

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN SALAMANCA, SPAIN



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Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca



The City: Salamanca

Salamanca, a small city of 165,000 inhabitants, is home of some of the most impressive architecture in Spain, and yet it remains a lively and dynamic community. The city is characterized by its unique yellow stone façades which fill the streets with color and light. The diverse architectural styles of its cloisters, churches and Renaissance palaces blend together in the streets and plazas of the old town. The striking engravings which characterize the Romanesque and Gothic cathedrals, the House of Shells, and the façade of the university all reflect Salamanca's historical importance, proving it worthy of its prestigious title given by UNESCO as a "Mankind Heritage Monument".

Highlights of Salamanca

- Oldest university in Spain and one of the oldest in the world.
- Long tradition as a destination for foreign students.
- One of the best examples of Renaissance architecture in Spain.
- A truly college town.
- Place where many of the most relevant Spanish writers and intellectuals studied.
- Close to Madrid and Portugal.
- Place where the best "jamón", a typical Spanish delicacy of cured ham is produced.



Host Institution

MESTER provides its international students the chance to feel, enjoy and be an active part of a unique way of life, very different from what they already know: the Spanish Culture. Our promise to all of our students is to make sure that every course is stimulating, up-to-date and above all effective. In order to keep this promise, we have put together a team of highly qualified and committed teachers, we apply carefully selected, modern teaching technologies and aim to create an education centre which does not only have custom modern classrooms but real meeting places for our students to exchange experiences and knowledge.

For Mester, education does not end in the classroom. We make sure that every activity we organize provides a different aspect of the Spanish Culture. We like our students to use their knowledge of the Spanish language as much as possible. Whether it is through their visits to historical monuments, weekend excursions, salsa dancing lessons or tapas tours, our aim remains the same: to show students life beyond education. And all this happens within an atmosphere which is both Spanish and international at the same time.



Resident Staff & Facilities

All of our staff has international experience. All of them have studied abroad and personally know what is to be in a foreign country. Its dedication and professionalism make possible for Mester to provide an essential part of our additional offering: personal attention and constant support to our students. Consequently our students are always guided to be in the best possible condition of health and safety. At the same time our staff knows Salamanca perfectly and recommends our students the best cultural and social options that the city offers throughout the year.

Mester facilities in Salamanca consist of a three story building with a total of 1,200 sq m, located at the heart of the city, in a pedestrian and commercial area. It is equipped with 12 classrooms, a library, a computer lab, a residence hall with 55 beds, meeting rooms, administrative space, and common rooms, all of which are air conditioned. We receive students from all over the world making our facility a really international academic center.



What's Included

- Pre-departure advising and orientation
- Visa procedure support
- Tuition at Mester
- Official transcript issued by the Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca
- Mester resident staff and facilities
- Airport pickup and transfer to housing at designated times
- Onsite comprehensive cultural and academic orientation
- Housing: home stays, residences and apartments
- Meals and laundry service (depending on type of housing)
- Social and cultural activities
- Excursions
- Medical insurance

Overview

- Minimum GPA: 2,5.
- Language of instruction: Spanish.
- Language requirements: None.
- Before arrival students take an online test to determine language proficiency.
- Place of instruction: Mester Campus.
- Participants: International students.
- Students take 4 courses for a total of 20 hours per week.
- Attendance in all classes is mandatory and monitored by each professor.
- Periodic exams, homework assignments and final exams will also be administered

Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca

University credits provided by Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca.

The Pontifical University of Salamanca is a modern, private, catholic institution committed to meeting the needs of society. It was founded in 1940 by the order of His Holiness Pius XII. The university offers 21 official degrees.

Today, more than ever, we live in a world where there is an excess of knowledge, but also a great lack of understanding. We have developed technologies that make commercial activities easier and facilitate our lives, but at the same time isolate and oppress people, distancing them from moral values, such as effort, and leading them to question our leaders and institutions. The Pontifical University of Salamanca as a higher education institution is dedicated to research and the transfer of knowledge, incorporating excellence and responsibility, and training professionals who will be able to tackle the future with foresight, fairness and charity.



Housing

Students may choose from the following housing options:

Home stay

Staying with a host family is an ideal way to enrich student's experience and to reinforce the knowledge gained during the program. We select our families carefully and know them for years. All of them have extensive experience accommodating foreign students. Upon arrival students receive a key of the house so they may come and go as they please. Students will be able to receive telephone calls. Three daily meals are provided and one laundry load per week.

Residence

This is an off-campus student's residence. Mester offers its own Residence with shared rooms and bathrooms. Each room has its own TV and computer. Rooms have WI-FI and A/C. There are also common areas. We also offer laundry services, and full board in a restaurant nearby.

Shared apartment

These apartments are shared by local and/or international students. They mostly have double bedrooms, fully equipped kitchens with cooking utensils, washing machines and refrigerators, and shared bathrooms. Students must respect building community rules and maintain the apartment in decent conditions. The price of accommodation includes the cost of utilities (electricity, gas, water) within reasonable expending, and a weekly cleaning of the communal areas. Meals are not included.



Itinerary

Day 1, Friday

Departure from US

Day 2, Saturday

Arrival in Madrid and transfer to Salamanca

Arrival and room allocation

2pm Lunch with Host Families / Residence (DAILY)

8:30pm Dinner (DAILY)

Day 3, Sunday

11am Orientation Session 1

12pm Guided tour of the city

6:30pm Orientation Session 2

7:30pm Practical tour of the city (ATMs, food, pharmacy...)

Day 4, Monday

9:30am Classes

1pm End of classes

4pm Visit to Cathedrals

6pm Lecture on History (ENGLISH / SPANISH)

9pm Welcome Dinner

Day 5, Tuesday

9:30am Classes

4pm Visit to University

6pm Lecture on Art (ENGLISH / SPANISH)

7pm Salsa Dance Lesson

Day 6, Wednesday

9:30am Classes

4pm Spanish Film Series (RELATED TO LECTURE)

6pm Lecture on Spanish Literature (SPANISH)

7pm Visit to Bullfight Museum

Day 7, Thursday

9:30am Classes

4pm Visit to Art Decò Museum and Hot Chocolate

6pm Lecture on Spanish Health Care (ENGLISH)

8pm Tapas tour



Day 8, Friday

9:30am Classes

Free afternoon

Day 9, Saturday

8pm Excursion to Madrid

Day 10, Sunday

8pm Excursion to Segovia and Avila

Day 11, Monday

9:30am Classes

4pm Visit to San Esteban

6pm Lecture on History (ENGLISH / SPANISH)

7:30pm Weekly briefing

8pm Tapas tour (NOT INCLUDED - COST: 9€)

Day 12, Tuesday

9:30am Classes

4pm Visit to Towers of the Clerecia Church

6pm Lecture on Art (ENGLISH / SPANISH)

7pm Sevillanas Dance Lesson

Day 13, Wednesday

9:30am Classes

3pm Isabel the Catholic route: Mota's castle, Madrigal de las Altas Torres & a typical dinner in a wine cellar





Day 14, Thursday

- 9:30am Classes
- 4pm Visit to Museum of Salamanca
- 6pm Lecture on Spanish Health Care (ENGLISH)
- 7pm Spanish Guitar Making Craft Workshop

Day 15, Friday

- 9:30am Classes
- Free afternoon

Days 16&17, Saturday&Sunday

- Excursion to Lisbon

Day 18, Monday

- 9:30am Classes
- 4pm Visit to Casa de las Conchas, Monterrey Palace, Purisima Church and Fonseca Palace
- 6pm Lecture on History (ENGLISH / SPANISH)
- 7:30pm Weekly briefing
- 8pm Tapas tour (NOT INCLUDED - COST: 9€)

Day 19, Tuesday

- 9:30am Classes
- 4pm Visit to Civil War Archives
- 6pm Lecture on Art (ENGLISH / SPANISH)
- 7pm Mediterranean Cooking Class

Day 20, Wednesday

- 9:30am Classes
- 3:30pm Horseback riding (NOT INCLUDED - COST: 30€)
- 7pm Artisan Jewelry and Filigree Workshop

Day 21, Thursday

- 9:30am Classes
- 1pm Visit to Wholesale Food Market
- 6pm Lecture on Spanish Health Care (ENGLISH)
- 7pm Iberian Cure Meat Tasting

Day 22, Friday

- 9:30am Classes
- Free afternoon

Days 23&24, Saturday&Sunday

- 6pm Excursion to Santiago de Compostela

Day 25, Monday

- 9:30am Classes
- 6pm Lecture on History (ENGLISH / SPANISH)
- 7:30pm Weekly briefing
- 8pm Tapas tour (NOT INCLUDED - COST: 9€)

Day 26, Tuesday

- 9:30am Classes
- 6pm Lecture on Art (ENGLISH / SPANISH)
- 7pm Ice Cream Tasting

Day 27, Wednesday

- 9:30am Classes
- 4pm Spanish Film Series (RELATED TO LECTURE)
- 6pm Lecture on Spanish Literature (SPANISH)

Day 28, Thursday

- 9:30am Classes
- 1pm Exams
- 6pm Lecture on Spanish Health Care (ENGLISH)

Day 29, Friday

- 9:30am Classes
- 9pm Farewell Dinner

Day 30, Saturday

- TBA Transfer to Madrid Airport and Departure to US



Excursions



Madrid

Madrid is the capital of Spain and its largest city. It is the most important economic and financial center of the Iberian Peninsula. Full of great Museums (El Prado, Reina Sofía...) Madrid offers endless cultural opportunities and a vibrant social life. Walking through the streets of Madrid quarters (Habsburg, Bourbon) visitors discover its long and interesting history while they admire Madrid's modern business districts. Madrid is an open city that received much of its population from other parts of Spain. In the last years it has also received large numbers of people from other countries. This contributes to the truly cosmopolitan flavor of the capital of Spain.



Astorga

Perched on a hilltop on the frontier between the bleak plains of northern Castilla and the mountains that rise up to the west towards Galicia, Astorga is a fascinating little town with a wealth of attractions out of proportion to its size. In addition to its fine cathedral, the city boasts a Gaudí-designed palace, a smattering of Roman ruins and a personality dominated by the Camino de Santiago.



Leon

Leon is a wonderful city, combining stunning historical architecture with an irresistible energy. Its standout attraction is the cathedral, one of the most beautiful in all of Spain. By day you'll encounter a city with its roots firmly planted in the soil of northern Castile, with its grand monuments,



loyal Catholic heritage and role as an important staging post along the Camino de Santiago. By night León is taken over by its large student population.

Sierra de Francia

La Alberca is a medieval town where visitors may admire how traditional, centuries old, houses stand in perfect shape combining themselves with the natural landscape of the surroundings. It is very appealing having a traditional lunch in the town plaza in the middle of the silence of this enchanting village. To complete the day students will visit the Sierra de Francia and have the possibility to do some hiking.





Zamora

First appearances can be deceiving: as in so many Spanish towns, your introduction to provincial Zamora is likely to be nondescript apartment blocks. But persevere and you will find: Zamora's casco historico (old town) is hauntingly beautiful with sumptuous medieval monuments that have earned Zamora the popular sobriquet 'Romanesque Museum'.



The Romanesque cathedral features a square tower, an unusual Byzantine-style dome surrounded by turrets, and the ornate Puerta del Obispo. The Museo Catedralicio is the star attraction with a collection of Flemish tapestries dating from the 15th century. Inside the 12th-century cathedral itself, the magnificent early-Renaissance choir stalls depict clerics, animals and a naughty encounter between a monk and a nun. Another major highlight is the Capilla de San Ildefonso, with its lovely Gothic frescoes.



Segovia

The old city of Segovia is located at the top of a promontory, originally for defensive purposes, and offers a series of magnificent monuments to its visitors. The most impressive is the Roman aqueduct. It is one of the

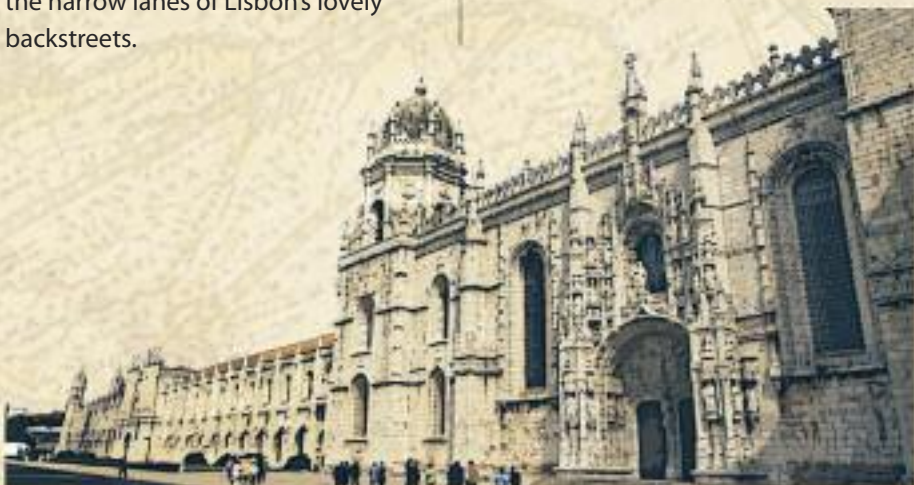
most perfect examples of Roman civil architecture, and it was built around the 1st century BC. The city is full of medieval and renaissance examples of civil, military and religious architecture among which the Alcázar (fortress) and Cathedral stand out.



Lisbon

Spread across steep hillsides that overlook the Rio Tejo, Lisbon offers all the delights you'd expect of Portugal's star attraction, yet with half the fuss of other European capitals. Gothic cathedrals, majestic monasteries and quaint museums are all part of the colourful cityscape, but the real delights of discovery lie in wandering the narrow lanes of Lisbon's lovely backstreets.

As bright yellow trams wind their way through curvy tree-lined streets, Lisboaëtas stroll through the old quarters, as they've done for centuries. Village-life gossip in old Alfama is exchanged at the public baths or over fresh bread and wine at tiny patio restaurants as fadistas (proponents of fado, Portugal's traditional melancholic singing) perform in the background.



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A group of young people, mostly of African descent, are standing in a line in a courtyard. They are looking towards the right side of the frame. In the background, there is a large, ornate Gothic cathedral with a prominent rose window. The courtyard is paved with light-colored stone. The overall atmosphere is that of a guided tour or a group activity.

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