



# FIE Semester Study Abroad in **Madrid**



## Why Madrid?

As the second largest city in the European Union, Madrid is a thriving contemporary capital of culture, business and education, and a focal point for all that is truly Spanish.

The city offers the visitor all the famous elements of Spanish life — fiestas, paella, tapas, soccer, bullfights and flamenco dancing — combined with excellent museums and art galleries (including the world famous Museo del Prado), a warm climate, friendly people and a truly unforgettable nightlife. ‘La Marcha,’ as the city’s nightlife is known, sees Madrid’s streets full of people when the sun goes down, old and young alike enjoying the city into the early hours of the morning.

Based at the prestigious Universidad Europea de Madrid (UEM) just south of Madrid in the beautiful town of Villaviciosa de Odón, FIE’s program presents a unique combination of linguistic, academic and cultural elements, all carefully blended together to create an unforgettable learning experience in the heart of Spain.

## Why This Program?

### **LANGUAGE IMMERSION**

FIE’s Semester in Madrid offers advanced Spanish students full immersion in the Spanish culture and enrollment at a Spanish university.

### **KEY COURSES**

An Hispanic Culture course plus intensive language study give students a solid academic foundation.

### **ELECTIVES**

Students can choose courses appropriate to their major from across the university curriculum, taught in Spanish.

### **HOMESTAY LIVING**

Living with local Spanish families gives students the opportunity to experience daily life – and homemade food! – in Spain.

### **VOLUNTEERING**

Students may choose from a variety of volunteer opportunities in the community around UEM.

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## Academics

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To qualify for this program, students must have a minimum of 4 semesters of college-level Spanish or the equivalent, and demonstrate upper-intermediate to advanced language proficiency during the application process.

The academic program has been designed to give students a thorough insight into key aspects of Spain's past and present. The program offers an exciting combination of Spanish language, culture and history classes.

Students on the semester program will take a Spanish language course, a one-credit language-partner course and a Hispanic Culture course. They will choose the rest of their courses from UEM's list of electives in business, communication, the humanities and science, all of which are taught in Spanish.

### Hispanic Culture

*(4 credits)*

Taught in Spanish, this course introduces visiting students to several key cultural aspects of Spain's heritage and contemporary culture.

### Spanish Language Course

*(4 credits)*

Developing Spanish language skills is a key factor in deciding to complete a study abroad semester in Spain. FIE in Madrid is open to students with an advanced level of ability and the language component enables all participants to develop their skills through a range of class-based activities.

### Tandem

*(1 credit)*

Spanish and foreign students meet under the supervision of a faculty member to improve their linguistic and cultural knowledge through conversation, and academic, cultural and leisure activities.

### Elective Courses

One of the highlights of FIE in Madrid is the direct enrollment in UEM's regular list of electives, together with Spanish students. Courses are available in the following areas:

- Advertising
- Architecture
- Art
- Business Management
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Dance Sciences
- Dentistry
- Design
- Engineering
- Film and Media Studies
- Finance
- International Tourism Management
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing & Commercial Management
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Social Responsibility
- Social Sciences
- Sports Sciences
- Translation and Intercultural Communication

## Student Life

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A wide range of excursions, activities and events complement the academic program in Madrid, including but not limited to the following:

- Optional excursions with Spanish students to discover the diversity of Spain, such as Bilbao, San Sebastián, Andalucía-Córdoba, Sevilla and Granada.
- Visits to museums and galleries including El Prado, Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Museo Thyssen Bornemisza, and Museo Sorolla
- Musical Concerts
- Flamenco dancing
- Bullfights
- Tours of the Retiro Park and the Botanical Garden
- Theater trips
- Spanish cooking classes
- Wine tastings
- Spanish film series
- Popular fiestas in Villaviciosa de Odón in September and in January

## Housing

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The Madrid program offers homestays as the primary housing option. Students improve their language skills and learn about Spanish customs with a Spanish family in Villaviciosa de Odón, the same town where the UEM is located.

Homestay situations vary from traditional families to single professionals. All families are carefully screened and selected by the Resident Director. Breakfast and dinner daily are provided with the host family.