

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Furman in Madrid

Locations: Madrid, Spain

Dates: August 29, 2025 - December 15, 2025

Program Description: Students experience full immersion in Spanish language and culture through host family residence in Madrid. Four of the five courses will be taught by faculty of the Universidad Antonio de Nebrija: an intensive language course, a cultural course on contemporary Spain, a civilization course taught through art and architecture which carries VP credit, and a course on documentary-making (each course will carry three transfer credits to Furman). A fifth (four-credit) course, taught by the Furman faculty, will also meet a major requirement. Our program incorporates weekly interactive activities in the city of Madrid, weekend outings to nearby towns of interest (e.g., Segovia, Salamanca, Toledo), and three major excursions to the autonomous communities of Galicia (northwest Spain), Catalonia (northeast Spain), and Andalucía (southern Spain).

Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

	Frequency		Frequency
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional	STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Always.	Foreign Language Environment	Spanish
Course work in English	Never	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Some mountains, hilly, cobblestones
Laptop Required	TBD	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Similar to Greenville
Traditional Classroom	Most of the time	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No risk
Group Work	Sometimes	Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Tests, journals, essays, presentations	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing in large cities
Interactions with local residents	Always	Cultural Dress Code	None
Field Work/Research	Never	Curfew	None
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never	Motion Sickness	Plane, train and bus travel
Other	Prerequisite: SPN 215	Other	

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	HEALTH & DIET	Frequency
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Expected	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	TBD
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never	Food Allergy Accommodations	TBD
Standing 60+ minutes	During tours	Group Meals	Yes
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Always	Cooking for oneself	Never
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Potential hike	Host family prepares meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Walking 3+ miles per day	Always	Healthcare easily accessible	Yes
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Yes, public transportation is within walking distance	Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	WATER ACTIVITIES	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	Yes-private room but private bath is not guaranteed	Swimming	Optional
Roommate	During excursions	Snorkeling	None
Shared Apartment		SCUBA	None
Dormitory		Boat, canoes or other water activities	Possible ferry ride
Camping		Sea sickness	Possible ferry ride
Hotel	During excursions	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Always		
Internet signal available	Always		
Refrigerator Access	Always		
Air Conditioning	TBD		
Heating	TBD		

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/spain>