



Student Visa

LONG-TERM VISA

Live & Learn in Spain!

We are always by your side! The entire visa application procedure could be difficult and time-consuming for non-EU citizens. However, you don't need to worry. NL College and the lawyer office we work with will help you! We have rich experience in assisting non-EU students with their long-term student visas.

Our multilingual team is ready to guide you in this very important step of your student exchange. We are available to answer any questions and the school will provide all the necessary documentation regarding your studies.

Our long-term programs include the official school documents and certificates you'll need to apply for a student visa. We will help you to fulfill your dream of studying abroad in Spain! Start your NL College experience now!

We also have a partnership with a law firm in Spain (Solicitor) that offers support as well for an additional cost with your visa application procedure and also with settling down visa package in Spain.

The first step is to enroll in your Spanish course at **NL College**, once you have your course fully paid you can start the visa process.

Required documents for applying your student visa from your country:

- 1. National visa application form** : Each applicant must complete and sign a visa application, filling in each of its sections.
- 2. Photograph.** A recent, passport-size, color photograph, taken against a light background, facing forward, without dark or reflective glasses, or any garments concealing the oval of the face.
- 3. Valid, unexpired passport.** Original and a photocopy of the page or pages of the passport that contain biometric data. The passport must be valid at least for the duration of



the planned stay and contain two blank pages. Passports issued more than 10 years ago will not be accepted.

4. Proof of acceptance for the study. Original and a copy of the document proving:

- Acceptance at an authorized teaching center to carry out a full-time and fully paid study programme (20 hours per week) (**This is the NL College's enrollment letter**).

5. Proof of financial means. Original and a copy of the documents proving that the applicant (or their legal representative or the family member supporting them) has sufficient financial means to cover the expenses of the student's stay and return, as well as the stay and return of the family members accompanying them. The minimum required amount is equivalent to 100% of Spain's Public Multiple Effects Income Indicator, IPREM (€600 per month).

Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

Means of maintenance can be proven with the following documents:

- Bank statements for the past 6 months (original and stamped by the bank)
- Loan or grant showing amount to be received for studies.
- University letter specifying that accommodation and food are covered.
- If parents are going to be taking care of the applicant's expenses in Spain: Written letter stating this signed by the parents along with the applicant's birth certificate and the parent's passports and a photocopy.

Legalization and translation of documents related to financial means won't be required. Nevertheless, during the visa process we may require legalization or translation of these documents if there are doubts about the authenticity of any documents.

6. Health insurance. Original and a copy of the certificate accrediting the public or private health insurance contracted with an insurance entity authorized to operate in Spain. The insurance policy must cover all the risks insured by Spain's public health system.

7. Criminal record check certificate. Applicants of legal age who apply for a visa for a stay of more than 180 days must submit the original and a copy of the criminal record check certificate(s) issued by their country or countries of residence for the past 5 years. Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

8. Medical certificate. Applicants requiring a visa for a stay of more than 180 days must submit the original and a copy of a medical certificate accrediting that they do not suffer from



any disease that could cause serious repercussions for public health pursuant to the 2005 International Health Regulations. Foreign documents must be legalized or apostilled and, where applicable, must be submitted together with an official translation into Spanish.

9. Proof of residence in the consular district. The applicant must provide proof of their legal residence in the consular district or that they are attending classes, in person, in the consular district.

Ps: all this info is in the official website <https://www.exteriores.gob.es/es/EmbajadasConsulados/Paginas/index.aspx>

10. Payment of the visa fee. The visa fee is of an amount equivalent to 80 euros. For nationals of Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, the United States of America and the United Kingdom different rates are applied for reasons of reciprocity. In these cases, the amount of the fee must be consulted with the Consular Office.

Procedure

Applying for a study visa also entails applying for a study stay permit.

- **Who can apply for a visa:** Visa applications must be submitted in person by the applicant
- **Visa application period:** Visa applications must be submitted sufficiently in advance of the beginning of the pertinent study programmes, as the procedure entails consultations with other authorities.
- **Place of submission:** Applications must be submitted in person at the Consular Office. An appointment is necessary.
- **Proof of receipt:** The Consular Office will provide the applicant with proof of receipt of the application with a code that enables them to check the status of the dossier through the following link: <https://sutramiteconsular.maec.es/Home.aspx>
- **Rectifying the application:** The Consular Office may ask the applicant to submit any missing documents, or to provide additional documents or data that are necessary for a decision regarding the application. The applicant may also be called in for a personal interview.
- **Decision period:** The legal period for reaching a decision is 1 month from the day after the application submission date, but this period may be extended if an interview or additional documents are requested.



- **Collecting the visa:** The visa must be collected in person by the applicant within a maximum period of 2 months, counted as of the day after the date on which the favorable decision is notified. The Consular Office will inform the applicant regarding the procedure for the return of the passport and any other original documentation.
- **Refusal of the visa or study stay permit:** Refusals of the visa or study stay permit will always be notified in writing, setting forth the grounds on which the decision adopted was based.
- **Appeals:** If a study stay permit or visa is refused, the applicant may submit an appeal for reconsideration to the Consular Office within 1 month of the day following the date on which notification of the refusal is received. An application for judicial review may also be filed with the High Court of Justice of Madrid within the 2-month period beginning the day after the date on which the applicant receives notification of the visa refusal or of the dismissal of the reconsideration appeal.
- **Validity period of the visa:** If the study stay does not exceed 6 months, the visa will be valid for the entire stay and it will not be necessary to obtain a Foreigner Identity Card. If the study stay is for longer than 6 months, the visa will be valid for a 90-day stay. The student must apply for a Foreigner Identity Card within a period of 1 month from their entry into Spain, at the Foreign Nationals' Office or the Police Station of the province in which the permit was processed.