SLU-MADRID

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The American University in Spain
Saint Louis University’s Madrid Campus delivers a world-class education and will expand your cultural horizons, whether you study with us for four years or just a few months. We welcome students from the United States, Spain and more than 65 other countries to pursue degrees and study abroad.

In addition to many of our undergraduate and graduate degree programs that can be pursued entirely in Spain, requirements for many programs offered at Saint Louis University’s U.S. campus can also be completed at SLU Madrid. Students pursuing degrees in select programs can also begin their studies in Madrid, then transfer to St. Louis to complete their degrees.

History
SLU’s Madrid Campus dates from a modest study abroad program launched by Raymond L. Sullivant, S.J., in the 1960s. Its success led Father Sullivant to offer classes in conjunction with the University of Comillas and then to establish an independent, permanent program, with its administrative offices and classrooms located between Madrid’s Complutense University and the city center in 1967.

Shortly thereafter, a number of Spanish students attracted to the University’s liberal arts curriculum enrolled in classes, and within a decade the campus was home to hundreds of students. Our program expanded, providing a full range of courses and a library, which permitted Spanish and European students to complete the first two years of their undergraduate studies in Madrid.

Our distinct position as the American Jesuit University in Spain prompted SLU to build a campus. In 1990, it purchased what now stand as Padre Rubio and Padre Arrupe halls. In 1996, SLU-Madrid was the first U.S. university to receive official recognition from the Consejería de Educación y Cultura, Madrid’s higher education authority; degree programs offered in Madrid are also accredited by Saint Louis University’s regional accrediting agency in the United States, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Association of Colleges and Schools.

In 2011, the University expanded its Madrid campus further with the acquisition and renovation of San Ignacio Hall, providing additional space to support both students and faculty, including a new library, cafeteria and auditorium.

Academic Programs
- Art History, B.A.
- Art History, Minor
- Biology, Minor
- Business Administration, Minor
- Communication, B.A.
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- Dance, Minor
- Economics, B.A.