IMPORTANT STUDENT VISA INFORMATION FOR SPAIN STUDENTS – *PLEASE READ!*

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If your academic program in Spain is more than 90 days:

If the amount of time you will be in Spain on an academic program or programs is more than 90 days, you are **REQUIRED** to obtain a student visa from the Spanish Government! This is **YOUR** responsibility! You **MUST** apply for your student visa through the Spanish Consulate with jurisdiction over your permanent state of residence (see list of Consulates on back). Permanent state of residence is normally determined by the address listed on your parents' income tax return. **Please note that most Consulates require that students apply for their visa IN PERSON**. If you are not a US citizen, you should contact your Consulate immediately to inquire about specific admission/visa requirements.

Rules and regulations for student visas are constantly changing and each Spanish Consulate in the US functions independently and makes its own rules, deadlines, and policies. You should contact your Consulate **IMMEDIATELY** to request a student visa application and a list of requirements and to verify the application process and timetable. You will be applying for a **Schengen Visa** (visit www.eurovisa.info for more information). Your passport will physically remain at the Consulate until your student visa is approved, so keep that in mind if you plan to travel before the program. Most Spanish Consulates require that students submit their student visa application package **AT LEAST 45-60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE**, so be sure to plan ahead. If your Consulate requires that you appear in person, be sure to verify that they will be open and accepting applications before you make specific travel plans. Some Consulates also require that you set up an appointment far in advance, so keep that in mind.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN PERSON AT THE CONSULATE IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR YOUR STUDENT VISA

Approved student visas are typically valid for 90 days. Once you are in Spain, you will then need to apply for an extension through the local police in the city in which you will be studying. This extension will allow you to stay in Spain for the duration of your studies. Your on-site directors will assist you with this process.

To download a Schengen Visa application, locate contact information for your Consulate, or access general information, please visit the following website:

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If your academic program in Spain is less than 90 days:

If the amount of time you will be in Spain on an academic program or programs is less than 90 days, you **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to obtain a student visa. Please note that **WITHOUT** a student visa, you will be in Spain as a **TOURIST**. Tourist status gives you **90 DAYS** in which to be in Spain (and the other Schengen States). According to the Spanish Government, if you surpass this allotted time, you will be in violation and may be subject to fines, arrest, and/or expulsion. This means that, outside of your program dates, you will only be able to travel for the exact number of days between the end date of your program and the 90-day maximum. FOR EXAMPLE: If your academic program is 85 days, then you will have 5 days to travel before your tourist status expires.

PLEASE NOTE: MOST CONSULATES WILL NOT ISSUE A STUDENT VISA IF YOUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM IS LESS THAN 90 DAYS.

The following is a list of what certain Consulates require in order to apply for a student visa. It is IMPERATIVE that you contact your Consulate immediately to obtain an official list of requirements. Each Consulate has different requirements, guidelines, and policies.

___ Original Schengen Visa application form, provided by the Consulate of Spain (plus 3 photocopies). If the visa application is not completed correctly, it will be denied. Please contact the Consulate if you have questions about filling out the application.

___ Original passport (plus 1 photocopy). Please note that your passport will remain at the Consulate until your student visa is issued. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months, must be signed, and must have a blank page on which to affix the student visa.

___ 4 standard color passport pictures.

___ Original letter of acceptance from ISA (plus 1 photocopy). See enclosed letter.

___ Original letter from ISA to the Consulate General of Spain (plus 1 photocopy). This will verify: full-time status, medical insurance coverage, name and address of Spanish university/institution, and proof of accommodation. See enclosed letter.

___ Original letter of acceptance from Spanish university/institution (plus 1 photocopy). This letter will be mailed to you at your permanent address after the ISA payment due date.

___ Notarized statement from parents assuming financial responsibility for you during your stay.

___ Copy of your parents' most recent bank statements.

___ Copy of your parents' most recent income tax return.

___ Money order (or cash if applying in person) for $100 (non-refundable visa processing fee). No personal checks will be accepted.

___ Medical certificate: letter from doctor on doctor's letterhead/stationery verifying that you are in good physical and mental health and free of communicable disease and drug addiction (plus 1 photocopy).

___ Self-addressed US Postal Service Express Mail Overnight envelope with appropriate postage and completed label form if your specific Consulate allows for the visa to be mailed to the student. PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME CONSULATES REQUIRE THAT YOU APPEAR IN PERSON TO PICK UP YOUR APPROVED STUDENT VISA.

___ Proof of airline ticket. For stays over 180 days, it may not be mandatory to have a confirmed return flight.

___ Official Report of Good Conduct or Criminal Record from the police department of the city in which the applicant has lived for 6 months or more during the last 5 years. This is normally only required for academic programs over 180 days.

Consulate General of Spain in Washington, D.C.
2375 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037
Tel: (202) 728-2330
Fax: (202) 728-2302
Email: cgspaindc@mail.mae.es
Website: www.spainemb.org
Jurisdiction: District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina

Consulate General of Spain in Los Angeles
5055 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 860
Los Angeles, CA 90036
Tel: (323) 938-0158 / 59 / 61 / 66 / 67
Fax: (323) 938-2502
Email: consplax@mail.mae.es
Website: www.mae.es/consulados/losangeles/
Jurisdiction: Arizona, Colorado, Utah, California (Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura)

Consulate General of Spain in San Francisco
1405 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
Tel: (415) 922-2995 / 96
Fax: (415) 931-9706
Email: conspsfo@mail.mae.es
Website: www.mae.es/consulados/sanfrancisco/
Jurisdiction: Alaska, California (except counties assigned to Los Angeles), Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, and U.S. islands in the Pacific

Consulate General of Spain in Miami
2655 Le Jeune Rd. Suite 203
Coral Gables, FL 33134
Tel: (305) 446-5511 / 12 / 13
Fax: (305) 446-0585
Email: cgspain.miami@mail.mae.es
Website: www.conspainmiami.org/
Jurisdiction: South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Consulate General of Spain in Chicago
180 North Michigan Ave. Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel: (312) 782-4588 / 89
Fax: (312) 782-1635
Email: cgspain.chicago@mail.mae.es
Website: www.consulate-spain-chicago.com/
Jurisdiction: Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas

Consulate General of Spain in New Orleans
2102 World Trade Center
2 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
Tel: (504) 525-4951 / 7920
Fax: (504) 525-4955
Email: conspneworleans@mail.mae.es
Jurisdiction: Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee

Consulate General of Spain in Boston
545 Boylston Street, Suite 803
Boston, MA 02116
Tel: (617) 536-2506 / 27
Fax: (617) 536-8512
Email: conspbos@mail.mae.es
Website: www.spainconsul-ny.org/boston.html
Jurisdiction: Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island

Consulate General of Spain in New York
150 East 58th Street, 30th and 31st floors
New York, NY 10155
Tel: (212) 355-4080 / 81 / 82 / 85 / 90
Fax: (212) 644-3751
Email: spainconsulny@mail.mae.es
Website: www.spainconsul-ny.org/
Jurisdiction: Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania

Consulate General of Spain in Houston
1800 Bering Drive, Suite 660
Houston, TX 77057
Tel: (713) 783-6200 / 05 / 14
Fax: (713) 783-6166
Email: consulatespain@houston.rr.com / conspainhouston@mail.mae.es
Jurisdiction: Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma