

Basic information regarding Madrid facilities :

I highly recommend to students who are going to study in Madrid to book a room or look up for a room a few weeks/months prior their arrival. The amount of students arriving in this city in september is very high and the more affordable rooms (<500€/month) are very requested.

The facebook groups advertising rooms / events / get together are very helpful and will help you in your research.

Europa universidad Madrid is located at Vilaviciosa de Odon which is about 45 min away from Madrid, Busses are direct from Principe pio station. I recommend you to live in Madrid in order to live your Erasmus at the fullest.

Europa universidad Madrid :

The university is relatively new and well equiped and proposes a high amount of classes:

Please note that the classes that I selected prior my arrival happened not to be the ones I was allocated to, even though I sent my classes wishes on a very early date.

The classes started in between 6.09 and 21.09, The official classes changes/ registration were possible up until the 21.09. I personally had a lot of conflicts in my schedule and had to change my wishes twice so that I could attend all my classes, the international office will help you regarding theses changes.

I had no tutorial or buddy but the high amount of exchange students create a pleasant studying atmosphere and help you gather administrative information.

You should note that you must attend all your classes or at least at 75% of the time, a too low attendancy will result in a fail. You are controlled through two ways : you must swipe your student card when you enter the classroom and the professor will control your attendance too.

The classes are very different from Viadrina as the UEM is a private school, the class rooms are smaller and can welcome only a small amount of students, there will be a lot of assignments / homework and group work in class, These are graded and will be part of your final grade (roughly 20% to 40% of your final grade)

There is no block system but rather trimester system with a mid trimester grade and a final ones are the end of the trimester. The finale grades are usually the weighted average of the group work and assignments + final projects (not for all classes) and the exam grades.

Student life in Madrid :

Madrid night life and city life is based around the students and the international students, you will therefore find a lot of parties/ events and get together. I recommend you to also discover the tapas places in Malasana, Chueca and others lovely district in Madrid.

Madrid is a beautiful place where good food, nice wine and late night are added to a huge amount of historical and architectural places to discover :

I highly recommend to visit :the prado museum, free for students ! Princessa sofia museum, free for students ! walking around the retiro parc, free of charge too.

Madrid public transport offers a flat rate ticket of 20€/month which allows one to go around all Madrid in/outside city and even up to Toledo.

The roughly monthly budget that I had during my stay was as follow :

- 490/500 euros for my bedroom (depending on the bills)

+ 20 euros for the tickets

+ 250 euros of grocery shopping

+ 150/200 euros for leisure

about a 1000 euros in total to spend each month, from which you can subtract a 700 euros of Erasmus grant for the whole stay.

My personal thoughts :

The first month in Madrid was very hard : The university, city or even country was absolutely not on my initial wish list.

Nonetheless, I learnt how to enjoy the spanish was of living and to let go of my anxiety regarding this new environment. Madrid untill mid october was very warm (30grades+)and allows one to fully enjoy the city by night but also keep you tan longer ;)

The university offered a large amount of seminar and talk with guest lecturer that are part of very successfull public/private companies. This is a very positive point and is also very motivating.

I learnt a lot about myself during that time abroad and am really grateful to have been given this opportunity.