



Complutense International Foundation Diploma

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VEN A LA COMPLUTENSE

In terms of the number of students, Complutense University of Madrid ranking first in Spain and the second in Europe. UCM has around 90,000 students of undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. candidates. Among them, there are about 10,000 international students, who mainly come from Latin America, Europe and Asia.

Complutense University of Madrid



The university has outstanding teaching faculty with a worldwide reputation for high-quality education. UCM has cultivated seven Nobel Prize winners. King Juan Carlos I, Queen Leticia of Spain and many famous scholars and politicians at home and abroad used to have studied here.



UCM was ranked as top one in universities from Spain in 2018 by the famous Spanish newspaper El Mundo. In addition, the university is ranked the 212th in the QS World University Rankings in 2020. The university is fully reinforced in various disciplines, ranking the top 50 in many fields including humanities and social sciences.



UCM also has the largest university library in Spain, providing the most abundant learning and reading resources. There are totally 32 libraries, 10,833 seats and 920 public computers. At present, the collection of books reaches 3 million, which is increasing by 50,000 to 70,000 volumes per year.

UCM is the top public university overall in Spain as well as the largest and most comprehensive university in Spain. Officially founded in 1499, the university is one of the oldest universities in Europe, the origin of which could be dated back to 1293.

Located in Madrid, Spain, UCM covers an area of 2,200,000 square meters with two campuses: the Moncloa Campus and the Somosaguas Campus.

WHAT IS CIFD?

Complutense International Foundation Diploma provides students with high school diploma with language and academic skills training, which is necessary for undergraduate study in Spain. The program aims to help students acquire and improve the knowledge of Spanish language and culture, assist students to adapt to the Spanish university system in advance and prepare for their undergraduate study in social sciences or humanities. Students can obtain the first guaranteed admission places for UCM's official undergraduate after passing this program, and directly receive 12 undergraduate credits after entering the university.

- Target audience: international students with high school diploma
- Total class hour: 675 hours
- Total credit: 90 credits (12 of which will be calculated in the undergraduate credits)
- Tuition: 6,950 Euros

Requirements for program application:

- At least 5 credits must be reached after the result converted into the Spanish college entrance examination result
- A2 level Spanish

- ⊕ Application and Registration - for summer
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- ⊕ Start of the course - in two batches (starting in October and January respectively)
* The courses include Spanish and professional courses in Social Sciences and Humanities
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- ⊕ End of the course - end of next July

ADVANTAGES OF THE COURSE

- 120 first guaranteed admission places for UCM's official undergraduate, on the basis of competitive selection.
- 12 undergraduate professional credits after entering UCM.
- UCM's high score majors guaranteed in advance.
- UCM professors teaching class, for students to adapt to the undergraduate teaching environment in advance, laying a solid foundation for university study.

Students will study at UCM, one of the top universities in the world. The university is ranked 212 among the world universities and top 50 globally in the range of disciplines of humanities and social sciences. It is of high degree recognition and employment competitiveness. The language proficiency certificate is issued by the official Cervantes Certification Center and the Spanish Department of Universidad Complutense de Madrid. In addition, the international foundation course is cost-effective.

Department of Economics and Enterprise Science

Located at the Campus of Somosagua, the Department of Economics and Enterprise Sciences is the oldest economics department in Spain. The Department of Economics and Enterprise Science is ranked 4th in the QS World University Rankings 2019, and is also among the top 5 economics departments in the top 50 Spanish majors published by newspaper El Mundo.

Department of Political and Social Sciences

Located at the Campus of Somosaguas, the Academic Centre of Department of Political and Social Science was established on 29 July 1943 in accordance with the University Coordination Act of Spain.

Department of Trade and Tourism

The Department of Trade and Tourism is located on Filipinas Avenue, Chamberí District, Madrid, with degrees of undergraduate, master and doctoral.

Major Name	QS World University Rankings 2019
Jurisprudence	51 - 100
Politics and International Relations	101 - 150
Sociology	101 - 150
Accounting and Finance	151 - 200
Statistics and Operational Research	151 - 200

Department of Literature

Located at the campus of Madrid University Town, it was established in 1975 from the former Department of Philosophy and Literature and the present Department of Philosophy. The Department has Spain's largest academic library, Biblioteca Mara Zambrano.

Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy was first established in 1930 and rebuilt after the Spanish Civil War. According to El Mundo's University rankings, the Department ranks the top in the Spanish public university rankings.

Department of Geography and History

The Department of Geography and History is located at the University Town Campus. The department has degrees of history, art history, archaeology, geography and musicology, with several majors in the top 100 of QS World University Rankings.

Major Name	QS World University Rankings 2019
Archaeology	51 - 100
History	51 - 100
Modern Linguistics	51 - 100
Art and Design	101 - 150
English Language and Literature	101 - 150

PARTICIPATING FACULTIES

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Foundation Course

UCM's international foundation course consists of two required modules, with totally 90 credits and 675 class hours.

Module I

Spanish Language

Credit: 77 credits
Class hour: 575 hours (25 hours per week)

According to the syllabus set up by Cervantes College, the course aims at training and improving students' Spanish language skills, such as written comprehension and expression, reading comprehension, listening comprehension and oral expression and interaction.

Module II

Social Science and Humanities

Credit: 13 credits
Class hour: 100 hours (20 hours per week)

This module provides students with two options of specialty-oriented courses: Social Sciences and Humanities. Students should determine their professional field and choose three compulsory professional courses and one optional course to study in this

Option 1: Social Science (three courses to be selected)

- Politics and Society of Spain and Europe
- Basic Introduction to International Relations
- Spanish Culture in Movies
- Trades
- Economics and Enterprises
- Tourism



Option 2: Humanities (three courses to be selected)

- Geography and History of Spain and Latin America
- Art History and Spanish Music History
- Western Philosophy History
- Theory of Western Anthropology
- Important Authors and Works of Western Literature
- English (B1)
- Spanish Linguistics: Preparatory Course in Literary Studies



Optional courses (one subject to be selected) : Learning - teaching Method, Assessment Systems, Bolonia Programme, Virtual Campus, Erasmus Programme, Student Societies, Inclusion, Gender, Ethics.

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Undergraduate Study

Upon successful completion of the international foundation course of UCM, students can study the social sciences or humanities in universities. Each cooperative major will reserve 5 places for this program, a total of 120 guaranteed admission places.



Requirements for guaranteed admission of undergraduate majors:

- Certificate of National College Entrance Examination and notarization certificate
- B1 or B2 level of Spanish (according to professional requirements)
- Successfully completion of the international preparatory course of UCM (students must pass course assignments and exams arranged by the instructor)

Guaranteed Admission Majors of Social Science Direction

Department of Economics and Enterprise Science

- Business Administration
- Finance, Banking and Insurance
- Economics

Department of Political and Social Sciences

- Sociocultural Anthropology
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Public Administration and Policy

Department of Trade and Tourism

- Tourism
- Trade

Guaranteed Admission Majors of Humanities Direction

Department of Literature

- Spanish: Language and Literature
- Modern Language and Literature
- English Studies
- Applied Linguistics
- Semitic Language and Islamic Studies
- General and Comparative Literature
- Classical Literature
- Translation and Interpretation

Department of Philosophy

- Philosophy

Department of Geography and History

- Archaeology
- Art History
- Geography and Regional Planning
- Musicology
- History



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