



Immigration Procedures: Exchange Students

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7. 1. Before arriving in Spain:

1. [a. Students from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland and family members](#)

If you are a national of one of the aforementioned countries, you will only need to have a valid national I.D. card or passport from your country of origin to enter Spain.

If you are going to stay more than 3 months, consult the section “On arriving in Spain”.

[b. Students not from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland](#)

Those nationals who are required to obtain a visa to enter Spain must apply for one at the Spanish consulate in their country of residence.

Exchange students must apply for a student visa, not a tourist visa, for their stay at the UC3M.

The documents required for the application vary according to the motive for applying, the age of the applicant, etc.

Consult the web page of Spain’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, www.maec.es, to find the types of visas and documents required.

[c. Students not from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland but taking part in a mobility program in the European Union](#)

If you are studying in a country from the European Union and you come to study at Carlos II, if due to your citizenship Spain requires you to apply for a visa and you are currently studying at a non-Schengen country, you should apply for your student visa at the nearest Spanish consulate in your country of residence.

If you come from a country which Spain doesn’t require to issue a visa and you have a residence permit from a country from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland, you won’t need to apply for a visa.

If you plan to stay in Spain longer than 6 months visit “On arriving Spain”

*Note: EU members are the following: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, Czech Republic; Romania; Sweden.

STUDY VISA

This enables the holder to be in Spain for periods longer than 90 days to undertake or further one's studies in an authorized educational institution in Spain, in a full-time program which leads to the attainment of a degree or certificate of studies.

The duration of the stay will be equal to the duration of the course to which the applicant has been admitted or the research project that they will carry out, with a maximum stay of up to 1 year.

You must apply for the visa through the Spanish consulate in your country of residence. The application must be filed in person although in some cases the documentation may be submitted by mail.

Some Consulates may require to have an appointment.

At the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs webpage you could find where the nearest Consulate is located, specific fees to be paid depending on your nationality and documents to be submitted:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/EmbajadasConsulados.aspx#>

Documents normally required to process the visa (original and copy):

- **Application form for a national visa.** It can be downloaded from this web page:
<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Embajadas/HELSINKI/es/Embajada/Documents/Solicitud%20de%20visado%20nacional%20en%20espa%C3%B1ol.pdf>
- **Valid passport** for the duration of the stay (otherwise, it must be renewed)
- **Document** that certifies **admission** to any of the programs of the UC3M or the research project, outlining the contents of the course of studies, training or research
- **Medical insurance** that covers medical expenses for the duration of the stay and repatriation in case of accident or sudden illness. Some Consulates may require a mandatory minimum coverage.
- Document that certifies you possess sufficient **economic means** for subsistence and housing for the period requested and to guarantee your return to your country of origin.
The economic means required are equal to the monthly quantity of the IPREM (legally established index according to which government aid, grants, etc. are awarded in Spain), which for 2014 was set at 532.51€ per month, so the total for a full one-year course would be 6,390.12€. For stays of less than one year, the total would be 532.51€ multiplied by the number of months your stay in Spain will last.
- Housing in Spain (not required in all cases)
- Passport-size (32 x 26 mm) **color photos** with white background. The number of photos required depends on the consulate and will vary from 2 to 4.
- Proof of payment of **consulate fees** (different in each one)

If your studies or research will last more than 6 months, you must also provide:

- **Medical certification** that you suffer from no quarantinable illnesses

• **Police record** issued by the authorities of your country of origin or the country where you have lived for the last five years. Some Consulates placed in the US may accept a state-level background check from the state of residence (although FBI Background Check is still the most suitable documentation). The consulate may want to meet with you for a personal interview.

The official period for processing the permit is seven days from the date the application is submitted. If you receive no response within this period, it can be assumed that the response is favorable and the visa has been granted.

The official period for collecting the visa is TWO MONTHS* from the date of notification. At that time, you will have to go to the consulate to have the visa stamped into your passport. If you do not collect the visa in those two months, the application will be rejected.

*Note: Given the large number of applications received by the consulates, it is possible these periods are not adhered to. As such, we recommend not putting off your application for the visa and confirm the periods for each consulate at <http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/EmbajadasConsulados.aspx>

Through the following link you can check the status of your application:
<https://sutramiteconsular.maec.es/Home.aspx>

TYPES OF STUDY VISAS:

A. For single-semester students (stays of less than six months):

If you are only going to be at the UC3M for one semester, you must be aware that your visa covers the length of your stay with us. To this end, you will be granted the visa for a period of around 180 days (depending on the consulate, it may be a few less).

Make sure you are granted visa type “D” and with multiple entries. That way, you can travel within the Schengen Area* and enter Spain numerous times during your stay.

If it is not a type “D”, return to the consulate to modify it. It will not be possible to do so from Spain.

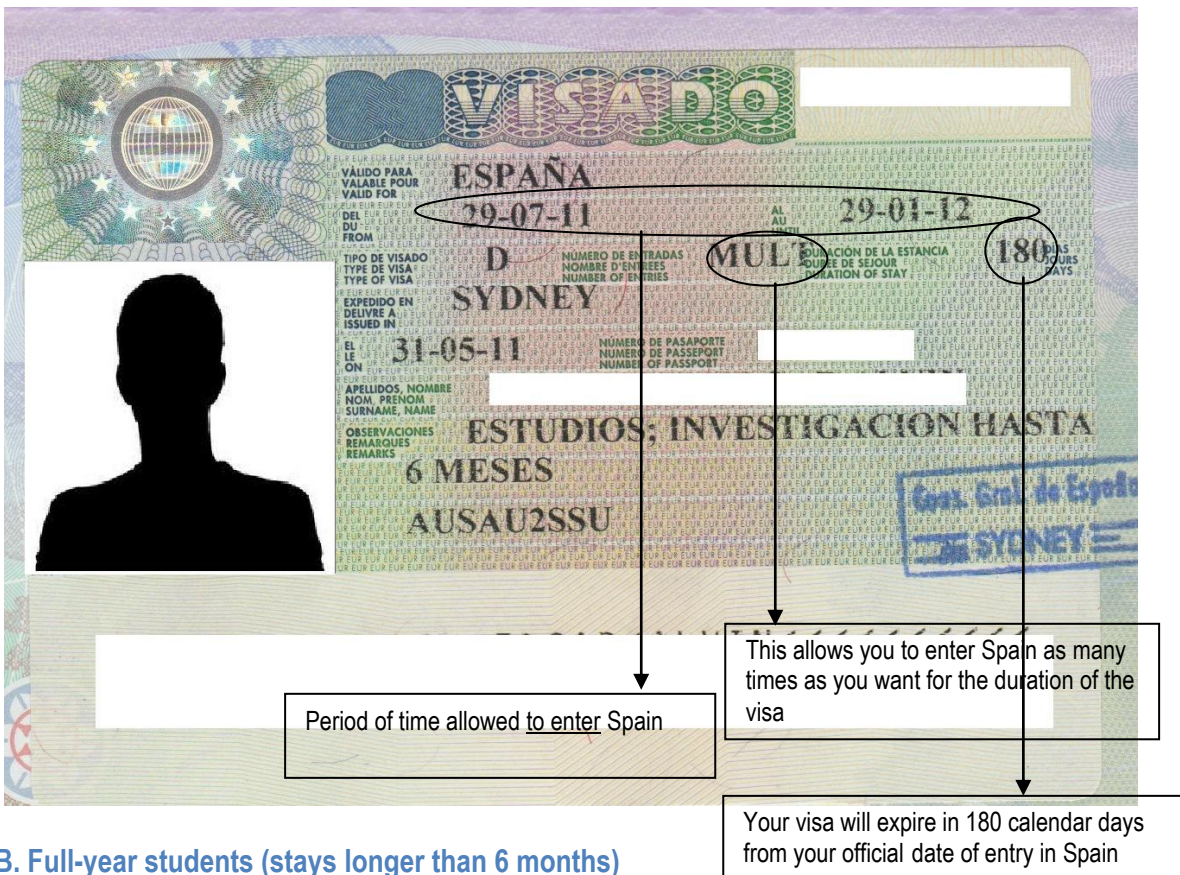
Under no circumstance should they grant you a 90-day visa.

Authorized period of stay in Spain: At Madrid’s airport (or any other in Europe), you will receive a stamp with the official date of entry in Spain. You should calculate the authorized period of stay in Spain starting from this date (if you enter Spain on September 1st, 2014 and your visa is for 180 days, your visa will expire in a period of 180 calendar days).

These Visas can be extended from inside Spain through the procedure described in section C, page 10 which describes the steps to extend your student visa.

**Note: the following are the Schengen countries: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Sweden and Switzerland.*

Example of a study visa for a one-semester student:



B. Full-year students (stays longer than 6 months)

If you are studying at the UC3M for a full year, the Spanish Consulate will grant you a visa with a maximum stay of 90 days (in some cases, it will be 30).

Once you arrive in Spain, you will have one month to apply for the foreign student ID card (see section “On arriving in Spain”), a document that will allow you to be in Spain for the entire length of your visa.

Make sure you are granted a type “D” visa with multiple entries. You will then be permitted to travel within the Schengen Area* and enter Spain freely during your stay.

If you are not granted a type “D” visa, return to the consulate to rectify it. It will not be possible to change it from Spain.

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Example of a study visa for a full academic year:



2. On Arriving in Spain

A. Students from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland

If you are going to be in Spain for more than 3 months, you should register with the Central Registry of Foreign Citizens. To do so, if you are living in the city of Madrid you must request an appointment through the web site <https://sede.mpt.gob.es/icplus/citar>. Select the option that reads “certificados UE.”

If you are currently living in Getafe or Leganés, you can go to the nearest Police station with your passport or ID card. The address and opening hours are:

1. Getafe Police station: 6, Churruga street. From Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 14:00
2. Leganés Police station: 27, Universidad Avenue. From Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 14:00

Once your appointment is confirmed, you will be told where, when and what time you must go to turn in the following documentation (original and photocopy):

- Proof of the appointment
- Valid passport or national ID card (only a copy of the page with your photo)
- Application form EX-18, which can be downloaded at this link:
http://extranjeros.mtin.es/es/ModelosSolicitudes/Mod_solicitudes2/18-Certificado_Residencia_comunitaria.pdf

- Receipt of 10.50€ fee paid for form 790, code 012
- Medical insurance that covers medical expenses for the duration of the stay or European Health Insurance Card.
- Proof of having the economic means to subsist in Spain such as student grants, bank certificate, among others. In case of providing the bank certificate you must credit 5.000€ of deposit and/or a responsible statement of having the enough economic resources for staying in Spain.
- UC3M admission letter

On the day of the appointment, you will receive a certificate which will bear your personal data and N.I.E. (foreign national ID number), which you can use for the administrative formalities that you have to attend to in Spain.

3. B. Students not from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland:

Your entry into Spain must take place within the period of time indicated on your visa (see photo on pg.6). After this period, you will not be able to enter with this visa and you will have to apply for another one.

B.1 Students not from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland staying the whole year (stays longer than 6 months):

From the time of your official entry into Spain (in your passport, you will have an official stamp of entry) and within a maximum period of 30 days, you should ask for an appointment to the police station in order for them to take your finger prints and print your student card.

You must ask for the appointment through this link: <https://sede.administracionespublicas.gob.es/icpplus/citar>
Select the field of "provincia" *Madrid* and in the field of "trámites disponibles para la provincial solicitada" *Expedición de Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero (Huella)*.

Even though there are two police stations in which this procedure can be done, only for the one located in Avenida de los Poblados there is the option of online appointment.

The addresses of the two Police Stations that can do this procedure are:

- A. People living in Getafe. They could go in person to the station located on Calle Churruca, 6. Open from 9:00AM to 2:00pm from Monday to Friday.
- B. People not living in Getafe. They could go the station located on Avenida de los Poblados S/N, metro station Aluche (Line 5).

On the day of your appointment, you must take the following documents:

- Proof of your appointment
- Form 790, code 012 (15,30€ fee). You will receive this form when you make your appointment at the office.
- 1 recent, color passport photographs with white background and of equal size
- Proof of registration with the local town hall (a document that certifies you live at the address listed on your application. If you live in the center of Madrid, you can apply for it at the district council office closest to where

you live: <http://www.espormadrid.es/2008/01/juntas-municipales-de-distrito-de.html> Select your neighborhood and click on “más información”. You will find the information to make the appointment. You should select “padrón” procedure.

At the moment of the appointment, you must present a copy of your rent contract and a copy of your ID document. In case that you didn't sign a rent contract, they will inform you on how to proceed.

If you live in Getafe, Leganés or somewhere else, inquire at the town hall.

-- Passport and a copy of the photo page and the visa with the stamp of entry. If you have arrived in Europe through a different country than Spain, bring a copy of your flight ticket as well.
--UC3M admission letter

Once your fingerprints are taken, you will be given a receipt which you will need to take with you when you return within approximately 20/30 days to collect your foreign national ID card. You will also need to take your passport with you to collect the ID card.

With this ID card, you can leave and enter Spain freely during the time the card is valid.

4. [C. Students not from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland but taking part in a Mobility program in the European Union:](#)
5.

If you are studying at any country from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland and you are not national of any of these countries and you come to Spain for a stay longer than 3 months, you must start the proceedings to request your NIE. You must ask for a previous appointment sending an email to this address: informaciongeneral.madrid@seap.minhap.es attaching a copy of the passport “main page”

The day of your appointment, you must go to the foreigners office located in San Faustino street number 23 with the following documents (original ones and a copy of each):

The documents you need submit are the following:

1. Original Passport
2. Original Residence Permit (from the country you are living in)
3. Application Form:
http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/ModelosSolicitudes/Modelos_comunicaciones/DECLARACION-DE-ENTRADA.pdf
4. Boarding pass/Flight Ticket to Spain

If your stay with us will be longer than 6 months, and after receiving your entry declaration, you should apply for your foreign student card. To do so make an appointment by sending an email to estudiantes.madrid@seap.minhap.es and attaching the following scanned documents:

- Copy of the main information of your passport
- Official document which proves your membership with your home university (i.e student card or similar)
- Copy of your entry declaration. If you don't have it, copy of your flight ticket

When receiving your appointment, you should go to the Foreigners Office placed at Calle San Faustino n. 23. Bring original and copy of the following documents:

1. Your passport (all the pages)
2. Official document which proves your membership with your home university (i.e student card or similar)
3. proof of registration with the local town hall (a document that certifies you live at the address listed on your application. If you live in the center of Madrid, you can apply for it at the district council office closest to where you live: <http://www.espormadrid.es/2008/01/juntas-municipales-de-distrito-de.html> . Select your neighborhood and click on “más información”. You will find the information to make the appointment. You should select “padrón” procedure.

If you live in Getafe, Leganés or somewhere else, inquire at the town hall.

4. Copy of your entry declaration. If you don't have it, copy of your flight ticket
5. Two copies of the form EX00:
http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/ModelosSolicitudes/Mod_solicitudes2/index.html
6. UC3M admission letter
7. proof that you have sufficient economic means for the stay requested and the return trip to your country of origin. The economic means required are equivalent to 100% of the IPREM per month, which for 2012 will be set at 532.51€. The total amount for a full academic year was 6,390.12€. For stays of less than one year, calculate the total by multiplying 532.51€ times the number of months you are going to be in Spain. You can request this document at your bank (bank statement with the current balance or similar).

If you want to know the status of your application, visit: <https://sede.mpt.gob.es/pagina/index/directorio/infoext2>

Within 3 months you will be receiving at your address an official document allowing you to stay in Spain as a student and with an appointment to go to the Foreign Nationals Office (Avenida de los Poblados s/n) to put your fingerprints if your stay is longer than 6 months.

6. 3. DURING YOUR STAY

EXTENSION OF STAY FOR STUDYING: RENEWAL OF THE FOREIGN STUDENT I.D. CARD

Foreign student ID cards are granted for the duration of your studies in Spain. If you wish to renew yours to continue your studies in Spain, you can apply for a renewal in the 60 days prior to the expiration date of your current ID or in the 90 days after it expires, although in the latter case, you might be fined by the police.

The application for extension can be submitted in any public registry. You can do it at the one in C/García de Paredes 65, Gregorio Marañón subway stop. If you live in Getafe or Leganes go to the City Hall.

Documents to submit (original and photocopy):

- Two copies of form EX00, which can be downloaded at http://extranjeros.mtin.es/es/ModelosSolicitudes/Mod_solicitudes2/
- Valid passport (all pages including those that are blank)

- Your academic transcript (the document which indicates the grades you have earned during your stay). You can get this document at the office in charge of your stay with us.
- Document that certifies the continuation of your studies, research or training. You can get this document at the office in charge of your stay with us
- Proof that you have sufficient economic means for the stay requested and the return trip to your country of origin. The economic means required are equivalent to 100% of the IPREM per month, which for 2014 will be set at 532.51€. The total amount for a full academic year was 6,390.12€. For stays of less than one year, calculate the total by multiplying 532.51€ times the number of months you are going to be in Spain. You can request this document at your bank (bank statement with the current balance or similar).
- Medical insurance (including repatriation)
- A copy of your expired ID card
- Fee 790, code 052, which costs 16.64€ and can be downloaded at

<https://sede.mpt.gob.es/tasasPDF/prepareTasa?idTasa=052&idModelo=790&idProvincia=28> Fill in

the form with your personal data and check the option "Prórroga de la autorización de estancia por estudios, movilidad de alumnos, prácticas no laborales o servicios de voluntariado (titular principal y sus familiares)" under the section "prórrogas."

Your application will be processed in a minimum of three months. You must look up the state of the proceeding through the following link:

<https://sede.administracionespublicas.gob.es/pagina/index/directorio/infoext2/>

Once you see that it is RESUELTO-FAVORABLE, print that information and ask for an appointment for the taking of fingerprints through the following link: <https://sede.administracionespublicas.gob.es/icplus/citar>

Select *Madrid* in the field of "Provincia" and *Expedición de Tarjeta de Identidad en el extranjero (Huella)* in the field of "trámites disponibles para la provincia solicitada".

Documents to submit when taking your fingerprints:

- Form 790, code 012 for fee of 18,36€ available at police stations
- Original and copy of your passport (page with photo and personal data)
- 2 passport-size photo
- Original and copy of proof of registration with the local town council (only if your address is different from the one on the expired ID card). This is a document that certifies that the address listed on your application is accurate.
- original application for extension EX00 form
- original and copy of your expired ID card
- Proof of the appointment for the fingerprints take requested through the website.

AUTHORIZATION OF STAY FOR STUDENT FAMILY MEMBERS

During the time you are studying in Spain, your family members may be accompanying you. They must meet the following requirements:

A. Family members who may accompany the students: **spouse, common-law partner and children who are under 18 or disabled and** are not objectively capable of meeting their own needs as a result of their condition.

B. The student must have the **economic means to support his family members**, according to the following quantities. For the first family member, it is 75% of the IPREM, which in 2014 would be 399.38€ per month, for

a yearly total of 4,792.56€. For the second and each subsequent family member, it is 50%, which was 266.26€ per month and 3,195.12€ for the entire year.

The application is submitted in person by the family member at the Spanish consulate that corresponds to the foreign national's residence, either together with the student's study visa **or any time afterwards** until the visa expires.

Documents needed (original and photocopy):

- **Application for the national visa.** You can download the form at this link:
<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Documents/Impreso%20de%20solicitud.pdf>
- **Valid passport** whose expiration date covers the length of the stay applied for
- **Document that certifies the family relationship** (marriage certificate for spouse or common-law partner and is not valid for more than three months when it is presented; birth certificate in the case of children or parents, or documents that certify the disability of elderly persons).
- **Medical insurance**

If the **stay** is for **more than six months**:

--Medical certificate

--If the person is of the age of criminal responsibility, a **certified police record** issued by the authorities of the country of origin or the country where they have resided the previous five years

--If the application is submitted after the student has received her foreign student ID card in Spain, a copy of this document.

Permits for family members will be binding on the permit of the student, and they will be able to remain in Spanish territory for the same period and in the same situation as her.

If the family members' stay is for more than six months, they must obtain the foreign national ID card, following the same procedures as those aforementioned for the student.

Under no circumstances can the student's family members obtain a work permit.

They may apply for extensions of their permits as long as the family member supporting them has extended or is in the process of extending her permit.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Students in Spain may apply for a work permit to engage in self-employed or contract work. To do so, they must meet the following requirements:

1. The **employment activities must be compatible** with their studies.
2. The **income** obtained will not be considered a necessary resource for subsistence or the stay, nor will it be considered in the procedure of extending the stay.

The contract will be of the part-time variety. If it were full-time, the duration of the employment could not exceed three months nor coincide with lectures or laboratory work.

The work permit granted will be valid for the same length of time as the visa the student holds and may be extended once the extension of the stay for studying has been granted.

To obtain this work permit, the employer that wants to hire the student must make an appointment through the following link: <https://sede.administracionespublicas.gob.es/pagina/index/directorio/icpplus/> selecting *Madrid* in the field of “*provincia*” and *Autorización de trabajo para estudiantes* in the field of “*trámite*”.

The maximum period to reply with approval or denial of the work permit is 3 months from the date of the application.

RETURN PERMIT

If you want to travel outside of Spain but have not yet received your foreign student ID card, you can apply for a return permit which will allow you to return to Spain after your trip. This permit is valid for 90 days.

This permit may be requested only by full-year students who have had their fingerprints taken and are waiting to receive their student ID card, or have submitted their application for extension of their study visa and want to travel while their new card is in the process of being issued.

The application is submitted in person at a previously scheduled appointment made at the following web page: <https://sede.mpt.gob.es/icpplus/citar>

Select Madrid in the “*provincias disponibles*” section and select “**Autorización de Regreso**” under the section “*tramites disponibles para la provincia seleccionada*”.

Apply at the Provincial Office of Immigration and Documentation located at Avenida de los Poblados s/n (Aluche subway stop, line 5). Business hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Documents required (original and copy):

- Proof of the appointment
- Form EX13 (only one copy), which can be downloaded at http://extranjeros.mtin.es/es/ModelosSolicitudes/Mod_solicitudes2/
- Valid passport with entry stamp and visa. If you are applying while waiting for an extension, it is enough to take the photo page of your passport.
- Expired foreign national ID card and renewal documents (in the case you applied for the renewal of your card)
- UC3M admission letter
- Document of registration with the local town hall (a document that certifies you live at the address listed on your application)
- Form 790, code 012 with 10,20€ fee

Students that are living in Getafe and have already given their fingerprints can ask for this document at the Police Station located on Calle Churruga, 6, Getafe. They must go here 10 days before their travel date. The return permit will be issued 7 days after asking for it.

Important note: when documents from other countries are being submitted, they should be translated into Spanish by a sworn interpreter.

In addition, all foreign public documents must previously be authenticated by the Spanish consulate corresponding to the country where the documents were issued and by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, unless the documents have been annotated by the relevant authority of the issuing country according to the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961.

IN CASE YOUR PASSPORT OR STUDENT ID IS LOST OR STOLEN

If your documents are lost or stolen, go to the nearest state police station to report it. The following site has information on how to do it and how to find the police station closest to your home.

<http://www.policia.es/>

At the station, you will be given several copies of the report which you can use as proof that your passport or student ID card is lost.

If it is your passport that has been lost or stolen, follow the procedure below:

First—Go to your embassy or consulate to apply for a new one.

Second—If your stay in Spain is not longer than 6 months, you are not entitled to a student ID card, so you must go to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consular Affairs Department (www.maec.es) on the Calle Juan de Mena, no. 4, and request a certificate which indicates the length of your authorized stay in Spain. The certificate will be sent to the address listed on your application.

It is not needed to make an appointment. You will have to go there from 9:00 to 14:00 bringing a copy of your passport, visa, NIE card and Police report.

Important: You will not receive a new visa in your passport, since this procedure can only be done through the Spanish consulate where you initially applied for the visa.

If it is your student ID card that is lost, once you have filed the report, you must go to the Provincial Office of Immigration and Documentation and apply for a duplicate of the same. The address of the office is Av/ de los Poblados s/n (Aluche subway stop) and business hours are from 9 to 2.

To apply for the duplicate, you must take the following documents with you:

1. Passport
2. Copy of the old student ID card, if you have one
3. Application form EX17, downloadable at this web page: http://extranjeros.mtin.es/es/ModelosSolicitudes/Mod_solicitudes2/17-Formulario_TIE.pdf (two copies)
4. Fee 790, Code 012 (15,30€ for a first-time permit and 18,36€ for an extension)
5. Certificate of up-to-date registration with the town hall, if you have changed addresses
6. Original and copy of the report filed at the police station

Once your fingerprints have been taken, you will have to wait approximately 40 days to go back and collect the new student ID card, which will be valid for the time remaining to complete your studies in Spain.

USEFUL ADDRESSES:

1. Immigration government office:

Application for the foreign national ID card, Student mobility in the EU, internships...

- Dirección: calle San Faustino, nº 23, Madrid
- Metro: Canillejas (Línea 5)

General Immigration Affairs:

Address: calle García Paredes, nº 65 Madrid

- Metro: Gregorio Marañón (Línea 10)

Previous appointment not necessary

Provincial Office of Immigration

- Dirección: Calle Manuel Luna, nº 29
- Metro: Estrecho (Línea 1)

Previous appointment not necessary

2. Foreign Nationals Office

Fingerprinting, submission of Foreign national ID cards and Return permits:

- Avenida de los poblados s/n
- Metro: Aluche (Línea 5)

3. Office of registration of foreign Citizens Community: Initial applications and extensions of EU Registration Certificates

- Calle Padre Piquer, nº 18
- Metro: Campamento (Línea 5)