Overview

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Information for incoming exchange students
Majors: Limited to AEM and Communication Majors only
GPA: 3.0 or higher
Semesters Available: Fall (September to December); Spring (January to end of April). Orientation takes place during the first week of classes.
Language of Instruction: All courses are available in English. Some courses in Spanish are also available.
Student Population: 1,200 undergraduates

IE University has its roots in IE Business School, which was founded in 1973 in the heart of Madrid’s financial district. Those early years saw the launch of IE Business School’s MBA and Executive MBA programs. As Spain opened its doors to the world, IE served as a platform for debate on business challenges on an international level. In 1983 the School's International MBA was born. The same decade saw the creation of IE’s entrepreneurship department, geared to strengthen the School's innovative and entrepreneurial spirit. IE has since grown to become a hub for international business students and enjoys top rankings worldwide as a leading business school.

IE University was established in 2006 to offer international education at the undergraduate level. Its campuses in Segovia and Madrid bring together undergraduate students from around the world to study degree programs which continue to possess the innovative and entrepreneurial model which IE is built upon. IE University has now gained recognition in Europe and worldwide for excellence in teaching and learning, and is counted among the top universities in the world.

Madrid campus

The IE University campus is located in the center of Madrid, one of the leading financial capitals in Europe, in one of its most symbolic districts. Students benefit from a global learning environment, top-tier networking opportunities, and facilities equipped with the latest generation technologies – all shared with the prestigious top-ranked IE Business School and its multiple buildings. More information: http://www.ie.edu/IE/ie_vivir_madrid/index.php. A virtual tour of Madrid can be found at http://www.ie.edu/IE/ie_vivir_madrid/es/madrid/index.php.

Segovia

The IE University campus in the city of Segovia is located in a historic building, the Convent of Santa Cruz la Real, declared a national heritage site in 1931, and offers a true campus experience. Segovia is only 25 minutes from Madrid by high-speed train, and welcomes students from over 80 countries to a global university setting, with an atmosphere that is both academic and lively. Whether you live on or off campus, you will discover it is the perfect student environment to get to know everyone and become part of a close-knit community.

Segovia is a fairytale city full of narrow, twisting alleyways, Romanesque churches, and beautiful buildings. Additionally, this province of Spain has always been famous for its climate and its traditional cuisine. It is definitely not just a city to be admired from afar, but a great place to live.

With the bright lights of the big city always within reach and history literally at your fingertips, you will experience the best of both worlds! Visit http://www.ie.edu/university/student-life/living-in-segovia/segovia-madrid for more information. A virtual tour of campus can be found at http://www.ie.edu/university/visita-virtual/new/?lang=en.
Courses

Please follow the link to explore the courses available: http://www.ie.edu/university/studies/academic-programs

Students can pursue courses in the Bachelor in Business Administration or the Bachelor in Communication, including core courses or electives.

Business: Finance; Entrepreneurship; Marketing and International Business
Communication: Journalistic; Corporate and Audio/Visual

You must complete 30 ECTS credits per semester (equal to 15 Cornell credits). Courses are either 3 or 6 ECTS each. You may choose from the variety of courses, as long as the course schedules are not conflicting. In addition, students must take a Spanish language course offered by the Language Support Services center, located at both the Madrid and Segovia campuses.

Accommodation

Madrid has many university residences or residence-style options to choose from. This is ideal for students and parents looking for an all-inclusive solution in a more protected environment. For a single fixed price, students not only get basic housing but often a full meal plan, don’t have to worry about managing the payment of utilities (e.g. gas, water, electricity, etc), live with and get to know other students in the same building, have a porter or even 24 hour security service available to them, and often a number of other services.

The CALS Exchange Office will provide you with a list of options recommended by IE.

Alternatively, you may choose to rent a flat yourself or with others. The price of renting apartments in the center of Madrid can be fairly expensive although good deals can always be found with some careful hunting. For example, you should be able to rent a decent one/two bedroom flat for €700 - €800 per month.

Keep in mind that if you are willing to rent a flat, you will be asked for a refundable deposit that can be anywhere from one to six month’s rent. Additionally, it is possible that the landlord may request you to secure the contract against a bank deposit or other guarantee. Try to avoid finding a flat through a real estate agency, as they are likely to charge a finder’s fee of one month’s rent once you sign a contract.

Finally, be aware that, most of the time, utilities (i.e. electricity, water, etc.) are not included in the rent and must be paid apart on a monthly or bi-monthly basis.

Internet Search Portals: Idealista.com is the leading property search website in Spain. In addition to their accommodation catalogue they offer other services such as mobile phone or email alerts when suitable properties become available. Other useful resources are:

- http://www.enalquiler.com/
- http://www.fotocasa.es/
- http://www.yaencontre.com
- http://www.pisos.com

Please note that most of these alternative portals are available solely in Spanish.

In Segovia, IE has on-campus accommodation. Priority is given to full-year exchange students.
Orientation

All students must participate in the IE Orientation program organized during the first week of classes.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS-not the university directly.