

LEARNING ABROAD CENTER

University of Minnesota

STUDY AND INTERN IN MADRID

While you learn more about Spain through your courses, your internship placement gives you a chance to apply that knowledge in practice. Our internships in Madrid open the door for you to fully immerse yourself in a vibrant professional community while gaining valuable career and life skills that will serve you in the future. This experiential learning will be combined with a seminar to ensure you get the most out of your experience.

The internship and academic seminar will count for a total of **3 credits**, and students will spend **10 hours per week** at the internship site. Students will have an assigned supervisor at their internship placement.

INTERNSHIP IN SPAIN: SEMINAR

The seminar classes will deepen your understanding of Spanish workplace culture. An interdisciplinary approach will connect historical, political and economic perspectives of the labor market. We will explore topics such as the role of women in the workforce, immigration dynamics, social welfare structures, and other rapidly changing paradigms in contemporary Spanish history.

The seminar is also a tool to process your internship experience. Students will discuss cross-cultural communication problems, examine coping strategies and build up their resilience toolkit, as well as compare and contrast work culture in Spain and the USA. They will also be able to articulate their experience in future interviews by elaborating on their achievements and skills.

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT

Our list of available internship placements is updated continuously to better serve our participants and keep up with an ever-evolving market. The following is a list of the categories of internships we offer. Students should consider the type of industry they are most interested in, as well as the skills they should possess to thrive in that role. FOM will do our best to match each student to a role that fits their preferences, abilities, and goals.

Tourism & Hospitality

Tourism and hospitality is one of the largest sectors of Spain's economy, accounting for 8% of the GDP and 11% of total employment. Interns in this industry can expect to work for a travel agency, booking agency, walking tour, hostal or related company.

Possible roles/tasks: create content for websites and social media pages, develop promotional and marketing material, greet and assist guests and visitors, translate material (depending on language skills).

This opportunity is perfect for you if you are passionate about travel and you enjoy interacting with people from all over the world.

Journalism & Media

Spain's world-renowned media landscape spans diverse political perspectives and includes hardhitting satire, award-winning investigative journalism, and spirited debate. Interns in this industry can expect to work for a newspaper, magazine, blog, radio/TV program or related company.

Possible role/tasks: proofread and edit content in your language, create content for websites and social media, provide cultural insight and perspective on global issues, contribute articles or blog posts.

This opportunity is perfect for you if you have excellent writing and communication skills and an appreciation for the importance of access to information.

Culture & Art

Madrid is a global cultural and artistic capital recognized for it's world-famous museums, theatres, dance companies, and more. Interns in this industry can expect to work for a cultural center, theatre, museum, gallery or related company.

Possible role/tasks: create content for websites/social media/newsletters, plan and promote exhibitions/events, research and prepare notes, update websites and databases, write and send news releases, translation (depending on language skills).

This opportunity is perfect for you if you have special appreciation or talent for the visual and performing arts.

Business Administration

Apply and sharpen your skills in marketing, communication, and project management with a business administration placement. Interns in this industry can expect to work in an office setting and learn more about the day-to-day management of a company.

Possible role/tasks: create content for websites/social media, perform market research and present findings, compile data and identify trends, create marketing materials, attend organizational meetings, assist in event-planning, create documents and slides (Microsoft Office), participate in project management, translation (depending on language skills).

This opportunity is perfect for you if you enjoy working in a corporate or office environment, are highly organized and motivated, and are comfortable speaking up and sharing your ideas.

Political & Community Organizations

As Spain's capital and seat of government, Madrid is bursting with organizations and initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of its citizens. Interns in this industry can expect to work for a non-profit organization, community group, local initiative, or related company.

Possible role/tasks: create content for websites and social media, provide cultural insight and knowledge on global issues, research and prepare notes, compile data and analyze trends, proofread and edit written content, prepare press releases, write case studies, prepare data visualizations, translation (depending on language skills).

This opportunity is perfect for you if you have a finger on the pulse of current events, and you enjoy working with a team toward a common goal.

Education

Spain's comprehensive education system includes public, private, and partially subsidized charter schools (*concertados*). In the last 15 years, Spain has taken steps to drastically improve their English curriculum and student outcomes.

Possible role/tasks: support a school with their English department, work as an assistant teacher in a classroom, give conversation classes to students/teachers, help students study and prepare for official English exams, strengthen the bilingual program/curriculum/materials in a school or education center.

This opportunity is perfect for you if you like working with kids, you are already multilingual or have experience learning and teaching another language, you are empathetic, collaborative, and creative and would be comfortable in a school environment.

Health

Life expectancy is Spain is almost two years higher than the EU average, in part due to the excellent public health system. Intern in a health care center and learn more about why Spain scores higher than average in many key health indicators.

Possible role/tasks: give classes to medical professionals and administrators, attend meetings, create content for websites and social media, assist with digitalization, provide cultural insight and knowledge.

This opportunity is perfect for you if you are interested in biology, medicine, or health policy/administration; you are already multilingual or have experience learning and teaching another language; you are empathetic toward patients and staff and would be comfortable in a hospital, lab or admin environment.

INTERNSHIP PREFERENCES

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Rank your industry preferences with 1 being your top choice, and 7 being your least favorite. FOM will try to place you in one of your top 3 choices.

Tourism & Hospitality	
Journalism & Media	
Culture & Art	
Business Management	
Political & Community Organizations	
Education	
Health	

Add brief details (bullet points are ok) to elaborate on your top choices. This is a space for you to highlight any relevant skills, interests, experience and/or goals that we should keep in mind when considering you for a placement.

My top choices are:	Why this is a good fit for me:
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2.	
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