

Spanish Institute
for Global Education





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INTRODUCING OUR PARTNER

Gateway International Group proudly supports the Spanish Institute for Global Education, a long-standing and highly regarded provider of education abroad programming for U.S. college and university students. Together, we are dedicated to broadening horizons and enriching the educational journey for students around the globe.

Presented here is a brief overview of the Spanish Institute, prepared for U.S. education abroad professionals. For further details about the Spanish Institute or to explore partnership opportunities, please contact Spanish Institute's U.S. based representative, Dr. Heidi Soneson at hsoneson@gatewayinternational.org.



THE SPANISH INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION

The Spanish Institute is a pioneer in producing authentic, local experiences for its participants and has created a pathway to integrating like a native of Seville as its foundation. Since 1982, more than 5,000 international students have studied at the Spanish Institute. Students of all ages, teachers, interns, and volunteers have participated in the Institute's study abroad and language programs, which enable students to improve their Spanish as they learn to communicate easily and effectively while also providing a unique, and enriching opportunity to live in a culturally immersive, majestic city. Centered in Seville, Spain, students have the ability to study in Spanish and English at University of Seville, Pablo De Olavide University, and EUSA University Center.

40+

Years of
Operation

51+

Countries
Represented

268+

Programs
Delivered

5135+

Students
Educated

1328+

Teachers
Certified

MISSION

The Spanish Institute for Global Education seeks to foster a better world through effective language learning and to serve as a bridge between diverse cultures, beliefs, and ideologies. By facilitating meaningful international learning and engagement, the Institute creates opportunities for both personal and professional growth.



PARTNER LOCALLY WITH THE SPANISH INSTITUTE

The Spanish Institute, locally owned and operated for over 40 years, stands out among education abroad providers in Spain. Its deep-rooted connections within the community and long-standing partnerships with local universities, businesses, and homestay families enable the Institute to offer unique and affordable opportunities tailored to diverse needs and interests.



Education Abroad Students may



Study Abroad with Top Spanish Universities

Students combine courses offered at the Spanish Institute with semester or full academic year courses offered at the University of Seville, Pablo de Olavide University, or EUSA University Centre. The Spanish Institute's website highlights course tracks to guide students. Students will benefit from university study, living with Spanish families, exploring Seville and the region, and enhancing their Spanish language skills.



Gain Global Experience with Internships and Volunteering

Students may engage in valuable experiential learning opportunities and practice Spanish through internships and volunteer programming with local companies and nonprofits. Such opportunities allow students to enhance their resumes, build connections, and immerse themselves in Seville's vibrant culture.



Boost Proficiency with Immersive Summer Programs

Students can rapidly improve their Spanish language skills through the Spanish Institute's immersive summer programs. They will engage in intensive, interactive classes and cultural activities designed to help them think and communicate effectively in Spanish.



Visiting Faculty may



Deliver Customized Faculty-Directed Courses

Visiting faculty can conduct their university courses at the Spanish Institute, which is equipped with modern facilities including Wi-Fi, projectors, and a library. The Institute organizes accommodation, excursions, and transportation, allowing professors to focus on teaching and exploring Seville. Visiting faculty can choose to stay with a host family or in an apartment, and they can participate in seminars on contemporary topics, such as the evolving role of women in Spain. The Spanish Institute can also organize courses with on-location instructors in a variety of fields designed to meet U.S. curricular needs.



Advance Teaching Skills with Intensive Programs

Teachers participate in the Spanish Institute's one-week programs to refine their teaching strategies, gather new materials, and develop new course modules. These programs offer opportunities to network with educators from around the world and further elevate their teaching skills.



PROGRAM OFFERINGS

The Spanish Institute offers both open enrollment and custom program options.

Students can take advantage of state-of-the art instructional facilities, convenient central city location, access to local universities for semester options, as well as homestays, residences, or shared apartments

Open Enrollment Programs

Spanish Institute offers different types of open-enrollment programs, all of which feature a structured curriculum, organization visits (if applicable), interactive speaker sessions, cultural immersions, and robust student support services.



90 Day (No Visa Required) Study Abroad

For students seeking a full semester of credits without the need for a student visa, the Spanish Institute offers a 90-day program. Participants can enroll in up to four courses at the University of Seville, along with the Spanish Institute's Spain Today course. This program spans the full duration of the University of Seville's semester. Students will receive an official transcript from the University of Seville and a transcript for the Spain Today course by the Spanish Institute's School of Record. The 90-day program includes academic excursions and all other services available to all students.



GAP Year

A gap year is a period of one semester or one year after finishing high school and before entering college or a sabbatical university year. This is a time when a new door opens for students and the next stage of their life begins, where they'll want to take their time and live experiences that help them mature and discover the path they wish to follow. The Spanish Institute offers students the opportunity to choose between taking courses at a university in Seville or completing an internship or service-learning position.



Semester Abroad

The Spanish Institute offers students an array of high-quality Spanish language and area-studies courses each semester, as well as internships and service-learning options. Integral to this program is the opportunity for students to study at a Spanish university for a semester or full academic year. Student can select courses from three local universities: the University of Seville, Pablo de Olavide University, or EUSA University Centre. These programs provide a deep immersion into Sevillian life, allowing students to gain a deep understanding of Spanish culture and build global connections.



Summer Academic Programs

During the summer months, students can take Spanish language courses at the Spanish Institute, participate in an internship, service-learning, or apprenticeship opportunity, or combine courses with one of the applied experiences. These options are complemented by instructional excursions and organized cultural engagement.



Custom Programs

Creating a customized education abroad program requires advanced knowledge and planning. The Spanish Institute provides comprehensive support throughout the process, from creating desired syllabi to hiring instructors and managing activities and logistics. Leveraging its extensive networks and streamlined processes, the Spanish Institute guarantees impactful and secure custom programs tailored to meet specific academic and institutional requirements of its partner institutions.



Faculty-Directed Programs

Faculty-directed programs offer university students the perfect opportunity to take short-term, credit-bearing courses in Seville taught by home institution faculty. The Spanish Institute integrates cultural immersion with intellectual exploration in specific academic disciplines.



Professional Development Programs

The Spanish Institute offers didactic training courses for ELE teachers and innovative teaching strategies for Spanish Language Educators. At the Spanish Institute, dynamic pedagogy is their passion, and they have offered teachers Spanish as a Foreign Language for more than 20 years.



Service-Learning Programs

Via its custom service-learning programs, the Institute engages students in projects aligned with community-identified needs. These programs feature interactive workshops, design-thinking activities, hands-on fieldwork, and reflective sessions. They are designed to be credit-bearing with an integrated academic experiential learning course. Placements include opportunities in Spanish, English, or even minimal Spanish. The Spanish Institute offers two-week intensive Spanish language for students needing language preparation.



International Internships

The Institute's offers custom internship programs that provide students with real-world applications of classroom knowledge, enhancing career readiness and employability. The Institute carefully selects and manages placements with organizations to ensure that each student gains invaluable experience in their specific field of study. Students also have the opportunity to utilize Spanish, make new contacts and friends, and get to know Seville from a professional perspective.



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN SEVILLE

The Spanish Institute's internships provide students with meaningful and relevant placements aimed at enhancing their understanding of their chosen disciplines in a Spanish context. These experiences are designed to boost students' career readiness and employability.

Sector	Internship Focus
Architecture	Architecture, Structural Engineering, Urban Planning, Landscape Planning, Interior Design
Arts, Culture	Production, Marketing, Event Planning, Audiovisual Production, Theatre, Social Media, Tourism, Museums, Ceramics, Photography
Biology and Biotechnology	Laboratory
Business	Administration, Accounting, Marketing
Education	English Language Classes, Kindergarten, Monitors
Engineering/ Technology, Consulting, Design	Civil Engineering, Software Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, IT Engineering, Energy Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Robotics
Environment	Ecological Agriculture, Animal Care, Education Workshops, Sustainability

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Fashion	Marketing, Social Media
Graphic Design	Graphic Design, Web Design, Branding
Health	Psychology, Physical therapy, Cognitive Medicine, Rehabilitation, Audiology, Geriatrics
Hospitality	Hotel Reception, Client Service, Tourist Information, Culinary Training, Cosmetology
IT	AI, Software Development, Application Development, Data, IT Project Development
Journalism	Translation, Production, Reporting
Marketing	Marketing, Digital Marketing, Branding, Research Analyst, Social Media
Retail	Retail Sales, Stock Control, Store Management
Sports	Assistant Coaching, Event Planner, Marketing
Translation	Translation, Interpreter Services, Proofreading
Veterinary	Animal Care, Veterinary Support





LOCAL PARTNER INSTITUTIONS IN SEVILLE

The Spanish Institute values the strong, positive relationships it has cultivated with local universities in the area. These partnerships are built on mutual respect and collaboration, allowing the Spanish Institute to provide participants with enriching academic experiences that are deeply rooted in the local culture and community.



Universidad de Sevilla

Closely linked to the history of Seville and Andalusia, the University of Seville combines the values of tradition with being an innovative institution of quality and excellence. It is a university as cutting edge and cosmopolitan as the city of Seville itself and boasts a history of more than 500 years. The courses for international students are part of the university's comprehensive international program that includes a wide variety of subject areas.



Universidad Pablo de Olavide

The Multidisciplinary Studies Program is designed for students wishing to spend a semester or a year abroad while continuing their undergraduate degree. While it offers advanced courses in Spanish, it also caters to the needs of those with little or no background in Spanish by offering classes taught in English in many subject areas.



EUSA Centro Universitario

EUSA Study Abroad Program options include semester or year studies in any of the regular courses offered in official EUSA degrees. These courses are open to local and international students and may be offered in either English, Spanish or both. Their study abroad courses include over 30 different subject areas in Spanish and English, ranging from Media Studies, Business and Human Resources to Cultural Studies, Languages or History.



MEET OUR TEAM



Maria Teresea Alonso, Ph.D.

Founder and President

Dr. Alonso founded the Spanish Institute for Global Education in 1982 and has since dedicated her career to supporting Spanish language study and education abroad for international students. Affectionately known as Macarena, she holds a doctorate in Bilingual Education from the University of Seville and is a professor of Anthropology at the University of Seville. She recently served as the Vice Dean of the School of Education at Loyola Andalusia University. Dr. Alonso is particularly passionate about teacher training and the development of innovative methodologies for language teaching and assessment. Having studied abroad in the United States many years ago, she cherishes lifelong friendships in the US and around the world.

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Carla Moreno

Director, International Programs

Carla holds a degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Her passion for travel, exploring new cultures, and mastering languages was ignited during her Erasmus experience in Poland. This immersion in a new culture and language profoundly influenced her, and she brings that insight to her current role. Carla is dedicated to helping students embrace cultural and linguistic diversity, ensuring their time abroad is both impactful and enriching, and shaping their futures in meaningful ways.

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María José Gómez

Director, Academic Affairs

María José holds a degree in Philology from the University of Seville and brings over 25 years of teaching experience. Specializing in ELE (Spanish for Foreigners), she has multiple certifications in this area. María José teaches seminars on Spanish Language and Culture and offers classes in grammar, conversation, culture, and literature. In her role as the Academic Affairs Director at the Spanish Institute, María José is responsible for curricular strategic planning and design, ensuring that the academic programs are both innovative and aligned with student needs. She also manages student orientation and provides support before and during their studies in Seville to ensure a high level of student care.

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Heidi Soneson, Ph.D.

U.S. Representative, Institutional Partnerships

Dr. Soneson has been a leader in international education since 1983, serving as Assistant Vice Chancellor at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls and Program Director at the University of Minnesota. Her work has included developing and managing international education initiatives, student services, and education abroad programming. She brings university-level teaching experience to her engagement with academic initiatives. Dr. Soneson has published and presented widely on topics such as programming for students with disabilities and ethical advising. She holds a PhD in German Literature and is a speaker of Spanish.

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MACARENA'S REFLECTIONS

I had the pleasure of meeting Kavi Othman Ali in the fall of 2021, when she arrived at the Spanish Institute. Kavi, a young woman from Iraqi Kurdistan, was our first student from Pitzer College after the pandemic, and her life story paired with her determination deeply moved us.

Kavi arrived with a very low level of Spanish, but an enormous will to learn. She trusted our advice and enrolled in courses taught in Spanish at the University of Seville, which was a significant challenge for her. The constant guidance and support from María José, our academic director, were crucial for Kavi to progress in her studies. María José not only advised her on academic matters but also mentored her throughout the program, providing support to overcome all challenges.

Another key pillar of learning in Kavi's experience was her host family. The warmth and affection with which they welcomed Kavi provided her with a home away from home, helping her to adapt to life in Spain. Additionally, her participation in a service-learning program at the NGO La Casa de Todos was an enlightening experience. There, Kavi worked with immigrant families, which not only allowed her to improve her Spanish but also to connect with realities that resonated deeply with her.

Throughout the semester, I had the opportunity to accompany Kavi in her process of adaptation and learning, and together we visited iconic places in Andalusia, such as Granada and Carmona. It was during these trips that our friendship was solidified; Kavi shared with me her life in Iraq, her struggle to study in the United States, and her beautiful dreams for the future.

One of the most heartwarming experiences we shared was when Kavi talked on the phone with her family, especially with her grandmother, to tell her how her life in Spain was going. On one occasion, I had the privilege of participating in one of those calls, and I was deeply moved. Kavi left Seville with tears in her eyes, saying that her experience here had given her the strength she needed to continue pursuing her life's goals.

Since then, we have kept in touch, and Kavi remains a source of inspiration for all of us at the Spanish Institute. Her story is not only a testament to her perseverance but also to the transformative power of the connections forged along the way.

As the leader of the Spanish Institute, my hope is that all students have as rewarding and enriching experience as Kavi.



María Teresa

aka "Macarena"



TESTIMONIALS

“ I did a two-week intensive course at the Spanish Institute and it was the best experience ever. My time was divided between group and individual classes and I had the opportunity to adjust the program according to my needs. Everything was very well organized, from the moment of the first contact to the very last day. All the teachers were not only knowledgeable but also very kind and always attentive. I would highly recommend the Spanish Institute to anyone who is looking to improve their Spanish language skills.



Lea Blazevic

Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)

“ I have loved studying abroad in Sevilla with the Spanish Institute. They are such kind people who will do everything they can to make sure you have all the resources you need and are well situated. We went on so many excursions around Spain like Cordoba y Granada which were super eye opening because we got to learn about the culture of different cities while living there for 3 months. I never thought I would love Sevilla and the program as much as I have and I thank them for everything they have provided.



Gabriela Hernandez

University of Miami



“ I spent an amazing week in Seville. I attended a course for teachers of Spanish language. The teachers of SIGE were very nice, the lessons were so well prepared and the afternoon activities were excellent. I will return home with many practical ideas for my Spanish classes. Mrs. Alonso made me feel at home from the very beginning. The host family was very nice too. The school is very well situated, next to a metro station, in 10 minutes you get to the center and it is also very close to the train station. It was such a nice experience. I wish I could come again!



Lucie Dominikova

Gymnázium Ludka Pika (teacher from highschool in Plzeň, Czech Republic)

“ I did an internship with SIGE, and it was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I learned a lot about myself and about how to handle myself in a job, I improved my Spanish skills, and I met some wonderful people. The staff at SIGE is incredibly friendly, caring, and helpful, and they made it an experience I will never forget!



Katrina Smith

University of Missouri



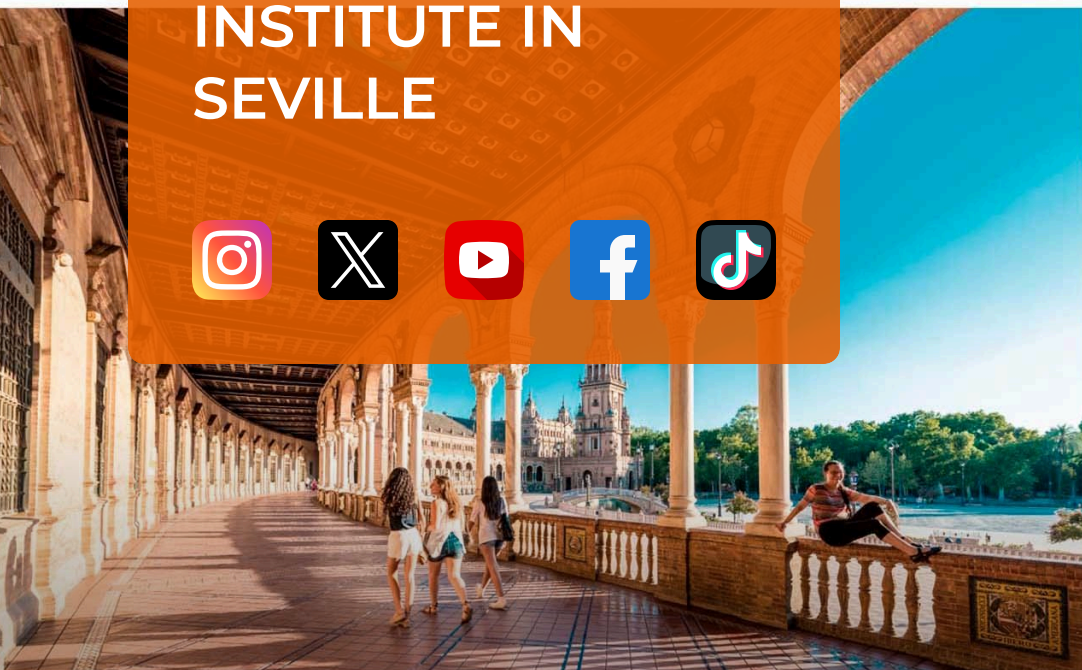
AFFILIATE WITH THE SPANISH INSTITUTE

The Spanish Institute welcomes partnership opportunities with colleges and universities around the world. Current U.S. partners include institutions such as Carnegie Mellon University, University of Central Arkansas, University of Montana, Pitzer College, and Rhodes College.

For U.S. institutions, the Spanish Institute's school of record for its standard center-based courses is the University of Montana (UM). Courses taken at the local universities will be reflected on a university transcript.

The Spanish Institute is recognized in Spain as a Cervantes Institute-accredited center. The Cervantes Institute is a prominent organization dedicated to promoting the Spanish language and culture worldwide. This accreditation not only validates that the Spanish Institute meets the highest standards in Spanish language education, but it also strengthens their credibility and reputation in the global educational arena.

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