

A student visa is mandatory for any foreigner wishing to study in Spain for more than 90 days. U.S. citizens do not need a visa to study in Spain for less than 90 days.

Application for a student visa must be made in person. For minor children must be made by your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) bring original and copy of parent's Driver License and Birth Certificate of the minor child with the Apostille Certification if the duration of the stay in Spain is longer than 6 months.

To apply for a student visa the following requirements are necessary:

(ORIGINAL PLUS ONE COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS):

1. National Visa Application form, completed and signed.
2. Two recent pictures, passport size pictures (white background) glued to the application forms.
3. Passport valid for a minimum of six months and at least two empty pages.
4. Permit to return to the United States of America in the form of: a resident card, or a student/work visa that is stamped on the passport and is valid for a period of three months beyond the expected length of stay in the Schengen area, or the period of validity of the visa, whichever is longer. (N/A TO US CITIZEN)
5. Driver License and School I.D. with current address.
6. Original official certificate of admission addressed to this Consulate, in Spanish, issued in Spain, verifying enrollment as a full-time student in an official university or school in Spain. This letter must mention that you will be eligible for a credit towards your Bachelor's Degree or other degree and indicate: name of the program, duration (starting date and ending of the program), school's address, the name and phone number of the person to contact at the school in Spain and hours of study per week (20 at least).
7. Information about the study program.
8. Proof of health insurance coverage during your stay in Spain, for urgent medical expenses and repatriation due to accident or sudden illness. Minimum coverages \$50,000 with no deductible (confirmation of coverage).
9. Proof of means of support in the form of:
  - If you go with an international program, present a letter from the study-abroad program assuming full financial responsibility for tuition, room and board for the student during his/her stay in Spain
  - Bank statements showing sufficient means of support to cover all the expenses in Spain
  - Notarized letter from parents assuming full financial responsibility for the student

during the entire stay in Spain. Attach copy of the parent's ID, bank statement and birth certificate of the student.

- Proof of having received financial aid or scholarship covering expenses for tuition, room, board, and personal expenses during the stay in Spain.

10. Proof of accommodation in the form of:

- Notarized invitation issued in Spain from a Spanish national or a Spanish legal permanent resident in Spain.
- Letter from the study-abroad program specifying the address where the student will be staying.

11. For children under 18 years old are required the followings: parent's identifications, notarized permission to travel and the Birth Certificate with the Apostille Certification (if the duration of the stay in Spain is longer than six months). Final judgment of dissolution of marriage and the custody agreement concerning the children of divorced parents.

If the duration of the stay in Spain is longer than six months, also submit the following:

12. Local Health Certificate with letterhead, stamp, and signature of the Doctor translated into Spanish.

Effective immediately, June 2009, health certificates submitted to this office must verify that applicant/patient is free of any illnesses that could have serious repercussions to public health and that could easily spread internationally.

The first list includes smallpox, poliomyelitis by wild poliovirus, the human influenza caused by a new subtype of virus and the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). The second list includes cholera, pneumonic plague, yellow fever, viral hemorrhagic fevers (e.g.: Ebola, Lassa, Marburg), West Nile Virus and other illnesses of special importance nationally or regionally (e.g.: Dengue Fever, Rift Valley Fever and meningococcal disease).

For this reason, the mandatory health certificate that should be submitted with residence visa applications and student visa applications for more than 180 days of stay, must verify the information listed above in a manner similar to the following:

"This health certificate verifies that Mr. /Mrs. /Ms (...) does not suffer from any illnesses that could cause serious repercussions to public health according to the specifications of the international sanitary regulation of 2005."

This certificate cannot be older than 3 months from the application date.

13. Original certificate of good conduct (police clearance) issued by the US Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Required only for applicant 18 years and older.

Contact FBI at (304) 625-3878 or at [http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks/background\\_checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks/background_checks)

Currently, the applicant may choose to bring, instead of the certificate from FBI, the State "Public criminal background check" issued by the Department of Law Enforcement" of Florida, Georgia or South Carolina.

**NOTE: Local police reports or on-line reports are not acceptable.**

This document, either the FBI one or the Department of Law Enforcement one, has to be **translated into Spanish and legalized with the Apostille Certification** where police clearance letter was issued.

If the applicant has spent six month or more during the last five years in another country, he/she must submit the police record from that country, legalized with the Apostille Certification and translated into Spanish. If the country is not part of the Hague Convention the document must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then by the Spanish Consulate of that country.

This certificate cannot be older than 3 months from the application date.

14. Visa Fee, payable with MONEY ORDER to the order of "CONSULATE GENERAL OF SPAIN"

For students wishing to study for more than 6 months all student visas are valid for a period of 90 days from the date of entry into Spain. Upon entry and within the first thirty days, you must present your passport and visa to the "Comisaría de Extranjería y Documentación" in the place of residence in Spain so that you may obtain the national student card. This "Spanish Student Residency Card" is valid for as long as the student is enrolled in the program in Spain.