
<https://universidadeuropea.es>
- Antonio de Nebrija, Madrid
www.nebrija.com
- Universidad Camilo José Cela, Madrid
www.ucjc.edu
- Universitat de Barcelona
www.ub.edu
- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona
www.upc.edu
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
www.upf.edu
- Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona
www.iqs.edu
- Universitat Politècnica de València
www.upv.es
- CEU Cardinal Herrera, Valencia
[www.uchceu.com](http://uchceu.com)
- Universidad de Salamanca
www.usal.es

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, UC3M
www.uc3m.es
- CEU Universidad San Pablo, Madrid
www.uspceu.com
- CEU Cardinal Herrera, Valencia
[www.uchceu.com](http://uchceu.com)
- Universidad Europea, Madrid
<https://universidadeuropea.es>
- Universidad Católica de Murcia
<http://international.ucam.edu>

MASTERS IN HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES & LAW

- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, UC3M
www.uc3m.es
- Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid
www.comillas.edu
- Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio, Madrid
www.uax.es
- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
www.uam.es
- Universidad Camilo José Cela, Madrid
www.ucjc.edu
- Universidad Complutense Madrid
www.ucm.es
- Universidad Nebrija, Madrid
www.nebrija.com
- Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid
www.urjc.es
- Universidad Europea, Madrid
<https://universidadeuropea.es>
- IE University, Madrid & Segovia
www.ie.edu
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
www.uab.cat
- Universitat de Barcelona
www.ub.edu
- Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona
www.url.edu
- Universitat International de Cataluña, Barcelona
www.uic.es
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
www.upf.edu
- CEU Cardinal Herrera, Valencia
www.uchceu.com
- Universitat de Valencia
www.uv.es
- Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona
www.urv.cat
- Universidad de Alicante
www.ua.es
- Universidad Pública de Navarra, Pamplona
www.unavarra.es
- Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona
www.unav.edu
- Universitat Jaume I, Castellón
www.uji.es
- Universidad de Deusto, San Sebastian & Bilbao
www.deusto.es
- Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea
University of Basque Country, Bizkaia
www.ehu.eus
- Universidad de Granada
www.ugr.es
- Universidad de Seville
www.us.es
- Universidad de Salamanca
www.usal.es
- Universidad Zaragoza
<http://econz.unizar.es>
- Universidad San Jorge, Zaragoza
www.usj.es
- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza
www.iamz.ciheam.org
- Universidad de Alcalá
www.uah.es
- Universidad de Almería
www.ual.es
- Universidad de Cádiz
www.uca.es
- Universidad de Cantabria
[https://web.unican.es](http://web.unican.es)
- Universidad Católica de Ávila
www.ucavila.es
- Universidad de Coruña
<http://estudos.udc.es>
- Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, Multiple campuses
www.uimp.es
- Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands
www.ulpgc.es
- Universidad de León
www.unileon.es
- Universidad de Murcia
www.um.es
- Universidad Católica de Murcia
<http://international.ucam.edu>
- Universidad de Oviedo
www.uniovi.es
- Universidad de Vigo
www.uvigo.gal
- Universitat de les Illes Balears
www.uib.eu
- Universidad de Córdoba
www.uco.es
- Universidad de Santiago de Compostela
www.usc.es

MASTERS IN ARCHITECTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING

- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, UC3M
www.uc3m.es
- IE Business School, Madrid
www.ie.edu/business-school
- Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
www.upm.es
- Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid
www.comillas.edu
- Universidad Nebrija, Madrid
www.nebrija.com
- Universidad Europea, Madrid
<https://universidadeuropea.es>
- National University of Distance Education (UNED)
<http://portal.uned.es>
- Universidad Politécnica de Cataluña, Barcelona
www.upc.edu
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
www.uab.cat
- Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona
www.url.edu
- Universitat de Barcelona
www.ub.edu
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
www.upf.edu
- Universitat Internacional de Cataluña, Barcelona
www.uic.es
- Universitat de Girona
www.udg.edu
- Universitat Politècnica de València
www.upv.es
- Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona
www.urv.cat
- Universitat Jaume I, Castellón
www.ubi.es
- Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (University of Basque Country), Bizkaia
www.ehu.eus
- Universidad de Cantabria
<https://web.unican.es>
- Universidad de Coruña
<http://estudios.udc.es>
- Universidad de Jaén
<https://epsl.uja.es>
- Universidad de León
www.unileon.es
- Universidad de Murcia
www.um.es
- Universidad de Oviedo
www.uniovi.es
- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza
www.iamz.ciheam.org

MASTERS IN HEALTH SCIENCES

- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
www.uam.es
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
www.uab.cat
- CEU Cardinal Herrera, Valencia
www.uchceu.com
- Universidad de León
www.unileon.es
- Universidad de Salamanca
www.usal.es

MASTERS IN ART

Instituto Europeo di Design- IED Madrid
www.ied.edu/ied-locations/madrid

BUSINESS SCHOOLS

- EOI School of Industrial Organisation, Madrid www.eoi.es
- IE Business School, Madrid www.ie.edu/business-school
- EAE Business School, Madrid & Barcelona <https://en.eae.es>
- EADA Business School, Barcelona www.eada.edu
- ESIC Business & Marketing School, Barcelona www.esic.edu
- ESADE Business School (Ramon Llull University), Barcelona www.esade.edu
- Pompeu Fabra School of Management, Barcelona www.barcelonaschoolofmanagement.upf.edu
- IESE Business School, University of Navarra www.iese.edu
- Deusto Business School, Bilbao <https://dbs.deusto.es>

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- <http://sepie.es/aplicaciones-web/i18n/html/tablagrados.html>
- <http://sepie.es/aplicaciones-web/i18n/html/tablamasters.html>



LEARN SPANISH IN SPAIN

Spanish is spoken, as a mother tongue, by more than 470 million people (second only after Chinese) and is the official language of 21 countries.

In addition to this, it is also widely spoken in some countries including the USA. Having a command of the language is a definite value addition for future employment.



To learn Spanish is not a difficult language as it is very phonetic in nature and it is pronounced exactly as it is written. And to learn Spanish in Spain is much more than learning a language – it's also about learning its culture, art, cuisine and traditions by experiencing it live!

You can study the language in any of the large number of academies present in Spain but do ensure that the course is accredited by the Instituto Cervantes, the public institution in charge of promoting the Spanish language. The institute issues the Diplomas of Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE), the official level of certification of a student's level of competency and fluency in Spanish. For more information, visit:
<http://www.studyinspain.info/en/estudios/espanol-en-espana/>
or <http://fedele.org/en/>

Most universities organize specific Spanish courses for foreigners with attractive and flexible options like summer courses and transferable credits.

GETTING THE VISA AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Please visit:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Embajadas>

then select the correct Embassy and look for "Long Duration Visas" in "Information for Foreigners"

Among others, some of the requirements that you could be asked for are:

- Certificate of acceptance from the Spanish Educational institution for a full time program stating the type, length and language of the program.
- Certificate of the deposit or first installment of the tuition fees
- Proof of previous studies
- Good conduct certificate
- Proof of accommodation, health insurance and financial means of supporting your stay in Spain.

If you are going to be in Spain for more than 6 months, you will have to also apply for the Foreigner Identity Card (Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero) at the Office for Foreign Affairs or at a Police Station in your place of residence, within 1 month of your arrival.

You can study in Spain beyond a year; provided you apply for the annual extension within 60 days prior to the visa expiration date.



WORKING IN SPAIN

As a student, the Spanish residence permit entitles you to work either part-time or in a temporary position, as long as it doesn't interfere with your studies and provided the position is offered by the company. The company who employs you will need to get a work permit for you from the Foreigner's Office. Your employment contract cannot exceed the duration of the study visa.

Post completing your education, you can seek jobs in Spain, provided they are related to your field of study.

INTRA-EU MOBILITY

You can carry out part of your studies in other EU Member country in accordance with the conditions laid down by each.





MORE INFORMATION:

For more information, please visit any of the below websites that are a good source of information:

www.spain.info/gcc

www.studyinspain.info

www.sepie.es/internationalisation.html

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