

North American Universities Reunidas Program

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OVERVIEW OF THE REUNIDAS PROGRAM

- The North American Universities Reunidas Program has over 50 years of experience serving American students.
- Reunidas is a joint program run by the Complutense University (UCM) and the participating North American Universities.
- Reunidas offers students the chance to integrate academically, culturally and linguistically into Spanish and campus life.
- Students have access to two types of classes:
 - UCM classes: regular subjects taught by the Complutense University Faculty.
 - Specific Reunidas classes adapted to the United States model (partial and final grades, participatory learning, small class sizes, etc.).
- Access to all facilities provided by the Complutense University (IT services, libraries, sports clubs and facilities, extra-curricular activities, etc.).

BACKGROUND

Reunidas was created in 1967 by the signing of an agreement between the then Faculty of Philosophy and Arts of the Complutense University of Madrid and several North American universities.

Participating universities include Boston College, the California State University, Georgetown University, Stetson University, Indiana University, Purdue University, University of Wisconsin and Tulane University.

Under this agreement, undergraduate students from these North American universities can complete a full academic year or just one semester at the Complutense University, taking classes specific to the Reunidas program or enrolling in selected classes offered in the Faculties of Philology, Philosophy, and Geography and History. Students may also, for an additional fee, enroll in courses from other Complutense Faculties. All major academic decisions related to the Program are the responsibility of the Reunidas Council, which comprises the Resident Directors of the participating North American Universities and the Delegate Director of the UCM, appointed by the Deans of the three collaborating Faculties.

ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

Reunidas Classes

Each year, a calendar of classes is published for the Fall and Spring semesters offered only to Reunidas participating students. They include classes taught in the world-famous Prado museum and a service learning class in the community with diverse non-governmental partners focused on social change. An example list of classes is shown in Tables 1 and 2. All the classes are taught entirely in Spanish and many include cultural activities that are carried out outside the classroom. Students can thus advance their progress to graduation at their home campus while improving their Spanish language skills and participating fully in Spanish cultural life:

Table 1 - Example Fall Semester

Comparative Analysis of the Politics and Economy of Contemporary Spain

Social Change in Contemporary Spain

Advanced Composition in Spanish for Bilingual Speakers

Philosophy in Contemporary Spain

Spanish Foreign Policy and International Relations

Prado Museum Masterpieces: Light and Color

Introduction to Spanish Linguistics

Madrid: Culture and Society

General History of Spain: 1492-1808

Latin-American Literature: 15th-19th Centuries

Spanish Literature: 10th-17th Centuries

Spanish Literature: 18th-20th Centuries

Contemporary Spanish Theater Workshop

English-Spanish Comparative Syntax: Description

Table 2 - Example Fall Semester

Spanish Cinema

Advanced Spanish Composition

Cultures of Spain

Dialectology: Spanish in the World

Islam in Spain: A Cultural and Historical Perspective

Spain in the Global World

Business Spanish

Philosophy in Literature

Ethical Debates in Contemporary Spain

Spanish Phonetics

Contemporary History of Spain: 1808 to Present

Spanish-American History: 19th Century to Present

Women in Spanish Literature

Contemporary Spanish Literature

Latin-American Literature II: 19th-21st Centuries

European Political Systems: The Spanish Model

Prado Museum Masterpieces: Representations of Power

English-Spanish Comparative Syntax: Verbal Constructions

Courses run by the UCM Faculties

In addition to Reunidas classes, participating students can enroll, at no additional cost, in classes taught in the Faculties of Philology, Philosophy, and Geography and History. These classes are mostly in the fields of the Social Sciences such as Anthropology, Psychology, Archaeology, Political Science, History of Art and Law, amongst others. In addition, students can also choose to enroll as visiting students in classes taught in other UCM Faculties, subject to availability and the meeting of prerequisites, by paying an additional fee to cover administrative costs. The fees depend on the Faculty and course selected and are usually relatively small.

FACULTY

Our faculty consists of Complutense University staff who are recognized specialists in the subjects they teach. They are mostly tenured professors or long-term adjunct lecturers with several years experience in the Reunidas Program.

CAMPUS LIFE

Reunidas provides its students with the opportunity to fully participate in Complutense Campus life through its Mentors Service, a program in which UCM students provide information, assistance and guidance to American students as they adapt to life in Madrid. They assist Reunidas students in taking part in cultural activities in the Complutense open to all students such as conferences, concerts, theater groups and film screenings. This mentoring program also assists North American students who wish to join in the sporting activities at the UCM. All the computer services, libraries and sports facilities are open to North American students on an equal basis to the rest of the students enrolled in the UCM.

PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

Boston College	CSU The California State University California State University
Georgetown University	Stetson University
Undiana University	PURDUE UNIVERSITY Purdue University
University of Wisconsin	Tulane University

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

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Interested students from participating universities should contact their respective Study Abroad offices. North American Universities interested in joining the Reunidas Program should contact: Prof. Dr. Rodrigo Castro Orellana Director Delegado rodrigocastro@filos.ucm.es



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Sculpture in aluminum by Anna Hyatt Huntington (1876-1973), famed American sculptor and member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. It is located opposite the Faculty of Medicine, and represents both the close relationship between the United States and Spain and the university objective of increasing human knowledge.