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Student Visa checklist

Coming to Spain to study for more than 90 days? Admission, money, insurance and the documents for longer courses.

For non-EU students joining a course in Spain that lasts more than 90 days. Here's what you'll usually need. Your consulate's own checklist always has the final word.

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First, check you meet the basics

- [ ] You've been accepted on a course at an authorised school, college or university in Spain
- [ ] You can show at least €600 a month in 2026 (100% IPREM), or a scholarship covering it, plus 75% for the first family member and 50% for each additional one if your course allows family to come
- [ ] You can apply at least 2 months before your course starts

Your identity and application

- [ ] Passport valid for at least 1 year, with two blank pages (some consulates won't accept passports issued more than 10 years ago), plus a copy of the photo page
- [ ] National visa application form, filled in and signed, one per applicant
- [ ] Recent passport-size colour photo on a white background
- [ ] Proof that you live legally in the consulate's area, if you're not a citizen of that country (residence card or long-term visa)
- [ ] Visa fee (and residence fee where it applies), paid the way your consulate or BLS asks

Your studies

- [ ] Letter of admission showing the course, dates and hours a week Sworn translation
  No translation needed if the school issued it in Spanish.
- [ ] Proof that you've paid the tuition or registration, if your consulate asks
- [ ] Your latest academic transcripts and diploma, if your consulate or school asks Sworn translation

Money and accommodation

- [ ] Bank statements, a scholarship letter or a letter of financial support from a parent or sponsor Sworn translation
- [ ] Where you'll be staying: student residence, a rental or a host family

Health

- [ ] Health insurance with full cover in Spain from a company authorised in Spain
- [ ] For courses over 6 months: medical certificate, usually issued within the last 90 days Sworn translation

Background check (courses over 6 months)

- [ ] Criminal-record certificate for adults from the countries you've lived in during the last 5 years, issued within the last 6 months Sworn translation Apostille

If you're under 18

- [ ] Authorisation signed by both parents or legal guardians, and your birth certificate Sworn translation Apostille

After you arrive

- [ ] Book your TIE fingerprint appointment and apply within 1 month of arriving (form 790 code 012, €16.08)
- [ ] Register your address at the town hall (empadronamiento)
- [ ] Keep copies of everything you submitted and every confirmation

> Not every type of study allows family to come with you, so check before you plan for it.

Requirements change and every consulate has its own list, so always download your consulate's checklist too. Figures checked 12 November 2026; general information, not legal advice.
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