

BOSTON COLLEGE

# Spain



Office of International Programs



# Welcome to Spain

**H**ome to El Greco and Picasso, flamenco dancing, bullfighting, Moorish architecture and avant-garde buildings, Spain is a culture of contrasts. Seamlessly integrating its centuries-old traditions, distinct regions, varied geography, and an assortment of art and architecture, modern-day Spain is known for its cultural diversity, passionate atmosphere, and lively nightlife. Since the end of the Franco dictatorship, Spain has transformed itself into a vibrant democracy and its entry into the European Union marked the beginning of a remarkable period of economic development. Today, Spain's businesses are global players.

Boston College students wishing to spend a semester or year in Spain have many options. BC study abroad locations include Madrid, one of the largest cities in Europe, as well as other cities where students can easily integrate into local and university life. Students with the equivalent of four college-level semesters of Spanish can choose from programs at comprehensive institutions with a broad discipline range, such as the Universidad Complutense, or select smaller, more tailored programs like the Granada Institute of International Studies (GRIIS). Level of immersion varies, from full immersion to more individualized programs for international students. No matter what students' academic and personal interests entail, they will find a suitable program in Spain.





ESADE

[www.esade.edu/](http://www.esade.edu/)

Founded in 1957 by Catalan entrepreneurs who joined forces with the Society of Jesus, ESADE was created to train competent, professional business managers with a sense of social responsibility. Today ESADE is considered by many to be one of the best business schools in the world, and it has received particular attention for its exemplary social and environmental emphasis. ESADE trains students both at its Business and Law Schools. Through its links with the corporate world and society, ESADE has fostered a lively platform for debate and social involvement. Students reside in international campus dorms or in apartments.

### Program Highlights

- Leading business school in international rankings, possessing three of the most prestigious global accreditations
- Broad range of business courses taught in Spanish and English
- One month early start intensive Spanish course offered at all levels

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)

[www.upf.edu/international/](http://www.upf.edu/international/)

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), which houses one of the most highly-ranked Economics departments in Spain, is a relatively new institution with over 10,000 students. Courses include economics and business, humanities, liberal arts, political science, and a limited number of communications classes. Students may choose from regular courses in Spanish and a small number of English-taught courses in economics and management. BC students reside in local residence halls or with families.

### Program Highlights

- Three-week early start intensive Spanish course offered at all levels
- Beautiful centrally-located campus with easy access to downtown Barcelona
- Student associations offering a variety of activities

## BARCELONA

Spain's second largest city and the capital of Cataluña, Barcelona has a distinct language and culture. A Mediterranean port originally developed as a series of largely self-contained neighborhoods each with its own identity and function, Barcelona today is easy to navigate. From its medieval Gothic quarter and historic old town to its world famous art nouveau architecture, Barcelona is a diverse city of unrivaled beauty which continues to flourish in an international setting.

### The Program

BC students take courses at ESADE or Universitat Pompeu Fabra, and are fully integrated into their host school. All BC students take an early start intensive Spanish language course. A BC on-site coordinator organizes activities.



Andalusia

PROGRAM KEY



FALL



SPRING



FULL YEAR



## BILBAO AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Bilbao, a seaport and industrial hub in the north of Spain, is the Basque region's largest city. The city's beautiful parks, wide avenues, and scenic river Nervion serve as a sharp contrast to its industrial architecture. The city has recently experienced a renaissance and has become a center for culture and the arts, with the Guggenheim Museum as one of its popular attractions.

An ancient port situated on the western side of the Pyrenees at the foot of Mount Urgull, San Sebastián is an hour's drive from Bilbao. A popular resort destination with a population of 180,000, the city offers both the charm of a small town and the advantages of a large metropolis. San Sebastián hosts an annual international film festival, and has excellent restaurants, museums, and other attractions. The city is easily accessible to the mountain village of Loyola, where Saint Ignatius was born.

### The Program

[www.deusto.es](http://www.deusto.es)

Established in 1886 by the Society of Jesus, the Universidad de Deusto is one of Spain's most distinguished universities. With a student body of approximately 16,000, the university has its main campus in Bilbao and a second, modern campus in San Sebastián. The Bilbao campus offers courses in political science, literature, humanities, and art history. San Sebastián offers both Spanish and English-taught courses in business through ESTE, the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, as well as classes in communications, humanities, and social work. BC students reside in apartments or with families.

### Program Highlights

- Optional business internships in San Sebastián
- A month-long intensive Spanish language program
- Tutors and language exchange program available
- Three-day optional BC excursion to southern Spain



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## MADRID

The Spanish capital of Madrid is both a dynamic business center and one of Europe's most beautiful and vibrant cities. A cultural and political hub, Madrid has several palaces, theaters, parks, and museums, including the world-renowned Museo del Prado which includes famous Spanish works by Velázquez and Goya. While the city remains prominent in business and politics, its inhabitants enjoy a lifestyle which includes long walks, tapas, and late-night outings with friends and family.

### The Program

BC students take courses at one of the following three universities and are fully integrated into university life. A full-time BC on-site coordinator organizes monthly activities. Students are required to take a two-week intensive language course before the semester starts, and can also take a BC-sponsored Spanish culture course which includes local field trips. Students reside in university residence halls, with local families, or in apartments with OIP approval.

#### Universidad Carlos III

[www.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/inicio](http://www.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/inicio)

A midsize university located just outside of Madrid, Carlos III is the city's newest public university and offers excellent facilities and a dynamic, young intellectual community. BC students with post-intermediate Spanish skills may enroll in "Cursos de Estudios Hispánicos," or courses designed for international students. The curriculum includes classes in Spanish grammar, conversation, reading and writing, art history, literature, cinema, and business. Students with sufficient Spanish may enroll in regular university courses selected from a range of disciplines.

### Program Highlights

- Business courses taught in English and Spanish
- Beautiful new campus
- Special program designed for students with no background in Spanish

## GRANADA

Located about 260 miles southeast of Madrid at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Andalusia, Granada is a student-friendly city of over 200,000 inhabitants. Situated close to the Mediterranean coast, the city is rich in cultural and historical attractions and has easy access to both skiing and the beach. A stunning Moorish palace, La Alhambra, is a reminder of Spain's Muslim legacy and one of Granada's best-known attractions.

#### The Program

[www.griis.es/](http://www.griis.es/)

The Granada Institute of International Studies (GRIIS) is a private institution which offers a variety of courses in Spanish language and culture, with a special emphasis on translation and interpretation. Small, intensive courses with strong student attention focus on Spanish language, culture, history, literature, art history, economics, and politics. The Institute has a cooperation agreement with the Modern Language Center of the University of Granada, where its fully-accredited classes are held. Housing is in local Spanish homes.

### Program Highlights

- Special undergraduate seminar taught by program director
- Various spring internships for full year students
- A two-day excursion to Madrid and day trips to other local sites





### Universidad Complutense

[www.ucm.es/](http://www.ucm.es/)

Situated in central Madrid, Complutense is the largest university in Spain and the oldest of Madrid's public universities. The campus offers a dynamic intellectual community and its professors are among Spain's most distinguished. BC students enroll directly in regular Complutense courses or participate in the Reunidas program, designed specifically for international students. Of special interest are courses in communications, art, history, linguistics, psychology, computer sciences, romance languages, law, and anthropology.

### Program Highlights

- Credit-bearing internships in local schools
- Large variety of courses in most disciplines
- Central and easily accessible by metro or bus

### Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid

[www.upcomillas.es/](http://www.upcomillas.es/)

The Jesuit Universidad Pontificia Comillas has two campuses and offers a full curriculum. The downtown ICADE campus offers courses in business, economics, and law, as well as a new specialization in international relations. Visits to major industries, banks, and firms supplement course work. The Cantoblanco campus, whose psychology program is among Spain's best, is for students wishing to take courses in social sciences and humanities. This program is designed for students with advanced or bilingual Spanish skills.

### Program Highlights

- Advanced classes in one of Spain's most prestigious private universities
- Unpaid internships available
- Complete immersion opportunity

In addition to these BC programs, students also have the choice to enroll in approved external programs. For details visit [www.bc.edu/international](http://www.bc.edu/international).

