

AU Abroad

Spanish Speaking Countries: Program Requirements and Structures

Currently AU Abroad offers programs in the following Spanish speaking countries: *Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Spain and Uruguay*. Each program site requires different levels of Spanish for admission, and each has a unique structure in terms of the language of instruction and the type of students with you in the classroom. Use this information to guide you to the most appropriate program for your level of Spanish.

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Programs that require no Spanish background

- **Spain: The Iberian Experience Enclave – Intensive Spanish Language (track II), spring term only**
 - Program requires: For Spanish immersion track, no language prerequisite, but some Spanish is helpful
 - Program structure: Students complete one year of language study in an intensive language semester in Madrid. Courses on Spanish culture, politics, and economics are offered in English to complement the Spanish language study. The other students in the classroom are other AU students on the program. This program runs concurrently with the Spain: Iberian Experience program. A limited number of English language internships are available for students in the Intensive Spanish track.
- **Spain: Madrid Business Program**
 - Program requires: no Spanish language prerequisite, but some Spanish is helpful.
 - Program structure: This program is designed for business majors and minors who are looking for a study abroad experience in a Spanish-speaking country, but do not have advanced Spanish language skills. This program provides the best of both worlds with support and language courses at AU's study center in Madrid alongside business courses taught in English and Spanish at a premiere business program in Madrid at Universidad Pontificia Comillas - ICADE.

Programs that require one semester of Spanish

- **Spain: Madrid to the Mediterranean, fall term only**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 152 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Courses are all taught in English by Spanish professors; other students in the classroom are other AU students on the program (located in Madrid). Students participate in an intensive language program during the first week of the program. Students are also required to take a Spanish language course during the semester. Beginning, intermediate and advanced level Spanish courses are available. Students who have completed SPAN 253 or its equivalent are eligible for a credit-bearing internship, which is conducted in Spanish and coordinated by the program staff.

Programs that require two years of college level Spanish

- **Chile: Santiago**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 253 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Courses are taught entirely in Spanish, with other AU students on the program. The professors on the program are accustomed to working with students whose first language is not Spanish and provide additional support accordingly. Courses offered include Latin American Politics; Poverty and Social Inequality in Latin America; the Impact of Globalization in Latin America; Environmental Issues and Climate Change in Latin America. The majority of students in the program participate in a credit-bearing internship, which is conducted in Spanish and coordinated by the program staff.
- **Mexico: Universidad de las Américas, Puebla**
 - Program requires: Fall/Spring: Completion of SPAN 253 or equivalent. Summer: No Spanish language prerequisite, but some Spanish is helpful
 - Program structure: UDLA is a “tri-lingual university” where Mexican students are required to know Spanish, English, and study a third foreign language. AU students directly enroll in either Spanish as a second language courses, UDLA courses with Mexican students offered in Spanish. Summer language immersion program is for all levels. Puebla, a city of 2 million people, is located approximately 2 hours south east of Mexico City.
- **Spain: The Iberian Experience Enclave (track I), spring term only**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 253 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Courses are all taught in Spanish by Spanish professors; other students in the classroom are other AU students on the program. Courses are related to Spanish history, economics, politics, society and culture. Professors on the program are accustomed to working with students whose first language is not Spanish and provide additional support accordingly. The majority of students in the program participate in a credit-bearing internship, which is conducted in Spanish and coordinated by the program staff.

Programs that require 2 ½ years (5 semesters) of college level Spanish

- Program requires: Completion of SPAN 352 or equivalent
- Program structure: This is an inter-disciplinary, integrated course that covers the theory, practice, history and social/ political/ economic context of some of Mexico's most important social movements. Students study and the program takes place within the indigenous culture in Chiapas, campesino culture in Tlaxcala, and urban and student cultures in Mexico City.

Programs that require two years of college level Spanish but students are encouraged to have more!

- **Costa Rica: Universidad Nacional Autónoma (IFSA-Butler)**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 253 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Courses are taught entirely in Spanish. Students can take 1-2 optional courses in Spanish alongside the other US on the program. The rest of the courses are selected from UNA's course list immersed in the classroom with local Costa Rican students. The university is strong in Latin American Studies, Education, Economics, Environmental Studies, etc.

Programs that require three years of college level Spanish, but students are encouraged to have more!

- **Argentina: Universidad Pontificia Católica Argentina – UCA**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 353 or equivalent
 - Program structure: UCA is located in Buenos Aires. Courses are entirely in Spanish, immersed in classroom with Argentine students; little to no concession given to students who are non-native speakers. Students can also choose to take some courses taught in Spanish for international students. Courses are offered in a very wide range of disciplines.
- **Argentina: Universidad Torcuato di Tella**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 353 or equivalent
 - Program structure: UCA is located in Buenos Aires. Courses are entirely in Spanish and are immersed in the classroom with Argentine students; little to no concession is given to students who are non-native speakers. The university offers courses in International Studies, History, Latin American Studies, Economics, Political Science, and Law.
- **Chile: Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 353 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Courses are entirely in Spanish, immersed in the classroom with Chilean students; little to no concession given to students who are non-native speakers. * This program is designed for business majors and ideal for BLC majors. *
- **Mexico: Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México – ITAM**
 - Program requires: Advanced/Fluent Spanish
 - Program structure: Students directly enroll in this university in Mexico City to study topics related to economics, business, history, political science, and international relations. *This program is ideal for business and BLS majors.*
- **Spain: Universidad Pontificia Comillas- International Relations Department**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 353 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Students directly enroll in the Ciencias Sociales y Letras faculty at the Universidad Pontificia Comillas. Students choose from courses in both Spanish and in English and take classes alongside local Spanish and other international students.
- **Spain: Universidad Pontificia Comillas- ICADE Business School**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 353 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Students directly enroll in the Business and Law faculty at the Universidad Pontificia Comillas. Students who have only completed SPAN 253 can choose from a short list of business courses taught in English for international students. Students with a high level of Spanish language ability can enroll in courses in Spanish with Spanish students. ** This program is designed for business majors. **
- **Uruguay: Universidad de Montevideo**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 353 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Students directly enroll in classes alongside local Uruguayan students. Classes are conducted entirely in Spanish with little to no concession given to students who are non-native speakers.

Programs that require very advanced /near-fluent level of Spanish – (beyond SPAN 356 topics level)

- **Mexico: Centro de Investigaciones y Docencia Económicas – CIDE**
 - Program requires: Advanced/Fluent Spanish
 - Program structure: Advanced undergraduate students directly enroll in this elite university to study topics related to economics, political science, and international relations. CIDE is located in Mexico City.