Summer in Madrid 2017
Pre-Departure Orientation
This online guide is a helpful reminder of the important details that were covered in the pre-departure orientation on May 4th.
This guide will focus on specific information that you need to know, specific tasks that only you can complete, and identify the NYU resources that will be available to you this summer while you’re in Madrid.

Please read through it carefully!
At NYU Madrid students can study literature, history, art history, sociology, politics, anthropology, economics, applied linguistics and environmental studies, among other topics, while significantly advancing their command of the Spanish language. The richness of Spain’s capital is reflected in its architecture, its museums and cultural treasures, and its cuisine.
A vibrant city that is engaged with pressing global political and economic issues – from immigration, climate change and human rights to debates on the future of the European Union – Madrid is also an important center for contemporary cultural production in dance, film, theater and the visual arts.
Outside of the classroom opportunities abound in this vibrant city via activities and cultural programs organized by NYU Madrid. Excursions to Toledo, Segovia, San Sebastián, Elciego, and Bilbao are also among the extracurricular activities that complement the academic program. In addition, the Intercambio Program brings NYU Madrid students together with local college students to practice their Spanish and to further cultural exchanges.
Airport pickup: from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Terminal 1)

- NYU Madrid site staff will be at Madrid-Barajas International Airport (MAD) on SUN, MAY 28 to greet you. All students must arrive on this date!

- Once you clear customs, immigration and retrieve your luggage, a staff member will accompany you to a taxi that will take you directly to your housing placement.

- It may take 45 minutes - 1 hour to clear customs, immigration, and pick-up your luggage at the baggage claim. If you are arrive after 12pm, you must make your own transportation arrangements.

For privacy and security, neither NYU nor NYU Madrid can or will provide your information to anyone who attempts to contact you through us - including parents!
Arrival Cheat Sheet

Don’t leave for Spain without your Madrid Arrival Cheat Sheet! It contains helpful information about navigating the airport, getting to your housing assignment, and NYU Madrid contact information. Print it out and keep a copy as you travel to Madrid.

Please also provide a copy of this document to your family.
Discovering Madrid

Explore everything from culture to cuisine during this engaging video on the Spanish capital.
Madrid is the central hub of modern Spain, with a vibrant urban flair. It is also the country's business center, home to an array of banks and international companies, and fashion capital—a fact easily gleaned from the citizens' tasteful street style and the many trendy boutiques along the Calle de Serrano. Despite the hub-bub of daily life in the metropolis, Madrileños take it all in stride, giving the impression of being quite relaxed about it all.
• **Truly** the city that never sleeps: “Madrid’s vitality and character will soon have you hooked.”

• Velázquez’ s classics at the Prado are just down the street from Madrid’s throbbing cultural center.

• One of Europe’s highest capitals, Madrid enjoys a crisp, dry air year round with a strong sun and generally little rain.

• Madrid, as all European capitals, is expensive. Students still find that it is not quite as expensive as NYC.

• Although it is a huge city, it has preserved its little, quaint neighborhoods.

• *Madrileños* are friendly, welcoming folks.
Cultural Differences

You should expect cultural differences and will need to be flexible and open-minded to adjust to differences in food, language, living situation, relationships, and diversity.
With a plethora of historic sites, museums, restaurants, and cultural activities, it is easy to explore and discover all Madrid has to offer.
Attendance at **ALL** NYU Summer in Madrid orientation activities is **MANDATORY**!

**Be advised:** Summer extra-curricular activities are held on *Tuesdays* in June.

**Orientation activities include:**
- Arrival Debriefing
- Reina Sofia museum visit
- A cultural conference
- Paella luncheon
All students are enrolled in **GeoBlue**, an international health coverage plan. The coverage dates are **May 28 – July 8th**!

Arrange ongoing counseling in advance through the Wellness Exchange or the NYU Madrid Psychologist (Neda Hajizadeh – [nh414@nyu.edu](mailto:nh414@nyu.edu))

If you take prescriptions regularly, bring a full supply or connect with wellness to discuss options of getting prescriptions abroad –  

**DO NOT SHIP ANY MEDICATIONS!**
Transportation

The NYU Madrid Academic Center is easily reached by walking or public transport.

- **Metro**
- **Bus**
- **Taxis**

*The unlimited Youth pass for metro and bus is 20 euros per month!*
If you wish to bring your current cell/smart phone, make sure to speak to your phone provider and ask if it can be unlocked. This will allow you to purchase a pay-as-you-go SIM card in Spain, which will give you a local number. Be sure to hold on to the SIM card from your home-country so you can put it back in once you return.

As an alternative, you can also purchase an inexpensive local cell phone when you arrive.
Safety

The NYU Madrid center is monitored by security guards 24/7

There is ALWAYS a NYU staff member on duty, in New York and Madrid

NYU ID card is necessary to access the academic center

Help us keep you safe:
1. Don’t invite strangers into the building.
2. Follow all staff recommendations
3. Always lock your doors
4. Don’t forget your street smarts!
Rate 1€ = $1.09
(*Currency dated May 3rd*)

Transit
One month unlimited bus/metro
  - Youth Pass (under 26)” €20 ($21.83)
  - Ten ride pass €12.20 ($13.32)

Dining Out for Two
Dinner at an upscale restaurant €60 ($65.49)
Casual dinner (similar to US chain restaurant)
25€ ($27.29)

Typical breakfast on the run
Spanish coffee in local café €1.30 ($1.42)
Pincho de tortilla (potato omelette) 2.5€ ($2.73)
Money Tips

Find out your bank’s international ATM withdrawal fees and how to minimize them. Also tell them the dates of the program so that your card will work abroad!

Make sure that you have a 4-digit PIN that will work abroad (no letters, just numbers)

The currency is EUROS: Check the exchange rate & notify your bank that you want to INCREASE YOUR DAILY CASH LIMIT!

Budget Tip? Determine your priorities. Do you want things/souvenirs or experiences?
Register at the Moses Center

MOSES CENTER
The Henry and Lucy Moses Center for Students with Disabilities provides services for students with:

- Hearing and visual impairments
- Learning disabilities
- Mobility impairments
- Chronic illnesses
- Psychological impairments

Location
726 Broadway, 2nd Floor
Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Contact
www.nyu.edu/csd
(212) 998 - 4980

Register
- Students must register prior to classes in order to arrange appropriate accommodations
- Students must initiate this process and present documentation
NYU Madrid is located in renovated buildings in El Viso, a pleasant residential area near Madrid's financial district and only a few metro stops from the historic center.

Students explore Hispanic culture, history, and society while immersed in the life of this vibrant city, the capital of the Hispanic world.
The buildings, which have been newly restructured, feature modern classrooms, computer facilities with E-mail and wireless access to the Internet, and a charming patio.

NYU Madrid has a reading room of approximately 1,500 books and a collection of DVDs. These holdings include books on literature, art, history, and other subjects, in Spanish and in English.
You can make changes to your schedule during the 2-day ADD/DROP.

Please note: you must get clearance for ALL registration changes from Isabel Pereira and Soledad Gálvez.

You will be in class for several hours everyday! Do NOT make travel plans until you arrive and receive your syllabus.

Any questions regarding your language level, please email Isabel Pereira in Madrid at: ip15@nyu.edu
Study abroad at Global Academic Centers is an academically intensive and immersive experience, in which students from a wide range of backgrounds exchange ideas in discussion-based seminars. Learning in such an environment depends on the active participation of all students. And since classes typically meet once or twice a week, even a single absence can cause a student to miss a significant portion of a course. **To ensure the integrity of this academic experience, class attendance at the centers is mandatory, and unexcused absences will be penalized with a two percent deduction from the student’s final course grade for every week's worth of classes missed.** Students are responsible for making up any work missed due to absence. Repeated absences in a course may result in harsher penalties including failure.
A 3-Day Excursion to:

Bilbao, San Sebastián, and Elciego

Day trips to:

Toledo and Segovia

(Please note: Some trips and other activities may require a refundable deposit.)
Things to Do

Activities

Cultural Lectures

“Intercambios” (Language Exchange Program)
Local/Regional Travel

- Andalucía
- Comunidad Valencia
- Galicia
- La Rioja
- Cataluña
- País Vasco
Do not make weekend travel plans until you have arrived, confirmed your schedule, and verified the make-up class schedules for your courses. You cannot miss class for travel!

Remember, it can be tempting to spend every weekend in another country. But try staying in Madrid, too! There are plenty of local attractions.
Residence

You will be billed directly on your NYU Bursar account. Single Room in Shared Suite: $2,169 USD.

Residence is comprised of NYU students, Spanish, and international students enrolled at local universities.

Each suite includes two single bedrooms, a kitchenette (small stovetop, microwave, fridge), and a bathroom.
Overview of Claraval Policies

This is a very secure facility that will require ID to access the building.

The residence contains study lounges with computer facilities, and other common rooms that are shared by all of the residents of the building. Absolutely NO smoking, alcohol, drugs or indecent behavior will be tolerated in either the student lounges or the common areas.

**Please be aware of the Claraval Residence Guest Policy.** Students may have overnight guests. But there is a limit to the duration and frequency of hosting visitors. Students must submit a “Request to host form” that can be obtained from the Residence Assistant. Since the rooms only have one bed, the guest will only be allowed to stay overnight if the other student sharing the apartment is a) not spending the night/s in his/her room and b) signs a roommate consent form for the guest to use his/her room for the night. The roommate consent form must be turned in together with the request to host form at least 24 hours prior to the guest arrival for review. Approval is not guaranteed. Approved guests must sign in at the front desk before 10 pm.

*For more details, please visit the [Claraval Residence website](#)*
Packing Tips

**Medication and Toiletries**
- Bring a **written prescription** with the chemical name for each of your medications
- Stock up on over-the-counter products
- Leave all prescription medication in the ORIGINAL packaging and pack some in carry-on.
- Have a special brand you prefer? Bring enough with you because you may not find it in Spain!

**Pack Light & Avoid Shipping!** You will have to carry all your luggage and TAXIS will NOT take more than two bags.

**Electronics**
- Only bring electronics that come with **built-in converters** like laptops, ipod, digital cameras, and some cell phone chargers.
- You will need **plug adaptors**
- Anything else is prohibited by NYU policy & can be purchased while in Madrid.

**Carry-on an overnight bag** packed with everything you might need for at least two nights. Should your luggage be lost or delayed, you would have the essentials.
Housing assignments will be sent to your NYU email address shortly before the program begins.

Gender neutral housing is possible! But unless you specifically request otherwise, your roommate(s) will be of the same sex.

Once confirmed, all housing assignments and meal plans are final!

Housing Questions? Contact Megan Jones, the NYU Madrid Housing Coordinator at mmj3@nyu.edu
If you have immigration, passport, or visa-related questions, email OGS Representative Jessica Walker at jessica.walker@nyu.edu!
Final Checklist

• Book flight!

• Housing application closed on May 1
  If you have any questions, email <megan.jones@nyu.edu>

• Register/print GeoBlue Insurance card!

• Update Study Away Confirmation Portal ASAP:
  • *Personal information and passport details*
  • *Flight itinerary*
  • *Etc.*