

# N.U.in Spain Visa Guide 2026

## Saint Louis University – Madrid



*This visa guide was developed in collaboration with Saint Louis University - Madrid and Northeastern University.*

### Spain Visa Process Timeline

#### **All Students (except EU/EEA citizens)**

*Please read this guide carefully and share it with a parent or guardian. We urge you to keep this guide in a place where it can be referenced.*

**All non-European Union/EEA citizens must apply for and obtain a study visa **before** departing for Spain.**

This visa information was prepared in March 2026 to facilitate your process for obtaining a student visa for Spain. The information below is based on the information available and compiled to the best of our ability. It is your responsibility to review your Spanish BLS International Center of jurisdiction visa requirements prior to your appointment. **(BLS is a third-party provider that collaborates with the Spanish Consulate and specializes in different application processes, including visa services. All U.S.-based applicants will need to apply through their local BLS International Center instead of their local Spanish Consulate).**

*Check the website of your assigned BLS Center for their exact procedure and requirements.*

*Applications must be submitted at least **two months** in advance of the start date of your program. Everyone should submit their visa application no later than **June 29**. Students who delay submitting their application risk not obtaining their visa in time, which may result in their inability to attend this N.U.in location.*

- N.U.in students can only apply through the BLS center which has jurisdiction over their permanent address as shown on official identification. Please check **this website** to identify which consulate has jurisdiction over your permanent address.
- Consult your assigned consulate/BLS webpage for the most up-to-date visa information.

- Refer to the official checklist from your consulate/BLS webpage to confirm what you need complete.
- All BLS Centers require that students schedule an in-person appointment. Students will be required to go to the BLS Center as part of the visa process. In most cases, once the visa has been issued in the applicant's passport, the student will need to return to the BLS Center where they applied to pick up their passport in person. **Therefore, please plan for a minimum of two trips for this visa process.**
  - Students can request that the BLS Center mail back their passport to their home address. At many locations, however, this service is not provided. BLS will decide whether or not they are able to meet this request.

## What documents will I need to submit?

Below is a list of mandatory documentation for all Spanish consulates in the U.S. You may be asked to present everything on this list, or your consulate/BLS might have additional requirements. ***It is your responsibility to check with your consulate/BLS.***

**IMPORTANT:** You must present an original set of documents plus one photocopy set.

### 1. A completed National Visa application form

- A copy of the National Visa form can be found [here](#).
- Complete it in black or blue ink.
- Instructions on how to complete the form can be found [here](#).

### 2. One recent color passport-sized photo

- In color, with a white background, taken from the front, without dark glasses, reflections, or clothing that hides the face.
- 2 inches x 2 inches
- Do not paste/staple the photo to the form. Use a paper clip.

### 3. Payment of the visa fee

- Consult your BLS center for exact costs and accepted forms of payment.

### 4. Passport

- Current passport, issued within the last 10 years and valid until at least July 1, 2028.

- Your passport must have at least two blank pages.
- Along with the actual passport, please also submit a photocopy of the passport biographical data page.

## 5. Proof of residence in this jurisdiction

**The copy of this document needs to be notarized.** You must provide proof of residence for the jurisdiction of the consulate through which you are applying. Please refer to your local Consulate/BLS website to determine which documents can be accepted as proof of residence in your jurisdiction.

- Each BLS Center accepts different documentation for this requirement.

## 6. U.S. immigration status (*not applicable for U.S. citizens*)

**The copy of this document needs to be notarized.** If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must provide your permanent resident card (green card) or U.S. immigrant visa.

## 7. Certificate of admission issued in Spain + Proof of payment (*One document*)

If you have confirmed your enrollment at SLU-Madrid by **May 20**, the visa letter/decision letter in Spanish will be available in Saint Louis University-Madrid's portal, the Billiken Gateway.

You will only have access to this visa letter/decision letter in Spanish after confirming your enrollment at SLU-Madrid. Once the letter appears in the Billiken Gateway portal, download and print the letter, in color, and put it with your application form.

**This letter meets the admission and proof of payment requirements for your Spanish Student Visa.**

## 8. Proof of availability of financial means

### OPTION 1

- If your parents or guardians are willing to act as your guarantors, this is the best and easiest option to provide proof of funds. We have prepared a **form letter** for you to use. Simply ask your parents to fill it out and to specify that the amount is at least **\$700 per month throughout your stay in Spain**. This does not mean that you need to have this money on hand. It is essentially a promise that you are not at risk of being without funds in Spain.
- **This letter will need to be signed and dated in front of a notary.** The form is in

both English and Spanish, so you do not need to provide a translation. Your parent(s) or guardian(s) must also include a copy of their ID.

- Refer to your assigned consulate/BLS webpage, as some consulates/BLS may require a parent or guardian's bank statements showing sufficient funds or other documentation.

## OPTION 2

- If you will provide your own funds (bank statements in your name, not under a parent or guardian's name) the minimum required amount is **\$700 for every month** you will be in Spain, or **\$2,800 total**.

## 9. Health insurance from an insurer recognized and authorized to operate in Spain

For students who have confirmed their enrollment at SLU-Madrid by **May 20**, the visa health insurance letter in Spanish will be available in Saint Louis University-Madrid's portal, the Billiken Gateway.

You will receive Sanitas health insurance as part of your tuition costs at SLU-Madrid. In the portal, after confirming, you will receive the document with your policy information in Spanish. You will need to print out the certificate in color and submit it with your application form. The insurance will meet all the requirements of the Spanish visa application.

## 10. Disclaimer form(s)

All BLS Centers ask you to sign a disclaimer form to include with your application. Every BLS Center has a different Disclaimer Form. Please download this document by going to the "Download Form" tab of your local BLS webpage.

## 11. Medical certificate

All students applying for a Spanish Student visa will need to provide a Medical Certificate form, signed and completed by a physician. You can find a template of this document [here](#).

## Optional Documentation

Below is a list of documentation that consulates/BLS centers have asked for in the last three years. You may be asked to present everything on this list, or your consulate/BLS center might have an additional requirement. **It is your responsibility to check with your consulate/BLS center.**

### 12. Proof of accommodation

For students who have confirmed their enrollment at SLU-Madrid by **May 20**, the visa housing letter in Spanish will be available in Saint Louis University-Madrid's portal, the Billiken Gateway.

Some consulates/BLS centers require that you show proof of accommodation for at least the first three months of your stay in Spain. All N.U.in Spain students will be living in a Yugo Residence for the duration of the program.

### 13. Pre-paid, self-addressed Express Mail envelope from USPS

If your consulate/BLS center offers the option of sending back the visa and any original documents to you upon completion, you may be asked to provide a pre-paid, self-addressed Express Mail envelope.

## Optional Documentation

Ask your BLS center about how they plan to return your visa. Most BLS offices require an in-person pickup, whereas others may be able to mail back your application.

All applications will be assigned a unique tracking or reference number. You can check the status of your application by going to your consulate or BLS website.

The student visa application is an important step on your journey to making Madrid your campus. SLU-Madrid looks forward to welcoming you to Spain soon!

## Important Reminders

Northeastern University and Saint Louis University - Madrid have no influence on the outcome of immigration applications, including the decisions and policies of Spanish immigration authorities, no ability to inquire about an individual immigration application, or to expedite the process for an individual student. In addition, N.U.in employees are unable to provide legal advice to students or families concerning country-specific immigration requirements and/or application processes.

Students are responsible for completing all required applications for immigration permissions or registrations correctly and in a timely manner, and for obtaining any required permissions prior to the program start date. If the student cannot obtain valid permission in time for the program start date, please refer to the N.U.in Withdrawal Policy and contact the N.U.in office to discuss the next steps.

# Spain Visa Process

Please continue to check your Northeastern email account for information and updates throughout the visa process.

Start looking for an appointment **NOW**. Please book an appointment at your Spanish BLS Center of jurisdiction for a date after **June 8**.

Students who complete all necessary action items on time will receive their required documents for their visa by this day.

## May 5

Receive communication from N.U.in team with visa guide, visa webinar, and appointment scheduling information.

## May 13

**Spain Visa Webinar 12:00pm ET.**  
View registration information on your App Status Check.

## May 15

Receive a recording of the webinar.

## May 20

Deadline to confirm your SLU-Madrid student information portal.

## May 28

Receive Visa Survey 1 to your Northeastern University email address.

**Deadline to respond is June 5**

## First Week of June

Receive documents from SLU-Madrid if all action items are completed by **May 20**.

## June 8 and onwards

Attend your scheduled appointment.

## June 25

Receive Visa Survey 2 to your Northeastern University email address.

**Deadline to respond is July 7**

## June 29

Recommened last day to apply for your visa

## August 3

Receive Visa Survey 3 to your Northeastern University email address.

**Deadline to respond is August 7**

## August 28

Depart to Spain on August 28. Arrive August 29.