SYRACUSE ABROAD

MADRID SPAIN
Historic architecture and modern infrastructure. Art and enterprise. Be inspired in the capital of Spain. 
COME DISCOVER MADRID!
In the Classroom

Syracuse Madrid courses are Syracuse University courses. You can expect a curriculum that is rigorous, innovative and distinguished by the same exceptional standards that apply in every other aspect of a Syracuse University academic experience. Your Syracuse Madrid courses may fulfill curricular requirements so you can stay on track to graduate on time; check with your academic advisor.

Travel with Purpose

Your Syracuse Madrid semester launches with an exciting travel seminar. These 11-day, three-credit courses give you firsthand knowledge of the region and its history, cultures and politics. Options include...

- **Azahar:** Travel to Toledo, Cordoba, Sevilla, Malaga and Granada and study how Muslim, Jewish and Christian coexistence and tolerance helped produce extraordinary cultural and social monuments.
- **Imperium:** Travel to Valencia, Granada, Sevilla and Lisbon (Portugal) and examine the historical, artistic and cultural achievements of the Iberian Empires.
- **Marine Ecology:** Travel to Murcia, Spain and Melilla, a Spanish city on the coast of Morocco, to study marine ecosystems and the physiology of marine organisms in the Mediterranean Sea.
- **Spanish Identities:** Travel around Spain on a linguistic and cultural immersion into the diversity of Spanish regional identities. (Taught exclusively in Spanish.)

The City

**Madrid,** the capital of Spain, is a sophisticated and lively 21st-century city known for its fascinating history of intersecting cultures, art and architecture, excellent food, colorful fiestas and teeming plazas. In and outside the classroom, you will be swept up in the energy as you explore, discover and learn in this beautiful city.

Madrilenos (Madrid natives) have preserved the old while embracing the new, keeping alive small-town traditions alongside a cosmopolitan culture and brisk, modern economy. The city is now enjoying a renaissance, boasting an easy-to-navigate metro system, numerous restored historic buildings and an abundance of well-maintained parks and public squares.

Syracuse Madrid

In the vibrant heart of the city is our Syracuse Abroad Madrid center, a historic building that maintains its architectural splendor from the 19th century. Syracuse Madrid classes are based here, and Syracuse University faculty and staff are available to guide and support you during your abroad experience.

Program Details

You can study in Madrid in either the fall or spring and, if you are a Syracuse University student, Madrid is an option even for your first semester! We also offer short-term programs in Madrid, including summer sessions.

Syracuse Madrid is recognized for its diversity of Spanish language courses. You do not need to know Spanish to apply to this program; you can study the language at whatever level is appropriate for you.

STUDY IN DEPTH

Each Syracuse Abroad center offers depth in particular areas of study. At Syracuse Madrid...

- Spanish language, history and culture
- Women’s, gender and sexuality studies
- European business and politics
- History of art
- Psychology
- Engineering
- Health and society
- Sciences

Explore a range of topics across disciplines at the center or through courses at our partner institutions.

THE CITY IS YOUR CLASSROOM

In Madrid, you’ll be able to take some science, technology and math courses designed to fit your major requirements. We also offer unique classes that take full advantage of the rich cultural and historical resources of the city and region. For example:

- Gender, Race and Migration in Spain
- Healthcare in Europe
- Travel Writing and New Media
- International Financial Management
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
- Modern Spanish Art
- Sexuality in Spain
- The Business of Sport
- Marine Ecology of the Mediterranean Sea and North Africa

For the experience of attending a Spanish University, you can combine enrollment at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid with Syracuse Abroad Madrid courses.

LEARN WHILE DOING IN MADRID

Make signature dishes like paella or gazpacho in our popular cooking workshops.

Tour Spain’s senate and parliament to see this young democracy in action.

Practice your Spanish with local students in a group language exchange.

Play a game of pick-up basketball, or take an exercise class at a local gym.

Serve the community through volunteer work with local schools or NGOs.
World Ready. Career Ready.

An internship in Madrid will allow you to apply classroom lessons to real work situations, explore career options, develop professional skills—maybe even meet future colleagues! You can earn academic credit and gain valuable international work experience that will distinguish you as a global thinker and an effective communicator across language and cultural barriers.

Our on-site internship coordinator will work with you to find the placement that best suits your interests and qualifications. We can help you find an internship through established relationships in every business sector of Madrid: finance, education, immigration, communications, political science, social services and more.

At Home in Madrid

In Madrid, you have two housing options. Both give you a chance to be part of a community, practice Spanish and share experiences with new friends.

Staying with a family in a homestay allows you to acclimate quickly and experience Spanish lifestyle authentically. Enjoy breakfasts and dinners with your hosts, participate in lo sobremesa (discussions around the table) and learn other Spanish customs.

The residence hall, Colegio Mayor El Faro, is a luxury student housing facility in downtown Madrid, just a five-minute walk from the center. In El Faro, you will live among students from around the world, further expanding your global perspective. Missing out on campus life isn’t a concern with Syracuse Abroad.

Madrid and the surrounding region has much to offer: sports (as a fan or participant!), hiking trips, tapas crawls, museum tours, nighttime festivals, flamenco workshops... whatever your interests, you’ll have your choice of adventures and experiences while you make lifelong connections and cherished memories.

"Living in another country helped me push my Spanish language ability to the next level. My host ‘mom’ did not speak English, so I had to challenge myself and gain confidence. Study abroad in Spain is the highlight of my college career."
Shannon Bauman ’20, economics

Cost and Aid

We are committed to making the Syracuse Abroad experience possible for all students. Your financial aid package may apply to Syracuse Abroad and there are a host of other assistance options including scholarships, grants and awards. Contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Programs at 315.443.1513 or visit the website at syracuse.edu/admissions/cost-and-aid/contact to learn more—study abroad is within your reach!

Next Steps

Meet us in Madrid! Visit the Syracuse Abroad website and schedule an appointment with your academic advisor to learn how you can explore and learn in Syracuse Madrid.

Meet Dieter Roberto Kuehl, Ph.D. Director of the Madrid Center

Professor Kuehl was born and raised in Guatemala. With an undergraduate education in business administration, he worked for an American shipping company for over 10 years before earning an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Spanish literature from Harvard.

While working on his dissertation, Kuehl came to Madrid to conduct research, and he fell in love with the country. He started teaching at Syracuse Madrid in 2001 and has been the director since 2012.

Syracuse Abroad staff and faculty will help guide your immersion, ensure your well-being and support you academically. Program directors oversee operations at the centers and often teach as well. They are experts in their fields and have extensive experience in the countries where they live, work and teach.

HOW DOES SYRACUSE ABROAD ADDRESS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION?

Syracuse Abroad programs strive to create a space that makes every student feel welcomed, supported, empowered and valued. Each program exposes you to original perspectives while preparing you to thrive in a new environment. Resources and services are available to help you acclimate and gain greater understanding of customs and mores of other countries.

Explore nearby North Africa