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# CASA GRANADA ADVISOR KIT

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# CASA GRANADA

PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE	
<b>LOCATION</b>	Granada is a lively city with a population of approximately 250,000 residents, including the University community of about 60,000 local and international students. The city virtually comes alive in mid-September when the students return to classes. Granada also amazes the visitor with its combination of ancient and modern architecture, bustling city streets and quiet cobblestoned alleys, quaint plazas and lively nightlife, and the natural beauty of the Sierra Nevada always within sight. Granada boasts a high quality of life and a climate that invites outdoor hobbies and sports of all kinds. The legacy of its long and varied history is ever-present in its monuments, local culture and cuisine. There is much to discover, savor, study and enjoy in the city of Granada!
<b>HOST INSTITUTION(S)</b>	University of Granada (UGR) UGR's Modern Language Center (CLM)
<b>LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>Spanish</b>  Students may also choose to take coursework in another non-English language (Arabic, Chinese, German, etc.) through their selected academic program (all but the Intensive Spanish Language Program students).
<b>PROGRAM DATES</b>	Fall Semester:           Late August to late December* Spring Semester:       Mid-January to late May/early June*  <i>* Students in UGR courses must petition their departments to take final exams early or have them proctored at their home schools in January/June.</i>
<b>COURSEWORK</b>	Open to students with <b>beginner to advanced Spanish language skills</b> . Students enroll in the appropriate program, based on their specific level of Spanish* and/or preferred program model:  (1) <b>INTENSIVE SPANISH LANGUAGE</b> ( <i>beginner to intermediate</i> ) Taught at the CLM, students in this program take 20 hours of Spanish language instruction per week in small classrooms of 12-15 students. Participants can expect to progress through approximately 3-4 language levels over the course of the semester. More information can be found on the <a href="#">CLM website</a> .  (2) <b>SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE</b> ( <i>intermediate to advanced</i> )

Taught at the CLM, students in this program take all classes entirely in Spanish. Students are required to take Speaking and Writing Skills and Spanish Grammar as part of their course load. Three additional courses are chosen from the following topic areas: Language, Literature, Geography, History, History of Art, Sociology, Politics, Economics, Culture and Modern Languages (Arabic, French, German, etc.). A complete list of classes and course descriptions can be found [here](#).

**(3) HISPANIC STUDIES** *(advanced)*

Taught at the CLM, students in this program take all classes entirely in Spanish. Students are required to take one of three Spanish language classes:

- 1)** Oral Production & Interaction Skills in Spanish,
- 2)** Writing Texts in Spanish, or
- 3)** Spanish Grammar as part of their course load.

Four additional courses will be chosen from the following topic areas: Language, Literature, Geography, History, History of Art, Sociology, Politics, Economics, Culture and Modern Languages (Arabic, French, German, etc.). A complete list of classes and course descriptions can be found [here](#).

Students enrolled in the Hispanic Studies program also have the option to take 1-2 courses at one School of the [University of Granada](#) and/or to **take a course offered by CASA Granada** (contingent on minimal enrollments).

**(4) UNIVERSITY STUDIES** *(highly advanced)*

Students in this program directly enroll at their selected school or 'facultad' at the UGR in a course load equivalent to 30 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits (typically 5 classes). Students in the University Studies program also **have the option to take a course offered by CASA Granada** (contingent on minimal enrollments). There is a wide array of courses available at this prestigious comprehensive research university.

University Studies students may cross register and take 1-2 classes in one additional UGR School. For course listings, please visit the [UGR website](#).

**(5) TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING** *(highly advanced to fluent)* -

Students in this program directly enroll at the prestigious "Traductores" at the UGR in a course load equivalent to 30 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits (typically 5 classes). Students in the Translation program also **have the option to take a course offered by CASA Granada** (contingent on minimal enrollments).

	<p>Translation students may cross register and take 1-2 classes in one additional UGR School. For course listings, please visit the <a href="#">UGR website</a>, and <a href="#">here</a> for courses in Translation/Interpreting.</p> <p><b>CASA COURSES</b></p> <p>As part of their coursework, students in the Hispanic Studies, University Studies, and Translation and Interpreting programs have the option to enroll in a CASA course offered by UGR faculty at the CLM. CASA course offerings are contingent on minimum enrollments.</p> <p>The <b>two CASA courses</b> offered by the program are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <i>Identity, Diversity and Prejudice in Contemporary Spanish Society: A Multidisciplinary Approach</i> (offered in the Fall semester) and</li> <li>(2) <i>Grappling with Spain’s Traumatic Past: The Spanish Civil War, Francoism and Historical Memory</i> (offered in the Spring semester).</li> </ul> <p>All academic programs begin with a <b>preparatory intensive language course</b>, which varies in length according to the semester and the student’s subsequent program of study (20 hours in the fall for directly enrolling students and 80 for CLM students; 45 hours for all students in the spring).</p> <p><i>*To assist with appropriate program selection, <b>all students take an online language exam</b> prior to arriving in Granada. Students then have <b>academic advising sessions with the CASA Granada team</b> pre-departure and upon arrival.</i></p>
<p><b>HOUSING</b></p>	<p>All students have the option of living in (1) a <b>university residence hall</b> or (2) a <b>local homestay</b>. Students must petition to live independently.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Carlos V Residence Hall</a> provides single rooms with a private bathroom; a shared kitchen, common spaces, and gym facilities; and includes a meal plan. Utilities, WiFi, linens, and a weekly cleaning service is included in the fee. Students live with CASA students and other UGR Spanish and international students.</p> <p><b>Local homestays</b> include single rooms with a shared bathroom. All meals, utilities, linens, WiFi and weekly laundry is included. Students live and eat together with local families.</p> <p>More information can be found on <a href="#">our website</a>.</p>
<p><b>INTERNSHIPS &amp; VOLUNTEERING</b></p>	<p>Participants of all Spanish language levels have the exciting opportunity to take part in a <b>STEM Research Internship</b>. Students work alongside UGR graduate students and faculty, acquiring hands-on experience in research</p>

	<p>labs. In previous semesters, students have worked in the Biomedical Research Center; Mind, Brain and Behavior Research Center; and the Schools of Science, Computer Science &amp; Engineering, among others.</p> <p>There are <b>numerous volunteering opportunities</b> for students in the city of Granada, including in local schools, homeless shelters, and charitable organizations.</p>
<b>EXCURSIONS</b>	<p><b>Academic excursions and field trips</b> are intentionally designed to be hands-on; connected to local culture, tradition, and landscape; and highlighting local guest speakers and expert leaders. Some examples in previous semesters have included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Visits to Cádiz y Jerez de la Frontera</li> <li>● Al-Ándalus Seminar &amp; Day Trips</li> <li>● Hiking in the Sierra Nevada</li> <li>● Flamenco in the Albaicín</li> </ul>
<b>PROGRAM COSTS</b>	<p>Visit the <a href="#">CASA Granada</a> website for information on <b>program fees and financial aid</b>.</p>
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE</b>	<p>All students are enrolled in an accident and sickness plan through <b>Sanitas</b> Spanish health insurance (included in program fee).</p> <p>Students are also enrolled in International SOS, through Brown University. <b>International SOS</b> should be used for all incidents outside of Spain, mental health counseling in/outside of Spain, and all safety and security emergencies and evacuations.</p>
<b>APPLICATION PROCESS</b>	
<b>APPLICATION DEADLINES</b>	<p><b>FALL 2025</b> (<i>tentative</i>)</p> <p><b>February 1:</b> Preferred Application Deadline (<i>Visiting Students Only</i>)</p> <p><b>March 1:</b> Final Application/Nomination Deadline</p> <p><b>March 15:</b> Post-Acceptance Commitment Deadline</p> <p><b>SPRING 2026</b> (TBD)</p> <p>Check the <a href="#">OGE Visiting Students webpage</a> for updates.</p>
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	<p>Open to students from all academic disciplines with <b>beginner to advanced Spanish</b> skills. Check out the coursework section above for language level eligibility based on academic track/program.</p> <p>Visiting students should visit <a href="#">Brown's Office of Global Engagement website</a> for more information on how to apply. CASA students should visit their home school study abroad office.</p>

<b>VISA REQUIREMENTS</b>	<p><b>All students going to Granada</b> (including those with a non-Spanish, EU passport) <b>will need to apply for a Spanish student visa</b> at a <a href="#">Spanish Consulate(s)</a> with jurisdiction over their home school and/or state of permanent residence. As the process can take up to 10 weeks at some Consulates, it is important that students have a valid passport – 6 months beyond the program end date – at the time of applying.</p>
<b>TRANSCRIPTS</b>	<p><b>CASA Member School Students:</b> All transcripts will be sent directly from CASA Granada onsite staff to each member school.</p> <p><b>Visiting Students:</b> All transcripts will be sent directly to Brown University. Brown’s Office of Global Engagement (OGE) will send students’ official Brown transcript, along with CASA course transcripts, and local host institution transcripts directly to students’ home schools. Please visit the <a href="#">OGE website</a> for more information.</p>
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