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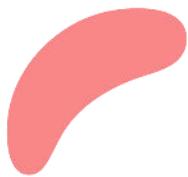


It's simple: Madrid is one of the most enriching periods of my life.

For nearly four months, I stepped out of my comfort zone, studied in a foreign environment with different working methods, explored Andalousia, and made strong friendships with incredible people.

Thanks to classes taken in Spanish, I was able to recover my previous level of Spanish (which I had lost during my two years of undergraduate studies).

The foreign language I practiced the most was still English because my classes were in English, and English is also the language spoken by international students.



Practical informations

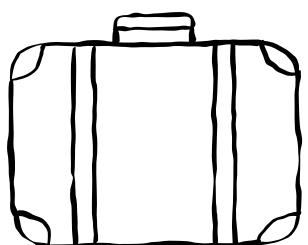
Madrid is part of the European Union so there is no need for a VISA.



We took the train from Montpellier Saint-Roch to Madrid Atocha, thanks to the Spanish company RENFE. With all our luggage, it was the cheapest option (about 150€), and you'll also be eligible for a "sustainable transport" grant.

I bought my ticket about two months in advance, and we arrived 1 week before the beginning of the classes for the integration, I think it's very useful.

I took a large suitcase and a smaller one (these are the luggage allowed on the train). For the second half of the year (January - May), it is quite hot in Madrid so take light clothes, but I still recommend taking warm clothes and an umbrella just in case (we had a long period of rain). Also, don't forget to take a swimsuit if you plan to go to the islands, or a ski suit if you want to go skiing (it's possible in January-February at 2 hours from Madrid!).



I preferred to live in the city center rather than near the faculty (50 minutes by metro).

I didn't regret my choice, because it allows me to enjoy Madrid life with activities – bars -restaurants, while the university is quite out of the way.

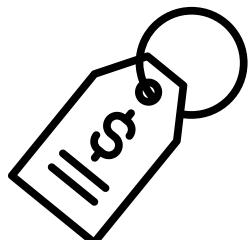
So, if you live in the center, Madrid is safe in my opinion, because there are often a lot of people in the streets until late. Also, the metro runs until late, and thanks to your transportation card you can use the buses that run all night.

I would simply advise against living in the "Lavapiès" district, which can be dangerous if you are alone in the evening.

I wanted to share an apartment with my friend Célia, who was going to Madrid with me. We were able to find a shared apartment for 6 people on the SpotaHome website.

On the Rey Juan Carlos faculty website, there is a dedicated webpage to help you find an apartment, with several secure sites available and discounts applicable if you study there.

I advise you to do this as soon as possible because the ads go quickly.



Living in the Spanish capital is very expensive: expect to pay between 600 and 900 euros for a shared apartment in the city center (fees included) if you use rental websites.

I've had friends who were able to pay less thanks to their contacts who passed apartments back and forth year after year.

Courses selection

Financial Management

Very interesting if you are studying management (understanding how income statements and balance sheets work, calculating cash flows, FCE, FCF taking into account some financial variables...). relevant if interested in the functioning and usefulness of these variables (and not just in simple French accounting where you have to fill in the tables with the PCG).

Human Resources

I found studying HR management very interesting (even though it's repeated year after year) because I find this course essential in management studies. Before working with people, you have to know how to understand them. The professor is superb, very attentive!

Strategic Management & Corporate Politics

I think it was a very interesting course, and that really consolidated and deepened my foundations in management because I reviewed concepts I had already covered during my first two years of my degree but with more details. We were assessed throughout the semester through small assignments, and the professor is very educational and lenient.

National and International Economic of the Firm

I think that this course did not give me much knowledge in economics because we saw concepts already covered during my undergraduate years (national accounts, GDP, The labor Market etc.). On the other hand, this course helped me to adopt a critical sense because the professor had fixed ideas (different from mine), but which he supported with sources.

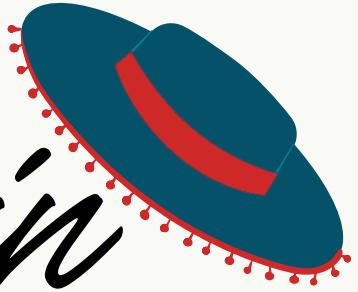
Balance analysis

I thought that this course had quite light content (balance sheet, income statement, ROE, ROS, etc.) but that it allowed us to consolidate our basics. The assessment seemed relatively simple to me.



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