

STUDENT GUIDE



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VOXEL SCHOOL

Voxel School, was founded as a bridge between key sectors of the Digital Economy: video games, animation, visual effects, architectural visualization, and design in all their forms. **Led by industry professionals with over a decade of experience in both management and education**, Voxel School is deeply connected to the realities of the creative industries. Its mission is to serve as a valuable resource for society in the advancement of digital arts, always aligned with the demands and evolution of the professional landscape.

To achieve this, the school builds strong strategic partnerships that **create a meaningful connection between academia and industry**.

Voxel School is a university college affiliated with the **University of Deusto**. Over eight generations of digital artists have been trained here, and year after year, the school continues to strengthen **its reputation as one of the world's leading institutions in the field**, consistently recognized in prestigious international rankings.



OUR MISSION

Over the last 10 years, our goal has been to inspire, train and connect the next generation of digital artists with the industry by providing innovative education.

- **A university centre created by artists for artists**
- **We respect the individuality of each student**
- **An educational model that works in tandem with industry**
- **High-quality, comprehensive and humanistic training**



Among the 14 best digital arts schools in the world



10 YEARS CREATING INDUSTRY

2016

**VOXEL SCHOOL
OPENS ITS DOORS**

Digital Art for
Videogames
Digital Esculpture
Concept Art

2017

**OFFICIAL
PLAYSTATION
TALENTS CENTRE**

PlayStation has
named us its official
centre in Europe

2018

**LAUNCH OF NEW
MASTER'S DEGREES**

VFX
Digital Animation
Art Direction
Motion Graphics

2019

**THE FIRST MASTER'S
DEGREES IN AAA
VIDEO GAME
DEVELOPMENT
IN SPAIN**

**We are pioneers in
Spain** in designing
these programmes

2020

**ADAPTING TO
CHANGING TIMES**

Technical VFX Artist
Character Art

2021

**TOP 50 DIGITAL
ARTS SCHOOLS IN
THE WORLD**

We have entered
the international
ranking of digital
arts schools by
'The Rookies'

2022

**INAUGURATION OF
THE NEW CAMPUS
AND LAUNCH OF
NEW BACHELOR'S
DEGREES**

Affiliation with the
University of Deusto

2023

**TOP 14 DIGITAL ARTS
SCHOOLS IN THE
WORLD**

Our students took
part in the making
of the Oscar-
nominated film
The Snow Society

2024

**PROFESIONAL
MENTORSHIP
PROGRAMMES**

Exclusive
programmes
featuring **prominent
industry leaders**

2025

**NEW
PARTNERSHIPS
IN THE INDUSTRY**

Voxel School
is forming
partnerships with
leading companies
in the industry
as **Wachajack,
Electronic Arts
and Globant**

WELCOME TO MADRID!

A city full of life, creativity, and opportunities. As the vibrant capital of Spain, Madrid blends rich history, a dynamic cultural scene, and an energy that will make you feel at home from day one.

This cosmopolitan city is not just the political and economic center of Spain; it's also a **hub of art, design, and innovation**. From world-renowned museums to lively neighborhoods filled with music, cafés, and street art, Madrid is a place where tradition meets modernity in the most exciting way.

With an **incredible student atmosphere**, endless cultural events, and an active nightlife, Madrid offers an unforgettable experience. Whether you're wandering through the historic streets, enjoying its diverse gastronomy, or discovering the creative spaces that have inspired top artists, you'll always find something new to explore.

Thanks to its **strategic location** and excellent transport connections, you'll have easy access to Spain's stunning beaches, mountains, and other major cities.

In Madrid, your university journey goes beyond the classroom—it's **a cultural adventure** that will shape both your academic and personal growth.

Welcome to your new home!



CULTURAL TIPS & STUDENTS LIFE IN MADRID

Living in Madrid is an exciting experience! Here are a few cultural tips:

- **Schedule**

Spaniards eat lunch around 2-3 PM and dinner around 9-10 PM.

- **Social Life**

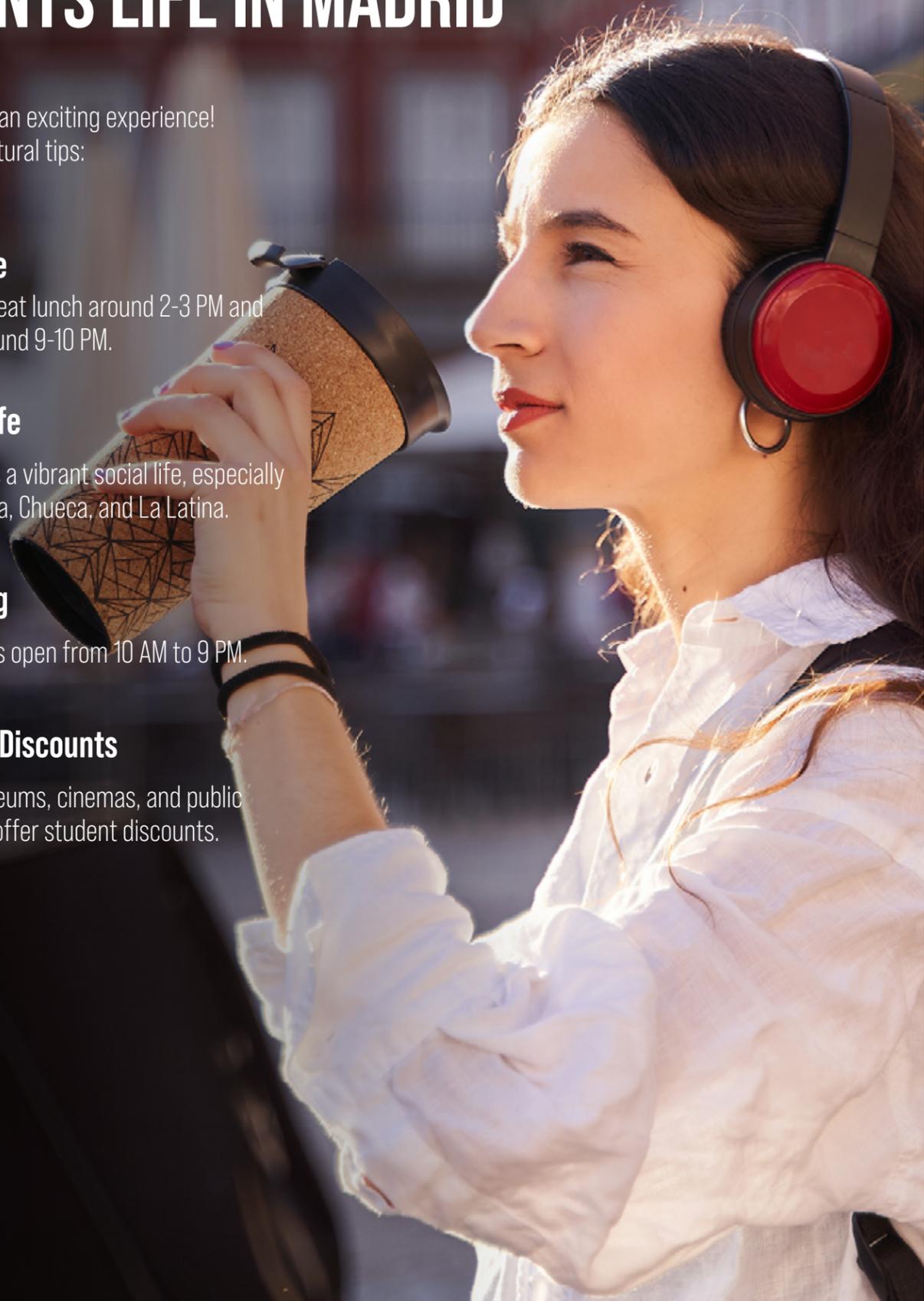
Madrid has a vibrant social life, especially in Malasaña, Chueca, and La Latina.

- **Shopping**

Most shops open from 10 AM to 9 PM.

- **Student Discounts**

Many museums, cinemas, and public transport offer student discounts.



COST OF LIVING IN MADRID

Understanding the cost of living will help you budget effectively. Here's an approximate breakdown:

- **Accommodation**

- Shared apartment: €400 - €700/month
- Private studio: €600 - €1,200/month

- **Utilities (electricity, water, internet)**

€100 - €150/month

- **Food & Groceries**

€150 - €250/month

- **Public Transport (Student Pass)**

€20/month (for those under 26)

- **Mobile Plan**

€15 - €60/month

- **Entertainment & Leisure**

€50 - €150/month

If you want to see more information about this, check this website: <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Madrid>



THE CAMPUS

The Voxel School campus, located in the district of **Moncloa-Aravaca**, in the **Ciudad Universitaria** area, is the heart of Madrid's student life. Home to some of the country's most prestigious universities, including the Complutense University of Madrid, the Polytechnic University of Madrid, and the National University of Distance Education (UNED), this area is designed for academic excellence and vibrant student experiences.

The neighborhood is packed with **student residences, university colleges, sports centers, swimming pools, and even a botanical garden**, creating a dynamic and inspiring environment for learning and socializing. With **over thirty residence halls**, students can easily find accommodation options that suit their lifestyle.

Beyond academics, Ciudad Universitaria offers **everything you need for daily life**—hospitals, supermarkets, entertainment venues, and shopping areas—all within easy reach. Surrounded by green spaces and well-connected to the rest of the city, it's the perfect place to enjoy a complete student experience in Madrid.



TRANSPORT IN MADRID AND HOW TO GET TO VOXEL SCHOOL

Madrid has an excellent public transport system, including the metro, buses, and commuter trains, as well as shared mobility options like bikes, electric scooters, and car-sharing services.

Here's how to reach Voxel School at **C/ Los Vascos, 25**:

• By Metro (Metro Madrid)



- **Nearest station: Guzmán el Bueno** (Lines 6 and 7).
- The school is just a **5-minute walk** from the station.

• By Bus



- Several bus lines stop nearby, including **Lines 2, 44, 45, F, and 132**, connecting different parts of the city.

• From Train Stations (Atocha or Chamartín)



- From **Atocha**, take **Metro Line 1** to **Cuatro Caminos**, then transfer to **Line 6** and exit at **Guzmán el Bueno**.
- From **Chamartín**, take **Metro Line 1** to **Cuatro Caminos** and switch to **Line 6**.

• BiciMAD



Madrid's public bike system for eco-friendly transport

For more information on Madrid's public transport, visit the official site of the **Regional Transport Consortium**: www.crtm.es



LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

To study in Madrid and to manage your everyday life, it is helpful to learn Spanish. There are several language schools in Madrid:

Hispania

<https://inhispania.com/es/>

International House (Madrid)

<https://www.ihmadrid.com/>

Instituto Cervantes

<https://cervantes.org/es>

Escuela de Idiomas (Official Language School)

These official courses enable students to acquire or improve their foreign language skills, from beginner to proficient user level.

They are taught at Escuelas Oficiales de Idiomas (EOIs), which are public teaching centres owned by the Community of Madrid.

You can also obtain a certificate confirming your level of foreign language proficiency at the EOI by enrolling as an independent student in the annual tests.

<https://www.comunidad.madrid/servicios/educacion/ensenanzas-idiomas>

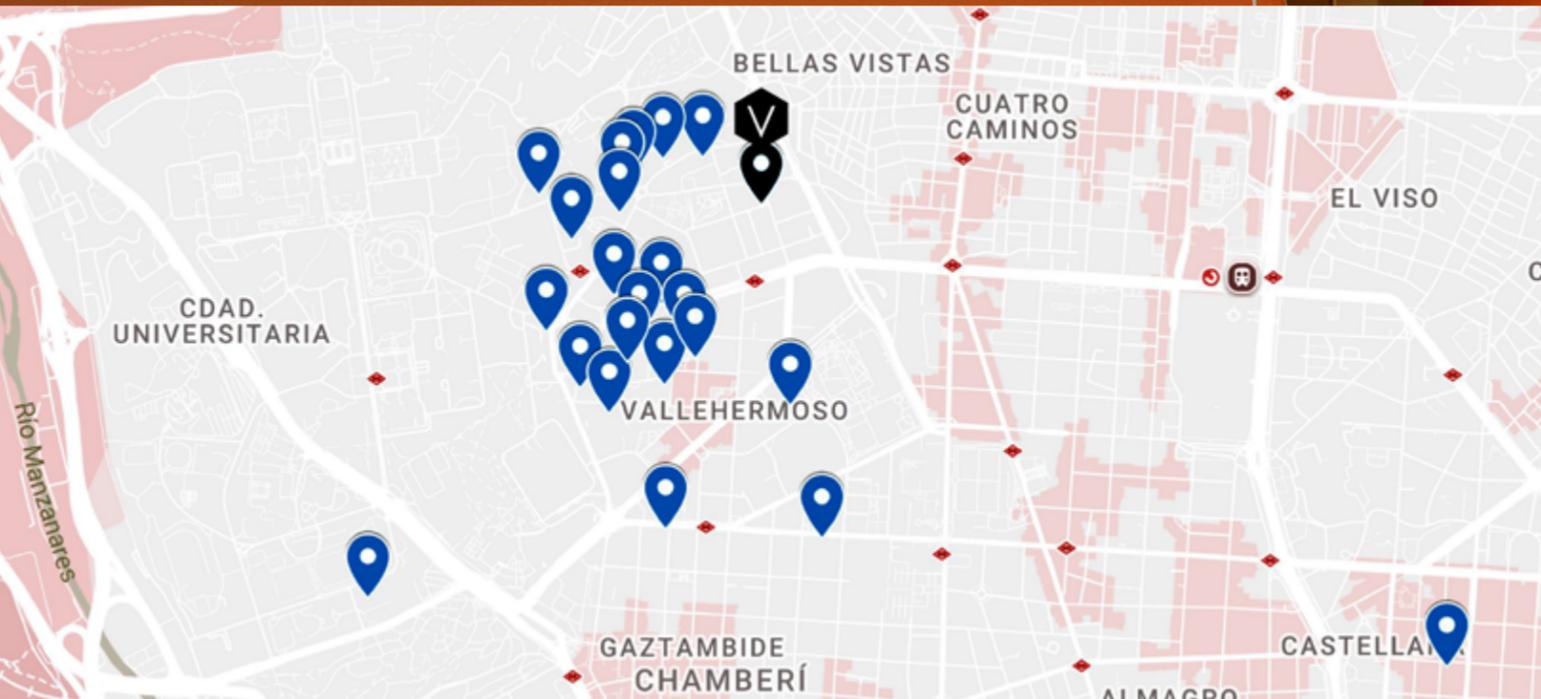
ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Madrid offers a variety of housing options to suit different needs and budgets:

• Student Residences

- Fully furnished rooms, often including meals, cleaning services, and study spaces
- A great way to meet other students in a community atmosphere.

Recommended residences (Click on the image)



• Apartments

- A popular choice for students who prefer more independence.
- Costs vary depending on the location and size of the apartment.
- Websites for finding shared flats: [Idealista](#), [Badi](#), [Spotahome](#), [Uniplaces](#).

• Housing Initiatives in Madrid

The Community of Madrid offers several initiatives to help university students find accommodation, providing flexible and affordable housing options:

Virtual Housing

Are you looking for a flat, a shared apartment, or a host family experience? The Virtual Housing platform connects students with different types of accommodation across Madrid. Whether you're looking for a room in a shared apartment, a full rental, or a family stay, this service makes it easier to find a place that suits your needs.



Rent Plan

Although not exclusively designed for university students, the Rent Plan offers a map of available rental homes and helps connect groups of people looking for accommodation. This initiative provides personalized guidance throughout the rental process, from signing the contract to its resolution.



Convive Program

The Convive Program offers a unique opportunity for students to live with an elderly person during the academic year. This initiative fosters intergenerational connections, where students provide companionship and share household tasks and expenses while benefiting from a more affordable living arrangement.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Voxel School welcomes students from different parts of the world, providing them with an inclusive environment and training geared to the demands of the global market.

Doing a study stay in another country is an experience that will not only bring you academic level, but **it will make you grow on a personal level** having a more open and global vision of the world, **while perfecting another language in multicultural environments.**

We offer international students interested in joining our community a **simple and transparent admission process.** Our team provides personalised advice to make all the necessary procedures easier.

We have a range of resources to support international students with settling in, including help with **academic orientation, finding accommodation, visa advice and cultural integration.**



STEPS TO OBTAIN A STUDENT VISA FOR SPAIN

If you're planning to study in Spain and require a student visa, it's essential to understand the application process and prepare the necessary documentation. Here's a step-by-step guide:

• Determine the Appropriate Visa Type

Depending on the duration of your studies, you'll need either a short-term (less than 90 days) or long-term (more than 90 days) student visa.

• Gather Required Documents

- **Valid Passport:** Ensure your passport is valid for the duration of your stay.
- **Acceptance Letter:** An official letter from your Spanish educational institution confirming your enrollment.
- **Valid Passport:** Ensure your passport is valid for the duration of your stay.
- **Proof of Financial Means:** Demonstrate sufficient funds to cover tuition and living expenses. This can be through: <https://studiesin.com>
 - > Personal bank statements showing a minimum balance covering your stay.
 - > Proof of financial aid or scholarships.
 - > A notarized letter from a sponsor assuming financial responsibility, accompanied by their bank statements.
- **Health Insurance:** Obtain private health insurance from a provider authorized to operate in Spain. The policy must cover all risks insured by Spain's public health system for the entire duration of your stay.
[International Student Insurance+2Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores+2Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores+2](#)



Recommended providers:

- > **Sanitas:** [Sanitas Student Plan](#)
- > **Adeslas:** Affordable student insurance options.

Madrid has excellent public and private healthcare facilities. In case of emergency, dial **112** for assistance.

- **Medical Certificate:** A document confirming you don't have any diseases that could pose public health risks.
- **Criminal Record Certificate:** A certificate from your home country indicating you have no criminal record.
- **Visa Application Form:** Complete and sign the national visa application form.
- **Passport-sized Photographs:** Typically, two recent photos are required.

• Schedule and Attend a Visa Appointment

Contact the Spanish consulate or embassy in your jurisdiction to schedule an appointment. Bring all the required documents.

• Pay the Visa Fee

Fees vary depending on the visa type and your nationality. Check with the consulate for the exact amount.

• Await Decision

Processing times can vary, so apply well in advance of your intended departure date.

For detailed information check the official website of your local Spanish consulate.

Useful Links

- **Spanish Immigration Office:** [Extranjería Madrid](#)
- [Spanish Consulate](#)

HEALTHCARE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

As in the rest of the European Union, in the event of an emergency, whether medical or otherwise (accidents, dangerous situations, etc.), various services are available to help citizens:

• Healthcare system

Spain has a renowned healthcare system, and foreigners have various options for accessing it.

The country's healthcare system encompasses both **public services** and **private providers**. The public system offers free medical care to legal residents, workers and social benefit recipients.

Students can access healthcare through bilateral agreements or by taking out specific **student insurance**.

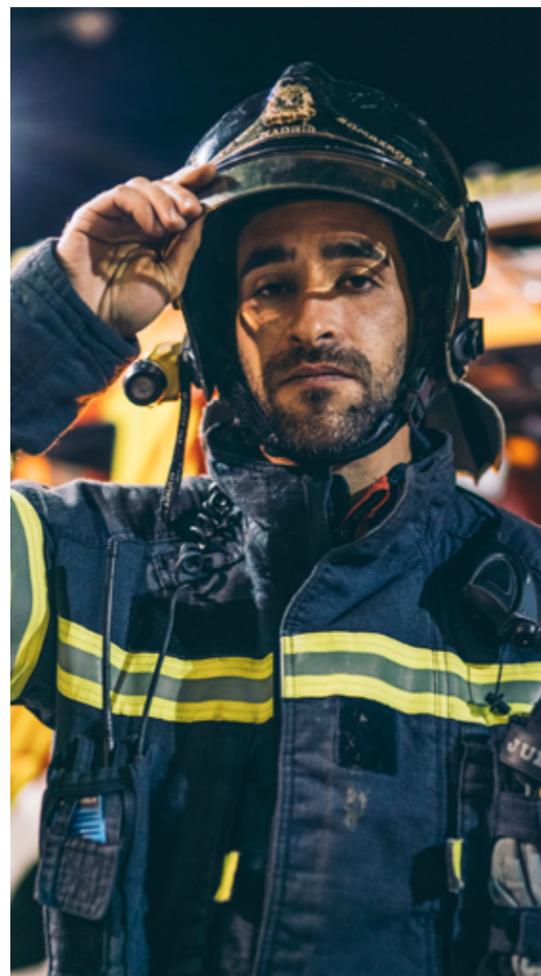
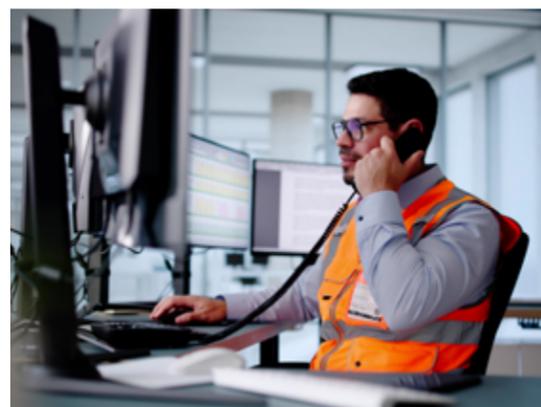
• Emergency services

Emergency services in Spain cover incidents related to **health, firefighting, rescue** and **public safety**. You can access these services by calling 112.

Some features of the emergency services in Spain:

- **Free:** The call is free of charge.
- **Universal:** You can call from anywhere with coverage, regardless of your mobile phone operator.
- **Multilingual:** Assistance is offered in several languages depending on the search results.

If you want to see more information about this, check this website: <https://administracion.gob.es>



OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

To make daily transactions easier, we recommend opening a **Spanish bank account**. The most student-friendly banks include:

- **Santander:** Offers student accounts with no fees.
- **BBVA:** Offers student accounts with no fees.
- **CaixaBank:** Offers easy online banking.

You will need:

- **Passport**
- **NIE (Foreigner Identification Number)**
- **Proof of address in Spain**



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