

Tips, Information & Suggestions for Students Studying in Granada, Spain, Summer 2018



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OVERVIEW

The city of Granada is surrounded by the Sierra Nevada Mountains and is also close to the Mediterranean Sea. It was the last Moorish capital conquered by the Christians in 1492, and it has a unique history within Western Europe.

Granada is a city of 300,000, with plenty of vitality and activity. The University alone has over 70,000 students during the school year (September-June), and Granada in general has a young, energetic, diverse population.

In the summer, weather in Granada is hot and dry, with temperatures that can reach 100°F from late June through early September.



Climate data for Granada (Granada Base Aérea, altitude: 690 m)					
Month	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Year
Average high °C (°F)	23.1 (73.6)	28.8 (83.8)	33.5 (92.3)	33.2 (91.8)	21.7 (71.1)
Daily mean °C (°F)	16.5 (61.7)	21.3 (70.3)	25.3 (77.5)	25.1 (77.2)	15.2 (59.4)
Average low °C (°F)	9.8 (49.6)	13.9 (57)	17.1 (62.8)	17.1 (62.8)	8.7 (47.7)
Precipitation mm (inches)	30 (1.18)	16 (0.63)	3 (0.12)	3 (0.12)	361 (14.21)
Avg. precipitation days	5	2	0	1	54
Mean monthly sunshine hours	268	314	348	320	2,751

Source: [Agencia Estatal de Meteorología](#)^[18]

Granada is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST) and 9 hours ahead of Pacific Standard Time (PST).

BASIC INFORMATION BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Caring for your passport

- Keep a photocopy of your passport with you at all times, preferably in a money belt or similar carrier that can be concealed underneath your clothing.
- Do not carry your passport or wallet in a backpack. These are easy targets for thieves, especially in crowded areas.
- Send a scanned copy of the passport to your email so that you can always access an online version of it in case it is lost or stolen.

Packing and Luggage

Remember to:

- Pack light! Students rarely complain about taking too little, but many complain that they packed too much.
- Be able to carry your luggage up a flight of stairs on your own.

- Be ready for closets and storage spaces to be smaller than in the U.S.
- Be aware of airlines' limits to the weight and number of bags.
- Items like stationaries, notebooks, toiletries, hair dryer/hair straightener can be purchased inexpensively in Granada.
- Bring clothes you can mix and match.
- Bring a carry-on bag that includes bare essentials like toiletries, any necessary medications, and a change of clothes, in case your checked luggage is lost or delayed.

What to bring for sure:

- Casual summer clothes
- Bathing suit and a towel
- At least one change of smart clothes for court visits
- Sport and formal shoes
- Electric adaptors

What to leave behind:

- Valuable jewelry and irreplaceable family objects
- Items such as hairdryers and/or hair straighteners. They will not work with the different voltage, unless you have a voltage transformer. You can find these items in Spain.
- All unnecessary credit cards
- Your Social Security card, library card, and some items you usually carry in your wallet.

Voltage and Adaptors

Spanish electricity operates at 220 volts (as opposed to 110 volts in the United States). You may either:

- Purchase some appliances on-site (strongly recommended for hair dryers, flat irons, razors, etc.)
- Bring dual-voltage items, e.g. most netbook, laptop, and tablet cords. Almost all laptops and smartphones have dual voltage.

For more information on voltage converters or outlet adaptors, visit

<http://www.kropla.com/electric2.htm>

Currency/Banks

You can see the current currency EUR/USD conversion rates at www.xe.com.

Currency can be changed at banks. They are usually open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 p.m. We recommend that you bring around 100€ from the States for your first expenses before you can obtain Euro onsite.

Home Bank & Credit Cards

If you decide to use your ATM/debit card abroad, you need to inform your bank of the dates and countries to which you will be travelling. Many banks and credit card companies will "block" credit cards if they observe them being used outside the US as a means of security.

Some banks and credit card companies charge banks fees when you make purchases in foreign countries.

Most foreign ATMs only accept four-digit pin numbers. If you have more than four digits or a pin you remember in letters change it with your bank before departure.

In Spain, it is common to ask for an ID card when paying with a credit card. A driver's license is a good document to show.

Cell phones, phone calls and apps

Spain code: +34: (dial 01134 before Spanish numbers to call from the U.S.)

Outgoing international code from Spain: 00 (dial 001 before American numbers to call from Spain)

IES policy requires each student to have a functional mobile while in Granada. Students have to carry their cell phones at all times and be able to respond immediately in case of emergency.

Concerning cell phones, you have several options:

- 1) Bring your American phone with the roaming activated. Be aware that using the phone (receiving or making phone calls) is expensive. However, being able to be contacted and to make an emergency call is of vital importance while studying abroad.
- 2) Purchase a basic Spanish phone: You can purchase a very basic phone for around 30€, which includes some minutes.
- 3) Buy a Spanish SIM card for your American Smartphone. In order to do this, students should bring a smartphone that fulfills at least one of these conditions:
 - An unlocked Smartphone. If it is locked, you can ask your provider to unlock it, or you can buy an unlocked phone.
 - A Smartphone that uses the GSM network (and not the CDMA network). Typical GSM network carriers in the U.S. are AT&T and T-Mobile. Verizon uses CDMA. CDMA will not work in Europe.
 - A tri-band or quad-band phone (most phones manufactured after 2005 are tri-band or quad-band)
 - If you have an iPhone:
 - o If it was sold by AT&T, T-Mobile and Apple it should work (GSM network)
 - o If it was sold by Verizon, it will only work if it is an iPhone5 and 4S (although they are CDMA network, they ass GSM capability)

In these cases, the phone should work with a European SIM card. For more information:

<http://cell-phones.toptenreviews.com/smartphones/an-american-cell-phone-in-europe.htm>

<http://www.german-way.com/travel-and-tourism/telephone-tips-for-germany/cell-phones-in-europe/iphone-in-germany/iphone-in-germany-part-2/>

A very popular and cheap way to make international calls from Granada is by using programs such as Skype. Apart from this, you can use your cell phones and install apps to make free calls as Tango, Line, Viber or Facetime. In Spain, WhatsApp is an extremely popular application for instant messaging and calls.

STUDENT HOUSING: NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GRACIA UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE

During your stay in Granada you will be living in the *Nuestra Señora de Gracia* residence. This residence houses Spanish and international University of Granada students, so you will have the unique experience of being able to meet many young locals. Take advantage of the common spaces, talk with Spanish students during meals and try your best to interact with them from the beginning of your stay to help you optimize your contact with the local culture.

Location, check in and check out

Calle Moral de la Magdalena, 11

Telephone number: +34 958 560 285

The Residence Hall enjoys an excellent location in downtown Granada. There are plenty of amenities, stores, gyms, restaurants and cafés within 10 minutes. Both the UGR Law School and the IES Granada Center are within a 15-minute walk of the Residence Hall.

Check-in: Sunday May 31 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm

Check-out: No later than Friday June 26 at 5:00 pm

Meals

The Residence Hall includes the following meals every day, except for Sundays.

- Breakfast (served 7:00–10:00 am)
- Lunch (1:00– 3:00 pm)
- Dinner (8:00–10:00 pm)

No meals will be served on Sundays or holidays.

With a 1-day notice, you can always request a picnic instead of one of the meals.

Example of weekly menu:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BREAKFAST	BUFFET: Milk, coffee, chocolate, teas, toast (homemade bread, sliced bread, tomato purée, oil, butter, jam, cheese, ham, pâté...), cereal, pastries, fruit.					
LUNCH	-Pasta Carbonara (cream and bacon) -Fried egg and grilled sausages -Dessert*	-Lentil soup with chorizo -Fried fresh anchovies (with no bone) and stuffed tomato -Dessert*	-Plato Alpujarreño: Potatoes with meat, peppers, fried egg, and onion in an olive oil sauce -Dessert*	-Fish stew with noodles -Grilled chicken skewer and pepper salad -Dessert*	-Beef fillet with sauce -Mushrooms cooked in garlic and homemade-chopped potatoes -Dessert*	-Fruit salad -Bolognese or vegetarian lasagna -Dessert*
DINNER	-Varied soups** -Grilled pork fillet and stuffed baked potato -Dessert*	-Varied soups** -Grilled chicken fillet and rice sauté -Dessert*	-Varied soups** -Battered or grilled cod and mixed salad (boiled egg, tuna, lettuce, carrots, soya, corn) -Dessert*	-Varied soups** -Sandwich, salad and chips -Dessert*	-Varied soups** -Pasta salad (lettuce, corn, pineapple, slices of turkey breast) and roasted ham fillets in a wood fire -Dessert*	-Varied soups** -Spanish omelet -Cold cuts with cheese. -Dessert*

*Dessert: Fruit (watermelon, melon, peach, banana, apple, pear...) or homemade custard or chocolate ice-cream cup or yogurt or crème caramel

**Varied soups: A vegetable soup, beef or chicken soup with noodles, star-noodle soup, asparagus cream. Soup is served every day with dinner.

Other amenities:

- Shared kitchen (with microwave, refrigerator, etc.)
- Room cleaning service twice a week: Mondays and Fridays
- Laundry service once a week (Wednesday): Leave clothes in a closed plastic bag on your bed by 10 am
- Bedding and towels
- Access to TV room

Internet

There is wifi internet access in the Residence Hall.

Please, acknowledge (i) that the Service may not be uninterrupted or error-free; (ii) that viruses or other harmful applications may be carried through the Service; (iii) that the Residence Hall does not guarantee the security of the Service and that unauthorized third parties may access your computer or files or otherwise monitor your connection.

Residence Hall rules

- Students can freely enter or leave the Residence Hall whenever they want, but must always be aware of and respect quiet hours.
- Alcohol abuse (as understood by Stetson University College of Law) and drug use are strictly prohibited.
- Outside visitors are not allowed in the Residence Hall.
- Large gatherings in rooms are not permitted.
- Fraudulent use of the internet is strictly prohibited.
- The room must be kept tidy on cleaning days.

LIVING IN GRANADA

Culture Shock

Europe differs greatly from the U.S. in areas such as class structure, gender and diversity, attitudes towards service, and standard of living. It is essential that you prepare yourself mentally for the fact that you are going to a foreign country. The way to deal with these differences is to be prepared for them, learn about them, and to try to be as open-minded as possible about what you will encounter. The key point is being patient with yourself and those around you and to ask all the things that you don't understand.

Spaniards tend to go to bed later in the evening, regardless of age. They also have meals later than other European countries. In general, nightlife (especially during the summer) is very busy, and it is considered normal to see children walking with their parents at midnight.

Computers

Wireless Internet access is available in the classrooms both in the University of Granada and in the IES facilities.

Dress

You can dress casual to go to class and for everyday life. Though, for court visits you will be expected to wear professional attire. For males this means a business suit and tie, as well as suitable (not athletic shoes) footwear. Females are expected to wear a business suit (pants or knee-length skirts) and comfortable shoes (not tennis shoes).

For non-court formal visits organized by the program, business casual clothing is appropriate. It does not include shorts, jeans, t-shirts, tank tops or baseball caps but does include comfortable shoes (not flip-flops, strappy sandals, or tennis shoes).



Food and Restaurants

Andalusian cuisine has a distinct Mediterranean flavor with some Arab and Moroccan influences. In Granada, there are many restaurants, many with outdoor seating, where you can find a wide variety of meals. When you order a drink in Granada, you receive a free tapa. Some common tapas are cured serrano ham, cheese, and fish. If you are a vegetarian or have dietary restrictions, make sure you let the waiter know before your tapa is served. Many bars and restaurants accommodate special diets.

Cafes with free wifi:

- El Quinteto. Calle Solarillo de Gracia, 4
- La Azotea Cocktail Bar. Calle Recogidas, 16 in Hotel Universal, terrace
- Café Epoca. Calle Escuelas, 8
- Namasté Coffee & Books. Calle San Jerónimo, 48
- Cafetería Monalisa. Calle Hileras, 7

Our recommendations for tapas:

- El Quinteto. Calle Solarillo de Gracia, 4
- Bar Poe. Calle Verónica de la Magdalena 40 (also vegetarian)
- Bar Omkalsum. Calle Jardines 17 (Moroccan tapas)
- Cocktail Bar La Azotea. Calle Recogidas 16 in Hotel Universal, terrace)
- Bar de Fedde. Calle Marqués de Falces, 1

Bars/Stores with tapas or meals for special diets:

- Paprika. Cuesta de Abarqueros, 3 (Vegetarian)
- El Trasgu. Campo del Príncipe, 12 (Vegetarian and gluten-free)
- Hicuri. Plaza de Girones 1 (Vegan)

- Excelente. Calle San Jerónimo, 22 (Take out gluten free)
- El Piano. Calle Gran Capitan, 7 (Take out vegan and gluten free)

Groceries

Granada has many small open markets for fruit, meat, and vegetables. There are several around the city but the best-known are those downtown. You can also find supermarkets like El Corte Inglés, Mercadona and Carrefour that are typically open from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm every day.

Smaller stores (such as the little supermarket close to the residence hall) are typically open 10:00 am-2:00 pm and 5:30 pm-8:30 pm.

Opening hours

Normally, working hours are 9:30 am – 1:30 or 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm from Monday through Friday. Large department stores and shopping centers usually stay open from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Standard museum hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Sundays and holidays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Tipping

Contrary to the US, tipping is not a cultural requirement in Spain. It is common to tip around 5% if service is good, but it is not expected.

Transportation

Granada is a small city. Walking is the most common and easy option to move around. You will find below some practical information:

Taxi

Call for a taxi 958 280 654 / 958 132 323 / 958 132 097

Personal taxi service (call in advance) 619 933 022

Buy bus tickets online: www.alsa.es

Buy train tickets online: www.renfe.es

Bus to Granada Airport:



www.autocaresjosegonzalez.com/index.php/es/servicios.html

Flight search engines :

www.skyscanner.net

www.kayak.com

Airlines operating from Granada/Malaga/Madrid

www.iberia.es

www.vueling.com (Granada – Barcelona)

www.ba.com (Granada-London)

www.ryanair.com (from Malaga and Madrid)

www.easyjet.com (from Malaga and Madrid)

HEALTH

Your IES registration includes medical coverage by CISI. Please carefully read the CISI information on coverage and on claims processing that you can find online (www.culturalinsurance.com).

For non-emergency cases you have to contact CISI-AXA prior to any medical treatment by phone 00 1 312.935.1703 or email medassist-usa@axa-assistance.us.

You are responsible for paying medical expenses when receiving medical care and CISI will reimburse you after the claim process. Please, read online how to proceed. Claims are to be submitted to: claimhelp@culturalinsurance.com

If you feel ill during your stay we recommend the following options. You may call IES staff for help:

Name and address	Indications / Information
Centro Médico Adeslas Pedro Antonio de Alarcón, 60 Tel. 958 26 70 73	<i>Minor illnesses</i> (flu, stomach flu, cold, etc.) Call in advance for an appointment 8 am – 9 pm (Mon-Fri)
Policlínica Granada Alminares del Genil, 7 Tel. 958 18 33 20	<i>Minor illnesses</i> (flu, stomach flu, cold, etc.) No appointment needed. 8:00-12:30 am (Mon-Fri) 5:30-8:30 pm, (Mon-Thu)
Clínica Inmaculada C/ Ribera Del Genil, 8 Tel. 958 18 77 00	<i>Emergency room</i>
Any other provider CISI will cover any other provider (Spain and abroad)	Any (check on CISI website)

SAFETY

Granada is a mid-size city, and not particularly dangerous. However, we recommend that you use common sense and be careful.

Safety tips:

- Drink judiciously. A high percentage of incidents involving our students are related to alcohol abuse. These may include accidents, theft, and sexual abuse.

- Leave your valuable items such as laptops, tablets, iPhones and cameras at home when going out at night.
- Be aware of your surroundings, particularly when you are walking alone after dark; use public transportation if you must.
- Be especially cautious in crowded markets, concerts, festivals, etc.
- Watch your valuables carefully. Beware of pickpockets; they often work in teams, one distracting, the other taking your valuables.
- Avoid putting valuable items in outside pockets that are easy targets for thieves.
- Make sure your credit card is returned to you after each transaction. Be aware that in Spain your passport, ID, or driving license will be requested when paying with credit card to check your identity. Check transaction records regularly and report any fraudulent use to the bank or credit card company immediately.
- If your possessions are stolen, report the loss immediately to the local police, with the help of IES staff if you want.