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Education Abroad Advisement Guide: **Madrid, Spain**

How to Use this Guide

Be proactive and start planning early. This guide contains preapproved course listings for the USAC program in Madrid, Spain. **What type of people choose this program? Students who are passionate about Spanish and European studies and want to study in one of the world's great capitols.** Visit the USAC website for pictures and more detailed descriptions of the program, or stop by the International Learning Opportunities Office today to get more information. This guide, along with your BSU Academic Advisement Report and the USAC catalog, provides the tools you need to plan and apply for a program. Involve your major/minor advisor as you choose a program and prepare for you time abroad so that you do not prolong graduation. Course descriptions are available at: <http://usac.unr.edu>.

Studying Abroad in Madrid, Spain: *Spanish and European Studies*

Extracurricular Opportunities

Volunteering

Students are encouraged to volunteer to participate in the community and give back.

Internships

You may be able to get an internship and gain experience in your field.

Field trips

Students can see other parts of Spain on weekend field trips to Segovia, **La Granja de San Ildefonso, La Mancha, Salamanca, or Toledo.**

Field Studies

Each semester, USAC offers an exciting four-day, 1-credit field study trip to explore a distinctive region of Spain (Basque Country or **Cataluña**).

The University

All classes are taught at the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos Vicálvaro Campus, which is inviting, modern, and student-friendly.

The campus provides a great learning and social atmosphere for USAC students.

City Life

Overview

Students are encouraged to explore every facet of the city. Madrid offers a wide variety of entertainment for people of all ages and cultural interests, as well as a wide variety of sports. Visiting art museums, partaking in cultural events and becoming integrated in Madrid's community are essential to understanding Spain's culture.

A Few Famous Places

Art Galleries/Museums: the Prado, the Reina Sofia, and the Thyssen-Bornemisza (art galleries).

Squares/Parks/Historic Sites: Retiro Park, Plaza Mayor, The Palacio Real, Gran Via, Plaza de

Cibeles, Almudena Cathedral, Puerta del Sol, Alcala Gate, Plaza de España, Main Post Office, Mercado de San Miguel, Royal Botanical Garden, Plaza de Santa Ana, etc.

Registration Information

Specialty programs are designed and operated by USAC. Students who participate in a Specialty program will be enrolled at Boise State University while abroad and will not need to transfer credits after returning. Most USACE Specialty courses have a Boise State equivalent course. Work with your academic advisor when deciding on courses to satisfy major requirements, and with a staff member at the International Learning Opportunities office for course registration and syllabi inquiries.

Course descriptions are available at <http://usac.unr.edu>.

Use the USAC program search to see what other programs may also be of interest to you!

<http://usac.unr.edu/programs/search>.

| USAC Course Title | | BSU Equivalent |
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| Focus: Introduction to Digital Photography as Fine Art | 1 | Elective Credit |
| Survey of Art I: Western/European Art | 3 | ART 239 |
| Spanish Art II: From the 17th Century to the Present | 3 | Elective Credit |
| Survey of Art II: Western/European Art | 3 | ART 102 |
| 20th Century & Contemporary Spanish History and Cinema | 3 | HIST 439 |
| Drawing Madrid I | 3 | Elective Credit |
| Drawing Madrid II | 3 | Elective Credit |
| Masterpieces of European Art I/II | 1 | ART 239 |
| Spain Seen By Photograph | 3 | Elective Credit |
| Survey of Contemporary Photography in Spain | 1 | Elective Credit |
| Dances of Spain | 1 | KINACT 122 |
| Economic and Political Institutions of the European Union | 3 | 1) IB 497 2) POLYS 329 |
| Seminar: Preparation for the Cervantes Exam at the Proficiency Level | 3 | Elective Credit |
| Internship | 1/2/3 | 439/493 |
| Spanish Culture and Civilization Field Study | 1 | Elective Credit |
| Elementary Spanish I | 4 | SPANISH 101 |
| Elementary Spanish II | 4 | SPANISH 102 |
| Intermediate Spanish I | 3 | SPANISH 201 |
| Intermediate Spanish II | 3 | SPANISH 202 |
| Spanish Culture and Civilization (English) | 3 | SPANISH 376 |
| Spanish Composition I | 3 | SPANISH 303 |
| Spanish Composition II | 3 | SPANISH 439 |
| Spanish Conversation and Oral Skills | 3 | SPANISH 239 or 439 |
| Spanish for Business | 3 | SPANISH 305 |

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| Spanish Culture and Civilization (Spanish) | 3 | SPANISH 376 |
| Survey of Spanish Literature I | 3 | SPANISH 405 |
| Survey of Spanish Literature II | 3 | SPANISH 406 |
| Advanced Spanish I | 3 | SPANISH 439 or 412 |
| Advanced Spanish II | 3 | SPANISH 439 or 412 |
| Advanced Spanish Writing and Stylistics | 3 | SPANISH 439 |
| Seminar in Spanish Language | 3 | SPANISH 439 |
| 20th Century & Contemporary Spanish Narrative | 3 | SPANISH 440 |
| 20th Century & Contemporary Spanish Theatre | 3 | SPANISH 440 |
| 20th Century & Contemporary Spanish Short Stories | 3 | SPANISH 440 |
| 20th Century & Contemporary Spanish Poetry | 3 | SPANISH 440 |
| 20th Century & Contemporary European History and Cinema | 3 | HIST 439 |
| Spanish Culture and Civilization Field Study | 1 | Elective Credit |
| Exploring Music and Society: Flamenco | 3 | Elective Credit |
| Spanish Cuisine | 1 | Elective Credit |
| Government and Politics in Spain | 3 | SPANISH 439 |

What Will I Gain from Studying Abroad?

Personal Benefits

- experience with different cultures
- a better grip on foreign affairs
- friends from around the world
- a new understanding of your own culture
- tales of adventure to last a lifetime

Career Enhancement

- experience with cross cultural communication
- possible fluency in a foreign language
- understanding of cultural differences
- openness to new ideas/unfamiliar situations
- increased interest in academic study/career path

What's the Next Step?

1. Meet with a study abroad advisor in the International Learning Opportunities office.
2. Meet with your major/minor advisor to go over your long-term plans and goals for studying abroad.
3. Consult the USAC catalog or website as you complete your study abroad planning sheet.
4. Complete your application by the
5. Apply for or renew your passport.
6. Attend information sessions and workshops on topics such as financial aid, visas, and other useful information (ask the ILO office for more information).
7. Start packing!