

New York University
Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures

NYU in Madrid

Fast-track Spanish for Beginners

What: A language acquisition program that will dramatically improve student language abilities in one semester. Coursework is designed to bring students from beginner to advanced language proficiency.

Why: Fluency in a second language is critical in our expanding global community. Coursework completed during a single semester in Madrid will fulfill the NYU language requirement and prepare students who wish to complete a minor or major in Spanish.

Who: Qualified students who wish to become fluent in the Spanish language and have completed only Spanish for Beginners, Level I (V95.0001 at NYU) or scored between 400 and 460 on the NYU language placement exam.

When: The program is offered in the fall and spring semesters at the NYU in Madrid center.

Where: Positioned in the capital city of Spain, the NYU in Madrid center is located in the residential neighborhood of El Viso, a few metro stops from the city center. The two building facility boasts a wireless network, library with quiet study space, patio, and classrooms.

How: Eligible students should apply for admission to the program online at www.nyu.edu/studyabroad. In the application you will be asked to select if you are interested in the Language Immersion Program.

Curriculum (students enroll in a total of 18 credits in one semester):

Immersion in Spanish Language I, 6 credits

Includes a practicum experience to encourage language use.

Immersion in Spanish Language II, 6 credits

Includes the 4 week module *Spanish through Different Linguistic Tasks*

Overview of Hispanic Culture, 4 credits

A three module course, each module is 4 weeks.

Real Life Situations through Drama Representation

Spain Today: Peer Group Student Project

Creation of a Journal: an Overview of Hispanic Literature, Film, and Art

Workshop: Spain through its Culture and Language, 2 credits, pass/fail

Course Descriptions:

Immersion in Spanish Language I, 6 weeks

Concentrated language instruction coupled with a practicum which will require the use of the language in real life.

Immersion in Spanish Language II, 8 weeks

Building on Language I, complex language topics will be introduced with a 4 week module, *Spanish through Different Linguistic Tasks*, that focuses on using the language to complete tasks and projects in groups and independently.

Overview of Hispanic Culture, 8 weeks

In conjunction with Language II, students take this course in three modules which are designed to improve knowledge and perfect both written and oral skills, increase knowledge of modern Spanish culture, and introduce aspects of Spanish and Latin American culture.

Real Life Situations through Drama Representation

Spain Today: Peer Group Student Project

Creation of a Journal: an Overview of Hispanic Literature, Film, and Art

Workshop: Spain through its Culture and Language, 15 weeks, pass/fail

(required of all NYU in Madrid students)

Students are connected to life in Spain through language and cultural history in multiple activities: museum visits; a day trip to Segovia; practical training workshops (students choose one) in cuisine, wine, dance; and lectures with experts in Spanish cinema, literature, politics, history, and sociology.

Schedule

