

AU Abroad

Spanish Speaking Countries: Program Requirements and Structures

Currently AU Abroad offers programs in the following six Spanish speaking countries: *Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, and Spain*. Each program site requires a different level 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. Please see the information below to guide you to the most appropriate program for your own level of Spanish language ability.

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Programs that require no Spanish background

- **Mexico: Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey- ITESM**
 - Program requires: No Spanish language prerequisite, but some Spanish is helpful
 - Program structure: ITESM is a “tri-lingual university” where all degree-seeking students are required to know Spanish and English, and study a third foreign language. AU students directly enroll in either Spanish as a second language courses, ITESM courses with Mexican students offered in English, ITESM courses with Mexican students offered in Spanish, or “IP” courses (International Program) designed for study abroad students. IP courses are available in English and Spanish. Offers accredited business program, and excellent communications courses. Highly endorsed by Kogod & SOC. Summer options on Monterrey & Guadalajara campuses. Monterrey (2 hours south of Texas border)
- **Mexico: Universidad de las Américas, Puebla**
 - Program requires: No Spanish language prerequisite, but some Spanish is helpful
 - Program structure: UDLA is a “tri-lingual university” where Mexican students who are admitted are required to know Spanish and 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 English, or UDLA courses with Mexican students offered in Spanish. Summer language immersion option. (90 min from Mexico City)
- **Spain: The Iberian Experience Enclave – Language immersion (track II)**
 - 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 will be 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 Enclave program. A limited number of English language internships are available for students in the language immersion track.
- **Spain: Universidad Pontificia Comillas- ICADE**
 - Program requires: No Spanish language prerequisite, but some Spanish is helpful
 - Program structure: Courses are all taught in English by Spanish professors. Students participate in a three-week intensive language program prior to the beginning of the semester (located in Madrid). 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. **

Programs that require one semester of Spanish

- **Spain: Madrid to the Mediterranean**
 - 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 one year of college level Spanish

- **Cuba: Havana Enclave**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 153 or equivalent; Demonstrated interest in Cuban affairs
 - Program Structure: Courses are all taught in English by Cuban professors. Other students in the classroom are other AU students on the program. Students who have completed SPAN 353 and have placed high enough on a placement test have the option to take one course at the University of Havana immersed in the classroom with Cuban students where little to no concession is given to students who are non-native speakers. Tentatively scheduled for Spring 08 is an option for a program course taught in Spanish.

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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. The majority of students in the program participate in a credit-bearing internship, which is conducted in Spanish and coordinated by the program staff.
- **Spain: The Iberian Experience Enclave**
 - 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. The 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 two years of college level Spanish but students are encouraged to have more!

- **Chile: Universidad Adolfo Ibañez**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 253 or equivalent
 - Strongly encouraged: *Completion of SPAN 353*
 - Program structure: Courses are entirely in Spanish, immersed in classroom with Chilean students; little to no concession given to students who are non-native speakers. ** This program is designed for business majors. **
- **Costa Rica: Universidad Nacional Autónoma (IFSA-Butler)**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 253 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Courses are taught entirely in Spanish. Two program courses are taken with other US study abroad students on the program. Participants take 2-3 other courses immersed in the classroom with other Costa Rican students where little to no concession is given to students who are non-native speakers.

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: Courses are entirely in Spanish, immersed in classroom with Argentine students; little to no concession given to students who are non-native speakers (Buenos Aires)
- **Argentina: Universidad Torcuato di Tella**
 - Program requires: Completion of SPAN 353 or equivalent
 - Program structure: Courses are entirely in Spanish, immersed in classroom with Argentine students; little to no concession given to students who are non-native speakers (Buenos Aires)
- **Mexico: Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México – ITAM**
 - Program requires: Advanced/Fluent Spanish
 - Program structure: Students directly enroll in the university to study topics related to economics, history, political science, and international relations. (Mexico City)

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

- **Mexico: Centro de Investigaciones y Docencia Economicas – CIDE**
 - Program requires: Advanced/Fluent Spanish
 - Program structure: Students directly enroll in the university to study topics related to economics, political science, and international relations. (Mexico City)
- **Mexico: El Colegio de México**
 - Program requires: Advanced/Fluent Spanish – Senior or Graduate Students
 - Program structure: Students directly enroll in the university to study topics related to economics, political science, and international relations. Student does research on an independent study project – ideally an Honors or Master's thesis. (Mexico City)