Spain – Visa Requirement

This type of visa allows you to study or do research work in Spain for periods exceeding 3 months.

U.S. citizens do not need a visa to study in Spain for less than 90 days.

Minnesota Residents will apply for their visa at the Consulate General of Spain in Chicago, Illinois office located at the following address:

180 North Michigan Avenue
Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60601

It is highly recommended to contact the consulate’s visa office before proceeding with your application to ensure you are completing all the steps required to obtain your visa in a timely manner:

VISA DEPARTMENT: cog.chicago.vis@maec.es

The application must be submitted in person by you or through an authorized representative (it must have a notarized authorization).

ALL VISA APPLICATIONS REQUIRE AN APPOINTMENT.
ONE APPOINTMENT PER APPLICANT: http://spainconsulchicago.timetrade.com

APPLICATION
- FOR INFORMATION ON VISA APPLICATION CONSULT WEB PAGE. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TELEPHONE OR MAIL!
- Only students with permanent residence in this Consulate’s jurisdiction may apply through a legal representative, who presents written, notarized authorization from the applicant.
- Students who attend School in our jurisdiction but are permanent residents of a State outside this Consulate’s jurisdiction can only APPLY IN PERSON.
- Applications by mail are NOT accepted.
- ALL applicants must appear IN PERSON to COLLECT their visa.
- Parents or custodians of MINOR (under 18) applicants must appear IN PERSON to COLLECT their visa.
- Visas fees are NOT refundable.
- ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN ORIGINAL FORM + 1 COPY.
- Count 4 to 8 weeks necessary for visa processing as of date of valid application.
- Please note that visa dates (“de...al”) appear in day/month/year order!
- No translation required of documents presented.

Study Abroad Program Coordinators
- NO group submissions accepted between May 15th and July 15th and October 15th -December 15th.
- Appointments for group submissions prior to those dates should be requested to: cog.chicago.vis@maec.es stating the number of applications to be submitted.
- Study Abroad Program Coordinators need to present a letter confirming their employment by the School, University, or Program, when submitting group applications.
- Payment for group applications must be paid with NO MORE THAN 3 MONEY ORDERS, University or Program checks for the whole group.

II. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:
1. STUDENT VISA (FOR STAYS UP TO 180 DAYS):
- 2 application forms: click here
  - Original Passport and ID and 1 copy: The passport must be valid for the total period of your stay in Spain with at least one blank page to affix the visa.
- 2 passport size photos (white background).
- Letter of acceptance as a full-time student from Spain’s University/School or US Program indicating: name, address, telephone and fax number of the school; full payment of tuition; duration of the program, subjects of study and hours of study per week (no less than 20).
- International Health insurance: (minimum coverage equal to 30,000 Euros) and necessarily including Repatriation Coverage for the total period of stay in Spain.
  - This may also be stated in the original letter provided by the Program, School or University guaranteeing a full International Health insurance (minimum 30,000 Euros) necessarily including Repatriation Coverage for the total period of stay in Spain.
- Evidence of funds: Provide one of the following documents:
  - Letter from the University, School or US Program assuming full financial responsibility during the whole stay.
  - Proof of financial aid or scholarship of at least $1,000 per month.
  - Notarized letter of parents/custodians, assuming full financial responsibility for at least $2,200 per month.
    - Suggested wording: “I hereby certify that I, the (father, mother, other), of (full name), will support her/him with a monthly allowance of $1,000 while she/he is in Spain and that I am financially responsible for any emergency that may arise.”
  - Personal bank account statements showing at least $1,000 per month of stay (last 3 bank statements).
- NON REFUNDABLE VISA FEES (click here) payable ONLY by “Money-Order”.
- MINORS (under 18) need to present a notarized letter signed by parents or custodians authorizing the visa application, together with minor’s Birth Certificate.

1.A. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VISA APPLICATION BY SPOUSE OF A STUDENT VISA APPLICANT (FOR STAYS UP TO 180 DAYS). Same documents as for visa applicant, together with a marriage certificate:
- 2 application forms click here
- 2 passport size photos (white background).
- Original Passport and 1 copy.
- Proof of financial means: Bank statements of the last 3 months, including the most recent.
- International Health insurance.

*Marriage Certificate*
- If marriage took place in a country other than the U.S, marriage certificate must be legalized by the Spanish Consulate or Embassy of that country and translated into Spanish.

1.B. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VISA APPLICATION FOR CHILDREN (UNDER 18) OF A STUDENT VISA APPLICANT (FOR STAYS UP TO 180 DAYS). Same documents as for visa applicant, together with a birth certificate:
- Two application forms click here
- 2 photos passport size (white background).
- Original Passport and 1 copy.
- Proof of financial means: Bank statements of the last 3 months, including the most recent.
- International Health insurance.

*Birth Certificate* - If Birth took place in a country other than the US, Birth certificate must be legalized by the Spanish Consulate or Embassy of that country and translated into Spanish.

2. STUDENT VISA (FOR STAYS OVER 180 DAYS):
- 2 application forms: click here
  - Original Passport and ID and 1 copy: The passport must be valid for the total period of your stay in Spain with at least one blank page to affix the visa.
  - 2 passport size photos (white background).
  - Letter of acceptance as a full-time student from Spain’s University/School or US Program indicating: name, address, telephone and fax number of the school; full payment of tuition; duration of the program, subjects of study and hours of study per week which (no less than 20).
  - International Health insurance: (minimum coverage equal to 30,000 Euros) and necessarily including Repatriation Coverage for the total period of stay in Spain.
    - This may also be stated in the original letter provided by the Program, School or University guaranteeing a full International Health insurance (minimum 30,000 Euros) necessarily including Repatriation Coverage for the total period of stay in Spain.
  - Evidence of funds: Provide one of the following documents:
    - Letter from the University, School or US Program assuming full financial responsibility during the whole stay.
    - Proof of financial aid or scholarship of at least $1,000 per month.
    - Notarized letter of parents/custodians, assuming full financial responsibility for at least $2,200 per month. Suggested wording: “I hereby certify that I, the (father, mother, other), of (full name), will support her/him with a monthly allowance of $1,000 while she/he is in Spain and that I am financially responsible for any emergency that may arise.”
    - Personal bank account statements showing at least $1,000 per month of stay (last 3 bank statements).

- FOR APPLICANTS OVER 18, FBI or State Police Criminal Background Check legalized with the “Apostille of the Hague Convention” from the U.S. A police record must be obtained (criminal background check) from all non EU countries where you have lived in the past five years for more than 6 months, legalized by the Spanish Consulate or Embassy in the respective countries.
LOCAL POLICE BACKGROUND CHECK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- Medical certificate: A doctor’s recent statement in doctor’s or medical center letterhead, stating:
  
  “The applicant has been examined and found in good physical and mental health to travel to study abroad and is free of contagious diseases or any other illnesses which could lead to Public Health repercussions according to the International Sanitary Regulations”. The medical certificate must be signed by a M.D. (original + 1 copy).

- NON REFUNDABLE VISA FEES (click here) payable ONLY by “Money-Order”.


- MINORS (under 18) need to present a notarized letter signed by parents or custodians authorizing the visa applications, together with minor’s Birth Certificate.

PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS arriving in Spain for study or research purposes (+ 180 DAYS) MUST register with the “Oficina de Extranjeros” of the “Subdelegación del Gobierno”, in order to obtain the necessary STUDENT ID within ONE MONTH of their arrival.

2.A. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VISA APPLICATION BY SPOUSE OF A STUDENT VISA APPLICANT (FOR STAYS OVER 180 DAYS). Same documents as for visa applicant, together with a marriage certificate:

- 2 application forms click here
- 2 passport size photos (white background).
- Original Passport and 1 copy.
- Proof of financial means: Bank statements of the last 3 months, including the most recent.
- International Health insurance.
- FBI or State Police background check.
- Medical certificate.

*Marrige Certificate*

* If marriage took place in a country other than the U.S, marriage certificate must be legalized by the Spanish Consulate or Embassy of that country and translated into Spanish.

2.B. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VISA APPLICATION FOR CHILDREN (UNDER 18) OF A STUDENT VISA APPLICANT (FOR STAYS OVER 180 DAYS). Same documents as for visa applicant, together with a birth certificate:

- 2 application forms click here
- 2 passport size photos (white background).
- Original Passport and 1 copy.
- Proof of financial means: Bank statements of the last 3 months, including the most recent.
- International Health insurance.
- Medical certificate.

*Birt Certificate*.

* If Birth took place in a country other than the US, Birth certificate must be legalized by the Spanish Consulate or Embassy of that country and translated into Spanish.

•ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY•

For access to all this information via the Consulate website please click the following link, to find this information click on the link at the bottom of the page to Student Visa requirements: