



PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES · EPA ROUTE **SPAIN**

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ABOUT SPAIN

- This guide covers Spain's **public universities** — affordable, research-led institutions, with **Madrid** as the capital.
- Home to around **48 million people** and a warm, welcoming culture.
- A **growing range of English-taught** degrees in business, STEM and social sciences.
- Public tuition is **heavily subsidised** by the state.
- The **Euro (€)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



INDIA TO SPAIN

CURRENCY

Euro (€) · 1 EUR ≈ ₹100 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 9h 30m	Spain
Mumbai	≈ 9h 00m	Spain
Bengaluru	≈ 11h 00m	Spain
Chennai	≈ 11h 30m	Spain
Hyderabad	≈ 10h 30m	Spain

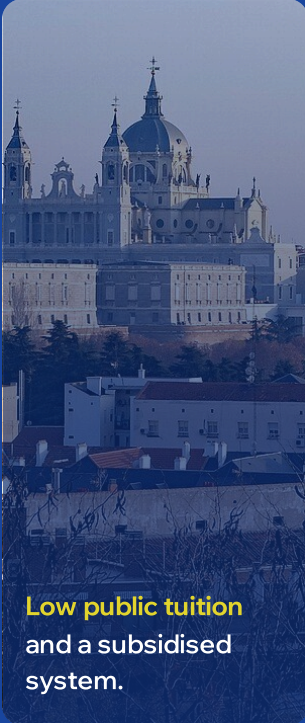


FACTS

- Capital: **Madrid**
- Flight distance: ~7,000 km
- Time zone: **CET (UTC+1)**
- Tuition: **€3,000–12,000 / yr**
- Proof of funds: ~**€7,200 / yr**
- Main intakes: **Sep · Jan**

Public-university figures for non-EU students. Figures indicative; verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN SPAIN?



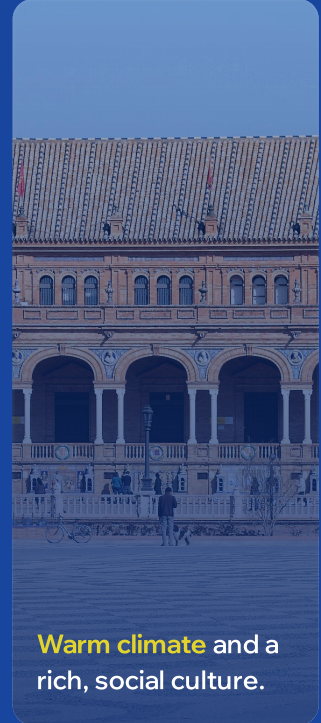
Low public tuition and a subsidised system.



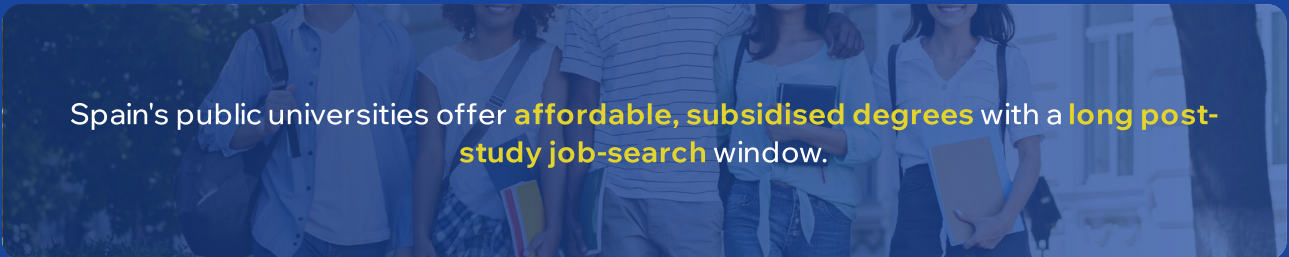
Growing English-taught degrees in STEM and business.



12–24 month job-search visa after study.



Warm climate and a rich, social culture.



Spain's public universities offer **affordable, subsidised degrees** with a **long post-study job-search** window.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- This brochure covers Spain's public, low-fee universities.
- They fall into three broad groups:



PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

State-funded, research-led institutions.



POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITIES

Engineering and applied sciences.



PUBLIC BUSINESS FACULTIES

Economics and management within universities.



Barcelona
Public campuses across , and beyond.

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Spain hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

Complutense University of Madrid**MADRID**

One of Spain's largest public universities.

University of Barcelona**BARCELONA**

Top-ranked public research university.

Autonomous University of Barcelona**BARCELONA**

Strong in sciences and social sciences.

University of Valencia**VALENCIA**

Broad research across disciplines.

Autonomous University of Madrid**MADRID**

Research-intensive public university.

University of Granada**GRANADA**

Popular, historic public university.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Spain's public universities are strong in **business, engineering and tourism**.



BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Management, finance and analytics.



ENGINEERING

Civil, mechanical and industrial.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

Software, data and AI.



TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

A world tourism leader.



ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Renowned design and architecture.



HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Medicine, biotech and nursing.

TUITION & COSTS

- Spain's **public tuition is low** — the state subsidises most of the cost, even for non-EU students.

Undergraduate non-EU, per year	€3,000–8,000
Postgraduate / Master's per year	€4,000–12,000
Medicine & specialist per year	higher, varies
Living costs per year	€8,000–12,000
Proof of funds for visa	~€7,200 / yr

MAEC-AECID and university scholarships further reduce costs for strong applicants.

COST OF LIVING

- Spain is one of **Western Europe's most affordable** destinations to live in.

Accommodation residencia / shared flat	€350–700
Food & groceries	€200–300
Transport student travel pass	€20–55
Health & insurance	~€60
Phone, internet & leisure	€120–180
Estimated monthly total	~€700–1,100

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Government and university scholarships help offset already-low public tuition.

MAEC-AECID

GOVT

Spanish government scholarships for internationals.

University Scholarships

INSTITUTIONAL

Merit and need-based awards.

Erasmus+

EU MOBILITY

Grants for eligible study periods.

Regional Grants

REGIONAL

Community-level study support.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 6.0** or Spanish proficiency for Spanish-taught courses.
- UNEDasiss credential recognition for some programmes.
- Apply directly to each university.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** or language proof.
- Statement of purpose and references.
- Portfolio or interview for some programmes.

INTAKES

- **September / October** — main intake — widest choice of courses
- **January / February** — second intake at some universities
- **Rolling** — apply early for visa and housing

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

OFFER & ACCEPTANCE

Accept your offer and pay any fees.

2

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show ~€600/month (100% IPREM).

3

APPLY AT CONSULATE

Apply for the national (Type D) student visa.

4

DOCUMENTS & BIOMETRICS

Submit documents and give biometrics.

5

APPROVAL & TRAVEL

Receive approval and travel to Spain.

6

TIE CARD

Apply for the foreigner ID card (TIE) after arrival.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work **30 hours a week**, then stay **12-24 months** to find work after graduating.

Part-Time Work

30 HRS/WEEK

Generous student work allowance.

Job-Search Visa

12-24 MONTHS

Stay to find work or start a business.

Work & Residence Permit

SKILLED ROUTE

Convert once you have a job offer.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

Tourism, tech, engineering and business.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose public universities and programmes.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS/language proof and SOP.

3

APPLY

Apply directly to each university.

4

OFFER & FUNDS

Accept your offer and arrange proof of funds.

5

VISA

Apply for the Type D student visa at the consulate.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange housing and apply for the TIE.



Your Spain study journey — one step at a time.