

# UIUC Granada, Spain

## IAP Academic Notes

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**Please refer to your IAP Study Abroad Handbook for a complete list of UW policies. These academic notes supply additional information specific to your program.**

### Study Abroad Program

This program is offered by International Academic Programs (IAP) in partnership with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). Throughout the course of your study abroad experience you will be communicating with both IAP and UIUC staff. It is essential that you pay close attention to all information provided to you by both organizations. These academic notes supplement handbooks or materials you receive from UIUC as well as the IAP Study Abroad Handbook. Changes may occur before your departure or while you are abroad.

UIUC handles the program's day-to-day operations. Generally, questions about aspects of your program abroad should be directed to UIUC (program housing options, program facilities abroad, excursions offered as part of the program, etc.). Questions relating to your relationship with UW-Madison or your academics should be addressed to International Academic Programs at UW-Madison (course credits, equivalents, UW Madison registration, etc.).

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### Academic Program

You will take classes at the Centro Granadí de Español (CEGRI). CEGRI is a private school that specializes in the teaching of Spanish language and culture to U.S. students. The program with UIUC is the primary school using CEGRI. You will take your classes with other U.S. university students of the UIUC program. There are no Spanish students at CEGRI. You will be expected to use only Spanish at CEGRI. CEGRI offers very personalized instruction with classes limited to no more than 18 students. Your grades will be determined by considering a combination of components such as: attendance, oral interviews, participation, written tests, and written essays.

Teaching methods and style can be different from what you are used to at UW-Madison. In some cases your participation in class will be demanded, and in others there may tend to be less classroom discussion and an expectation on the part of the professors that you will do a great deal of independent reading in order to learn as much as possible about the subject at hand. This is typical of students in most European countries studying at the university level. This style is to help you grow and improve with your learning. Since class sizes are small, there is more opportunity for personal learning.

### Course Information

In addition to language courses, CEGRI offers a program of courses related to the rich culture of Spain and the region of Andalucia, where Granada is located.

After a short orientation in Granada, you will take a Spanish Placement test to be sure you are placed into language classes at your appropriate language level. This test consists of an extensive written portion and possibly a short oral interview. It is recommended that you prepare for this exam by reviewing grammar rules, vocabulary, etc.

There are frequently no assigned textbooks in the Spanish system. Most of your work will be done from either "suggested" texts or photocopied articles or book excerpts. CEGRI will provide the text and excerpt material for you. It will be your responsibility as a student to be alert to your professors' suggestions on readings. Similarly, there may be little daily homework; however, this does not mean that you will not have to work. You should plan on motivating

yourself to keep up with suggested and required readings throughout the semester, as your final grade will be determined by a final exam which will cover the material discussed both in class and in the readings.

### Registration

IAP will register you for a special “Study Abroad Course” for the term(s) you will be studying abroad; therefore, it is not necessary for you to register on the UW-Madison campus. This is a temporary registration, which will be converted into graded UW-Madison credit after the completion of your program.

You will pre-select your program courses upon acceptance into the program through materials provided by UIUC.

### Equivalents and Course Equivalent Request (CER)

Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison “equivalent” and the grade you receive in the course also transfers back to be recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. In order to establish UW-Madison course equivalents for your study abroad courses, you will submit a Course Equivalent Request (CER) through your My Study Abroad account. Most Granada courses will have a pre-approved equivalency. Detailed information on the UW course equivalent process that you will use through your My Study Abroad account is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook.

**NOTE: No UW-Madison credit will be granted for the course *Estudios Universitarios en España* (University Studies in Spain).**

### Spanish Equivalents

In consultation with the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, IAP has established the following guidelines for assigning course equivalents:

Spanish 223 and 224: You should make an effort to take at least one of these classes on the UW-Madison campus before studying abroad if at all possible since they provide good background. In addition, these survey level courses are difficult to find abroad. If you decide to take a survey-type course abroad, you should find out what the department teaches in the particular class and look for as close a match as possible. You should check with the Spanish Department before taking the class. If you decide to take these courses when you return to UW-Madison, you may receive credit for a more advanced literature class (e.g., Spanish 326) and then return to take Spanish 224. Students who take this route still find the survey-level classes interesting.

### Limits and Load

You are expected to enroll in a full-time academic program. The typical course on this program is worth 3 UW-Madison credits.

- **Summer:** You are required to take a minimum of 6 credits up to a maximum of 9 credits (2-3 courses).
- **Fall/Spring:** You are required to take a minimum of 12 credits up to a maximum of 18 credits (4-6 courses).

### Credit Conversions

IAP has a 1:1 credit conversion scale for translating credits from CEGRI to UW-Madison (i.e. a 3-credit course is equivalent to a 3-credit UW-Madison course).

### Grades and Grade Conversions

The following grade scale will be used for students taking courses at CEGRI:

CEGRI Grade	UW-Madison Equivalent Grade
92.50 – 100.00	A
86.50 - 92.49	AB
82.50 - 86.49	B
76.50 - 82.49	BC
69.50 - 76.49	C

59.50 - 69.49	D
0.00 - 59.49	F

Make sure you understand the basis on which the professor will be assessing your work. Practices vary from country to country. Often a single final paper or examination will be the most important (or only) opportunity to demonstrate what you have learned in the course.

### **Spanish Major Notes**

Specific questions concerning Spanish credit and equivalents, and requests for assistance with the Spanish Major Advising Worksheet should be directed to the appropriate [faculty study abroad liaison](#) in the Spanish Department.

UW-Madison students majoring in Spanish should keep the following information in mind:

- 1) You must take at least 15 credits of the upper level work in the Spanish major "in residence" (that means, here on campus or in programs sponsored by UW-Madison). All Spanish courses numbered 300 or above count toward this requirement.
- 2) You must take at least 6 major-level credits of Spanish at the 300 level or above while physically present at UW-Madison.

If you would like more information or clarification on the Spanish major, contact Karen Thompson, Undergraduate Spanish Advisor ([klthompson3@wisc.edu](mailto:klthompson3@wisc.edu)).