Pozuelo de Alarcón (Madrid), Spain

Universidad Francisco de Vitoria

USC’s affiliate program in Spain is designed to expose students to the life and culture of the Spanish people. This program is located in Pozuelo de Alarcón, a western suburb of Madrid, Spain’s capital city. Madrid has a vibrant nightlife, great shopping, fantastic tapas bars and cafes and numerous cultural and historical attractions. Study abroad students participating in this program will also be able to enjoy Madrid’s many festivals, beautiful parks and gardens, and museums and art galleries that are arguably among the finest in the world.

Participants will attend Universidad de Francisco Vitoria (UFV), an institution known for the strength of its academic programs, particularly in the fields of journalism and mass communications. Students take part in a four week intensive language and cultural immersion program prior to attending standard university classes alongside Spaniards and other international students. This is designed to increase students’ language proficiency, knowledge of Spanish culture and ease both their transition into life in Madrid and completing major/minor coursework in Spanish. Included in this program are several excursions to places of cultural and historical significance.

At the conclusion of the intensive immersion program students will begin major/minor coursework taught predominately in Spanish. However, some business classes are taught in English. USC students are also encouraged to take part in UFV’s “student buddies” program, which will allows them to connect with a UFV student who can show them around the area and act as a conversation partner. Only USC undergraduates are eligible to participate in this program.

Courses and Credits

As prerequisite, students must have completed four semesters of college level Spanish or the equivalent prior to attending UFV. For a full course list, click here: http://www.ufv.es/docs/academic_offer.pdf

- Advertising
- Biotechnology
- Computer Engineering
- Graphic Design

- Public Relations
- Broadcast Journalism
- Elementary Education
- Journalism

- Audiovisual Communications
- Business
- Fine Arts
- Nursing

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**Living Arrangements**
UFV works in collaboration with both homestays and residence halls in Madrid. Two meals a day are included with the home-stay option. Students can also find shared student apartments. Most students are housed within the city of Madrid and commute approximately one hour to school on public transportation. Students should expect to pay approximately 750€ a month for a home-stay and 550€ a month for a shared apartment.

**Budgeting**
Students pay tuition to UFV in the amount of 4000€. Tuition includes the intensive month course, associated excursions, and courses taken during the semester. Students should budget approximately 900€ to 1100€ per month for living expenses depending on the type of housing they select.

**Master Schedule**
The official school year starts in the first week of October and ends the last week of June. Students attending through the affiliate program will arrive a month before the official start date for the intensive language course. The school year is divided in two periods of 15 weeks each (semesters), with a 2-3 week break for first semester exams. USC students can attend UFV in the fall semester and will be able to take their final exams early in order to return to USC for the spring semester. For more information go to [http://www.ufv.es/docs/academic_calendar_aula.pdf](http://www.ufv.es/docs/academic_calendar_aula.pdf).

**Excursions**
The four week intensive language and cultural immersion program has six site visits, four of which are day long excursions. These excursions are included in the program’s tuition fee. Students also have the opportunity for individual travel.

**Extracurricular Activities**
UFV students can compete in basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, paddle tennis, skiing, fencing, tennis, squash, off-road biking, cross-country and adventure sports, among others. The students can be part of a University team competing with other schools, or participate in internal tournaments.

**Visa**
Students that attend the UFV program for a semester or academic year are required to obtain a Spanish visa. Students must register for an appointment and appear in person at the Spanish consulate or embassy. Planning ahead is vital as appointments are difficult to obtain. Please contact the Study Abroad Office for information on the Spanish visa process. More information on the visa process can be found at [http://www.conspainmiami.org/](http://www.conspainmiami.org/).

**Footnotes**
USC students can attend Universidad Francisco de Vitoria during the fall semester, spring semester or the academic year. Visit the host institution’s website at [http://www.ufv.es/](http://www.ufv.es/) for more information.

For more information on living and traveling in Spain, particularly in Madrid, please visit [http://www.spain.info/TourSpain?Language=en](http://www.spain.info/TourSpain?Language=en)

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