

Guide for Students from Jordan: Studying in Spain

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For the 2024-25 academic year, more than 250 Jordanian students will move to Spain to continue their higher education. This reflects the growing interest and connection between both cultures. Of the total, **52%** will pursue a university degree, **22%** will specialize through a master's program, **10%** will undertake doctoral studies, 12% will improve their Spanish in specialized academies, and **4%** will participate in other educational modalities.

This guide is designed to provide Jordanian students with a clear and detailed overview of the process of accessing Spanish universities and other higher education institutions. Through the following sections, useful and relevant information will be provided for those interested in studying in Spain:

- 1. **Options for studying Spanish before university**: First, the available options for Jordanian students who wish to learn Spanish before starting their university studies in Spain will be addressed.
- 2. **The Spanish university system**: An overview of the university system in Spain will be presented, describing its structure. The different educational levels available—undergraduate degrees, master's programs, and doctorates—will then be explained in more detail.
- Admission requirements for Spanish universities (Recognition of qualifications): This section will detail the general and specific requirements that students must meet to access universities in Spain, with a special focus on conditions for international students.
- 4. Admission process for the chosen degree: A step-by-step explanation of the process to apply for admission to the selected university degree will be provided, covering key aspects such as required documentation and important deadlines.
- 5. **Option to transfer academic records**: This section will describe the possibility of transferring previous academic records to Spanish universities, specifying the procedures and requirements that must be met for the transfer to be valid.
- 6. **Visas**: Detailed information on the types of visas required to study in Spain will be provided, along with the necessary procedures and deadlines to obtain them.
- 7. **Scholarships**: Finally, access to scholarships available for international students will be explained, highlighting the different funding options and the requirements needed to apply for them.

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1. Options for Studying Spanish

For Jordanian students interested in pursuing their studies in Spain and completing them in Spanish, it is essential to achieve an adequate level of language proficiency as a preliminary step. In this regard, there are two main options to achieve this:

1. Studying Spanish in Jordan through the Instituto Cervantes in Amman, one of the leading institutions dedicated to teaching the Spanish language worldwide. The Instituto offers high-quality programs specifically designed to meet the linguistic needs of students in the region, ensuring solid training adapted to international standards. This option is particularly relevant given the prestige and experience of the Instituto Cervantes as a key partner in promoting the Spanish language and culture.

Link Instituto Cervantes en Amán

 Learning Spanish in Spain through centers affiliated with the Federation of Schools of Spanish as a Foreign Language (FEDELE), allowing students to immerse themselves directly in a Spanish-speaking environment, facilitating complete linguistic immersion.

Link FEDELE

Both options are designed to help students acquire the linguistic skills necessary to successfully pursue their studies in Spain. However, studying at the Instituto Cervantes in Amman stands out for its direct connection with the local community and its personalized approach for Jordanian students.



2. The Spanish University System



The Spanish university system is composed of **91 universities** (50 public and 41 private), in addition to **480 research institutes** and **67 science and technology parks**. As a member state of the **European Higher Education Area (EHEA)**, all official degrees issued by Spanish universities are recognized for academic and professional purposes in **48 countries worldwide**, including **45 European countries**.

20 Spanish universities are ranked among the top 50 universities in the world, and 5 business schools are listed among the top 50 globally, according to the QS ranking.

The Spanish university system is highly **decentralized**, and universities operate as **autonomous institutions**. To study in Spain, students must review the **admission requirements** for Spanish universities as well as the **specific conditions** of their chosen institution.

Spanish universities are open to **international students** under the **same conditions** as local students. There are **no nationality-based quotas** for admission.

• Through the following link, you can access a table that includes the requirements, as well as the costs and deadlines set by Spanish universities:

Requirements for Access to Undergraduate Degrees (Grados), Costs, and Deadlines

• **QUEDU** is a mobile application that provides relevant information to help students decide which undergraduate degree and which university to attend for their higher education studies.

https://www.universidades.gob.es/donde-estudiar/

 Spanish universities offer a total of over 800-degree programs taught entirely or partially in English (English-taught programs).

Search engine for English-taught degrees



Master's and Doctorate

For postgraduate studies (master's and doctorate), you should contact the university directly where you wish to study. The following link includes the master's programs in English offered by Spanish universities: Master's in english

3. Conditions for Access to Spanish Universities

It is necessary to carry out the recognition of the foreign high school diploma (or BAC).

• For students that have obtain the jordanian BAC: https://www.educacionfpydeportes.gob.es/servicios-alciudadano/catalogo/general/05/051270/ficha/051270.html



For the student that have obtain the european BAC :

https://unedasiss.uned.es/home

The general grade for accessing the Spanish university system is obtained through **UNEDassis** and is set on a scale from 0 to 10.

Regarding language requirements (see below), to guarantee admission to universities, a **B2 level of Spanish** is recommended, certified by the **DELE**, a diploma that certifies the level of competence and mastery of the Spanish language, issued by the **Instituto Cervantes** on behalf of the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training.

Most universities have a special registration period for international students who meet the conditions for accessing Spanish universities.



4. Admission to the Chosen Degree (Grado)

The admission process depends on each university. This means that some universities may require selective tests for enrollment in the regular phase (alongside Spanish students). Requirements for Access to Undergraduate Degrees (Grados), Costs, and Deadlines

Steps to follow

- 1. Pre-registration for the chosen studies
- 2. Meet the requirements of each university
- 3. Achieve the required score for the chosen degree

The admission score is set on a scale of **14 points**.

To increase the score obtained in the university access process (to earn extra points from 10 to 14), it is possible to take **specific competence tests** with different coefficients, depending on the field of study chosen for the degree.

The specific competence tests are organized by **UNED**:

https://unedasiss.uned.es/home

5. Transfer of Academic Records

Spanish universities allow international students to enroll in later years to continue their studies and complete them in Spain, obtaining a Spanish diploma.

The mobility or transfer of academic records involves **an internal validation** process at the university based on the academic records provided by the student. Due to the autonomy of the university institutions, mobility may be accepted or rejected depending on the available spots and demand.



6. Visas

Foreign citizens who wish to stay in Spain to study or further their studies, carry out research or training activities, undertake paid internships, participate in student exchanges, or carry out volunteer services must obtain the corresponding visa, which will include the initial authorization for their stay in Spain. All applicants must hold a **student visa** before traveling to Spain.

For Jordanian students, the necessary documents are as follows:

- Admission letter
- Criminal record certificate
- Medical certificate
- Health insurance
- Certificate of previous studies
- Proof of financial means

For more information check the following links:

- Spanish Embassy in Jordan.
- BLS Student visa in Jordan

7. Scholarships

As an international student, you have the right to access scholarship programs to study in Spain. Some of these programs are reserved for foreigners residing in Spain. Once the student is officially enrolled in a higher education institution and legally resides in Spain, it is quite common for them to apply for internal university scholarships: scholarships for low-income individuals, international mobility scholarships, etc. Additionally, they may benefit from all the opportunities offered by the European Union, particularly the **ERASMUS+** scholarship program for studying abroad at universities in other European countries and around the world.

• The SEPIE has created a comprehensive scholarship search engine where you can filter based on the type of scholarship and the applicant's profile.

Scholarship search engine of SEPIE.

• The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) holds a call for applications every year.

https://www.aecid.es/cómo-cooperamos/modalidades-e-instrumentos-decooperación/becaslectorados

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For more information:

- Spanish Embassy in Jordan.
- Cervantes Institute in Aman SEPIE Internationalization