

Skills



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**Summer
School**

**From 30 June to 11 July 2025
(or from 30 June to 25 July 2025)
In University City of Madrid, Spain**

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Introducing the best summer school for you

Study abroad to improve your speaking and writing skills in
University City of Madrid, Spain

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Spain Center for International Education (**SpaCIE**) launched the Skills Summer School (SSS) in 2021. The SSS or SS **“Speaking and Writing Skills for Academic and Career Success”** is a unique opportunity to enhance your skills to improve your university performance and/or advance your career. You will attend classes with **world-class university professors** and broaden your horizons in **one of the liveliest and most beautiful cities in the world.**

Don't miss the occasion to embark on a new edition of the SSS, a journey that can enhance your skills to succeed in your academic and professional career. Also, enjoy making new friends from all over the world and immerse yourself in Spanish culture, gastronomy, and life. In the process, we are sure you will discover something new about yourself.

The SSS is a **two-week study program (with a workload equivalent to 3 ECTS credits)**, taught **in English**, in which students will focus on **important skills** they need to master **to be successful university students and professionals**, such as effective listening and reading skills, presenting to large audiences, or writing papers. In addition, students will work in small teams to deliver a presentation to the entire group, and they will practice their writing skills.



Four-week Program

You can also follow a **four-week study program (with a workload equivalent to 6 ECTS credits)** if you wish to take our **Climate Change Summer School (CCSS)** with two additional weeks. This is a good option for students interested in gaining new perspectives on humanity's most pressing problem, on their studies and on their career. The CCSS offers a **high-quality multidisciplinary course**, taught **in English** by **leading professors from numerous disciplines** (Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Economics, Engineering, Geography, Humanities, Law, Physics, Political Science, and Sociology) and by **top professionals in the business world**.

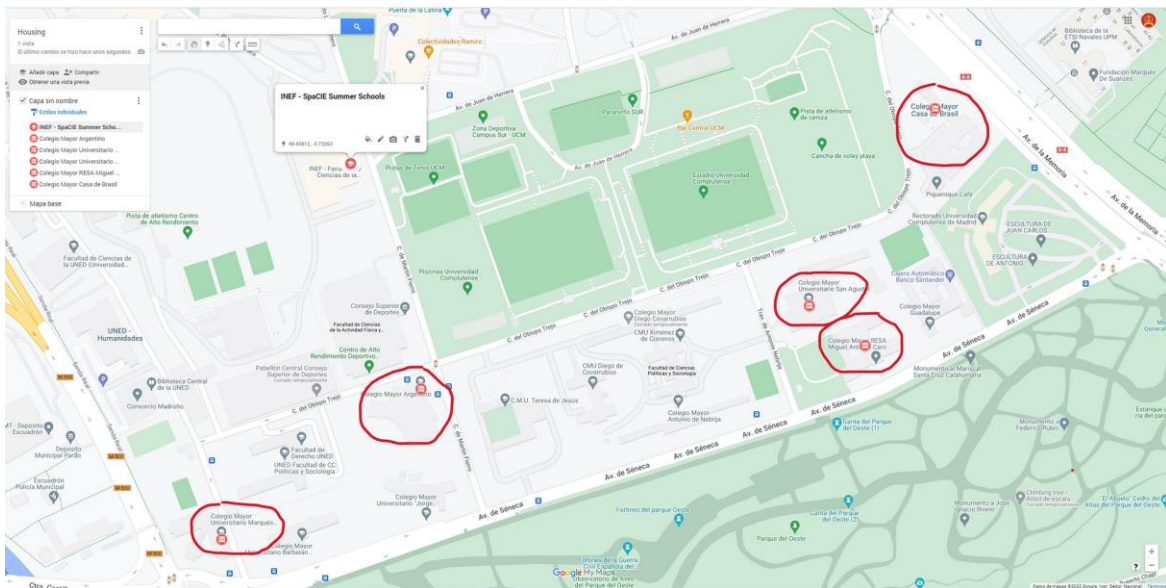
Other features of our summer schools

Our summer schools are **truly international programs** that bring together students from all over the world, as well as some local students. Our courses are **complemented by academic visits and cultural and social events**.

The summer schools will take place at University City of Madrid (*Ciudad Universitaria*). Ciudad Universitaria is a university campus shared by the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (where our classes take place), the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), as well as other institutions such as the Center for Energy, Environment and Technology Research (CIEMAT). It has had the status of cultural heritage since 1999, with the category of historical site.



You can live on campus if you wish, in one of the many student residences nearby. **You will be able to enjoy full board and room at very reasonable prices. And you will be between 3- and 9-minutes' walk from our classrooms,** depending on the residence you choose. In addition, you will be able to enjoy all kinds of complementary facilities, such as swimming pool, gym... depending on the residence chosen. Additionally, the Campus is within walking distance of everything you want to enjoy in the city, as well as the subway, parks... It's great to enjoy Madrid!





Details of the Skills Summer School

You can choose between two options

You can enroll only in the Skills Summer School or also in the Climate Change Summer School. Therefore, you have two options:

- Workload equivalent to 3 ECTS credits: You will follow the two-week intensive course “Speaking and Writing Skills for Academic and Career Success” from 30 June to 11 July 2025. This course will enhance your writing and speaking skills to help you improve your university performance and/or advance your career.
- Workload equivalent to 6 ECTS credits: You will enjoy another two-week intensive course, from 14 to 25 July 2025, “A Multidisciplinary Approach to Climate Change.” This second course offers a multidisciplinary view of climate change at the university level. Please, see our [Climate Change Summer School](#) website for full details.



Objectives of Speaking and Writing Skills for Academic and Career Success

A) Introduction

The SSS is a two-week study program, taught in English, in which students will focus on important skills they need to master to be successful university students and professionals, such as effective listening and reading skills, presenting to large audiences, or writing papers. In addition, students will work in small teams to make a presentation to the whole group, and they will practice their writing skills.

B) Objectives

Public speaking and presentation techniques are designed to prepare you to make unforgettable presentations. You will learn communication techniques and how to connect with the audience. In particular, the objectives are:

- Acquire knowledge and skills necessary to make attractive and successful presentations.
- Acquire knowledge and skills to achieve efficient, transparent, and fluent communication with your audience.

Reading efficiently and writing high-quality academic and professional papers are skills you will work on in the course to be able to write excellent compositions for academic and professional purposes. You will:



- Acquire knowledge and skills necessary to process written information efficiently being able to use different techniques depending on your goal.
- Acquire knowledge and skills to write texts conveying your message in a formal, coherent, and interesting manner that will attract, entertain, or convince your audience.

In addition to the primary objective, the course has a secondary objective. The complementary objective is to provide an enriching *study abroad* experience. Studying abroad provides students with extraordinary benefits in terms of academic, cultural, and personal enrichment.

Academic Guide / Syllabus

Download [here the syllabus](#) of the Skills Summer School and the Climate Change Summer School.

Schedule

There will be 3 or 4 hours of class per day, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Normally, classes will occupy 4 days of the week, with the fifth day consisting of off-campus academic activities. However, it may be necessary to move activities to the afternoon.

We will publish the [detailed schedule here](#) before the start of the program. Unfortunately, we cannot announce it well in advance, as institutions only confirm the dates of most academic visits at short notice. In addition, the booking of some



visits depends on the number of students finally enrolled, and many students enroll very close to the start of classes.

Academic visits and cultural and social events

We always plan a wide variety of academic visits and cultural and social events to make the most of your summer. We hope they will contribute to make your stay in Madrid unforgettable. The detailed program will be announced later in the [detailed schedule](#).

Here are some examples of our regular visits and events during the 4 weeks of our summer schools:

- Welcome lunch
- Madrid on foot
- Visit to the Prado Museum
- Visit to the Congress of Deputies
- Flamenco workshop
- Visit to the Reina Sofía Museum
- Visit to the Madrid Stock Exchange
- Farewell lunch

Course venue

Classes will take place in the Facultad de Ciencias de la Actividad Física (INEF) of Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM). INEF is in the University City of Madrid (*Ciudad Universitaria*), which is the largest campus in Spain. This campus is



shared by UPM, UCM and UNED. Ciudad Universitaria has had cultural heritage status since 1999, with the category of historic site.

The address of INEF is:

Street name: **Martín Fierro**

Street number: **7**

ZIP code: **28040 Madrid**

INEF is wonderfully accessible by public transportation:

- Subway: The “Ciudad Universitaria” Metro station on Line 6 is a 10-minute walk away.
- Subway: The “Moncloa” Metro station on Lines 6 and 3 is a 15-minute walk away.
- Bus lines “U” and “46” of the EMT pass by the INEF and the Metro stations “Ciudad Universitaria” and “Moncloa”.

If you wish, you can live on campus in one of the many student residences near INEF. See in the next section the on-campus student housing options.



Great on-campus housing options for our summer school students

If you would like to live on campus within walking distance of our classes, there are many student residences near INEF. If you prefer other options, please see our general [housing information](#).

We have searched for information on the nearest on-campus residence halls that will be open in July and are available to international students. Please check with each residence for full details and prices.

The 4 closest residences are listed below in order of shortest to longest distance (3 to 9 minutes walking distance from our classrooms). All of them offer full board and room at very reasonable prices. In addition, all of them are within walking distance of everything you want to enjoy in the city, as well as the subway, parks...

Colegio Mayor Argentino “Nuestra Señora de Luján”

Address: Martín Fierro, 3, 28040 Madrid

Phone number: (+34) 911 812 050

Website: <https://www.cmanslujan.com/>

Distance from INEF: 240 meters (3 minutes walking distance)



Colegio Mayor Universitario “Marqués de la Ensenada”

Address: Avenida de Séneca, 18, 28040 Madrid

Phone number: (+34) 915 497 100

Website: <https://www.cmumarquesdelaensenada.com/>

Distance from INEF: 550 meters (7 minutes walking distance)

Colegio Mayor “Casa de Brasil”

Address: Avenida de la Memoria, 3, 28040 Madrid

Phone number: (+34) 914 551 560

Website: <https://casadobrasil.org>

Distance from INEF: 700 meters (8 minutes walking distance)

Colegio Mayor RESA “Miguel Antonio Caro”

Address: Avenida de Séneca, 6, 28040 Madrid

Phone number: (+34) 917 870 700

Website: <https://resa.es/en/residences/madrid/colegio-mayor-miguel-antonio-caro/>

Distance from INEF: 900 meters (9 minutes walking distance)



How to apply to the Skills Summer School

Requirements

You can apply for the SSS if, first, you are currently an undergraduate student or if you have already completed a bachelor's degree. Secondly, your level of English must be at least B1, but B2 is the minimum recommended level.

There are NO requirements about the field of your studies. There are also no requirements about the current occupation of applicants who have already graduated; you can be pursuing a postgraduate degree, working...

Application process

1. Download here the instructions and pay the non-refundable application fee of 100 euros: [SS application fee](#).
2. Fill in the application form here: [SS application form](#).
3. Send us the following documents to info@spacie.education:
 - a. A scanned copy of the non-refundable application fee payment receipt
 - b. A scanned copy of your passport (photo identification page) or EU identity card for EU residents
 - c. Your CV (curriculum vitae) or résumé



You will receive a notification of admission to the program no later than 7 days after completing your application. Please, add info@spacie.education to your contacts to prevent our automatic reply from going to your spam folder (or check this folder if you do not receive our reply within 7 days).

Application deadlines

Early-bird discount:
February 28, 2025

Ordinary:
June 6, 2025

Extraordinary (if places are still available):
June 27, 2025



Application calendar

| | Early-bird discount | Ordinary | Extraordinary |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Application | September 23-February 28 | March 1-June 6 | June 7-27 |
| Admission | Within 7 days of completed application | | |
| Payment | Within 28 days from admission | Within 14 days from admission | Within 2 days from admission |
| Classes | June 30 - July 11, 2025 (Only Skills) June 30 - July 25, 2025 (Skills + Climate Change) | | |

Admitted applicants must complete their registration by paying the total cost of the program within:

- 28 days from admission (when we send you the admission confirmation email) if you completed your application during the early-bird discount period.
- 14 days from admission if you completed your application during the ordinary period.
- 2 days from admission if you completed your application during the extraordinary period.

After 28, 14 or 2 days without payment, admission will be withdrawn, and the non-refundable application fee will be forfeited. In this case, if you wish to reapply for admission, you will be required to pay a new non-refundable application fee.



Costs of SpaCIE summer schools

What is included in the costs and what is not

Summer school costs include ONLY:

- Tuition fees for one or two courses.
- Costs of the academic visits and cultural and social events included in the summer schools.

Therefore, please note that the costs do NOT include:

- The non-refundable application fee, which you pay separately when submitting the application.
- Travel between your residence and Madrid.
- Visa (if you need to apply for one).
- Medical, accident and any other type of insurance.
- Accommodation.
- Food (except if food is provided by summer schools for some events).
- Local transportation.

Although costs do not include housing, we provide information on finding housing and negotiate discounts, when available, for interested students. For information about on-campus housing options, please see the appropriate section of this



brochure or our [website](#). For other options and housing discounts, please see the [SpaCIE website](#).

Discounts

You can enjoy two types of discounts:

1. Early-bird discount:
 - a. Who can benefit? Students who complete their application within the early-bird discount period (until February 28). Applications are complete when the application form is submitted, and we receive all required documents. Please refer to the [application website](#) for details.
 - b. How much is the discount? 200 euros if you enroll in two courses and 150 euros if you enroll in only one course.
2. Partner discount:
 - a. Who can benefit?
 - ✓ Students from any university that actively promotes SpaCIE summer schools to its students. If you wish to benefit from this discount, please send us the link to the website where your university presents information about our summer schools, a screenshot if it is a private website, or ask your International Relations Office to inform us of the promotion or credit transfer approval.



- ✓ Students from any institution that enters into a partnership agreement with SpaCIE.

b. How much is the discount? 200 euros if you enroll in two courses and 150 euros if you enroll in only one course.

You can accumulate both discounts, if applicable. Therefore, you can enjoy up to 400 euros discount if you enroll in two courses and 300 euros if you enroll in only one course.

Table of costs

Please refer to the table below for summer school fees.

| Costs of the summer schools (in Euros) | 1 course | 2 courses |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Without discounts | 1,099 € | 1,499 € |
| With 1 discount | 949 € | 1,299 € |
| With 2 discounts | 799 € | 1,099 € |

Admitted applicants must complete their enrollment by paying these costs by the deadline of:

- 28 days from admission (when we send you the admission confirmation email) if you completed your application during the early-bird discount period.



- 14 days from admission if you completed your application during the ordinary period.
- 2 days from admission if you completed your application during the extraordinary period.

Refund policy: You will ONLY be entitled to a refund of these costs if SpaCIE cancels the Program. Our summer schools are face-to-face, but in case of force majeure preventing you from attending the program, and since you would not be entitled to a refund, we will do our best to enable you to follow the program remotely.



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