FACT SHEET
Incoming Exchange Students





2026-2027

Institution
Universidad Pontificia Comillas **FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS HUMANAS Y SOCIALES** Dónde son la clases_Where the classes take place https://goo.gl/maps/ThDmrGacACF2

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Foundation	**Comillas Pontifical University** belongs to a network of more than 200 Jesuit universities in the world. More than 100 years old, the university strives to train not only the best professionals, but the best persons.
Key Features	Our university is ranked among the best in Spain in most of the programs it offers and features the Campus of International Excellence label for our aggregation with Deusto and Ramon Llull universities. Our quality has also been signaled by the European ranking U-Multirank. We would like to highlight the value of living in a city like Madrid, one of the most important cities in Europe, the political and business center of Spain, and with an unrivalled social and cultural life.
Facts & Figures	Student enrollment: around 15.000 Faculty Staff: 1,450-1,500 (Full time staff from around 25 countries) Number of International Students: around 3000 (around 80 countries in total) Ranking QS Europe Inbound Exchange Students: 4th position in Europe (2nd in Spain) 7 Faculties and 36 departments
Campus Location	The Humanities and Social Sciences campus is located 20 minutes from the city center. The university has its **own commuter train station**. The station is located on the C-4 line towards Alcobendas San Sebastián de los Reyes. **Intercampus shuttle bus service** connecting the Alberto Aguilera and Cantoblanco campuses https://www.comillas.edu/buscomillas/ Video Tour Comillas Campus https://youtu.be/VdMWd8dqjt0
VISA NON EU	Students from non-European Union countries must be in possession of a visa before arriving in Spain. (More information: Servicios consulares (exteriores.gob.es)
24 Hour Emergency Telephone	The University has a 24-hour Emergency Telephone that provides personalized attention to international students in case of emergency. **COMILLAS EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER 654 349 436** emergency@comillas.edu
IMPORTANT LINKS	https://www.citylifemadrid.com/ (Madrid Most popular international community and information portal - Public transport card, Opening a Spanish bank account, Sim card, Health insurance…) https://www.crtm.es/?lang=en Public transport in Madrid.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR (subject to change)

	Autumn Semester	Spring Semester
Arrival Date	August 27th	January 13th
Orientation	August 28th and 31st. Further information regarding Welcome Week and Orientation Sessions in each Faculty or School will be sent to the students by e-mail.	January 14th and 15th. Further information regarding Welcome Week and Orientation Sessions in each Faculty or School will be sent to the students by e-mail.
Spanish Placement Test – online before the student arrive	June/July	November/December
Course Registration	Open – July (previous mail will be sent to the students)	November (previous mail will be sent to the students)
Classes	September 1st – December 4th	January 18th – April 30th
Final Exams	December 9th – December 22nd	May 3th – May 21st
Transcript Issuance	**MID-FEBRUARY**	**LATE JUNE**
Other Important Academic Information	Resist period – all the students who fail a course either in first or second semester have the opportunity to retake an exam June 10th - June 30th.	

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APPLICATION PROCES

Nomination deadline	**First Semester:**	Fall Semester:	May 1st, 2026 (non-European Union students) June 1st, 2026 (Erasmus students)
	Second Semester:	Spring Semester:	October 1st, 2026 (non-European Union students) November 1st, 2026 (Erasmus students)
Application Deadline	**First Semester:**	**Online application:** Each nominated student will receive an email with the username and password required to complete the application	
		Phase I *(personal data, photo, passport)*: February to May	
		Phase II *(course selection)*: Late July	
		Phase III *(medical insurance)*: open till September 11st	
	Second Semester:	**Online application:** Each nominated student will receive an email with the username and password required to complete the application	
		Phase I: *(personal data, photo, passport)* till November 27th	
		Phase II *(course selection)*: Mid November	
		Phase III*(medical insurance)*: till January 29th	

ACADEMIC PROGRAM GUIDE

Areas of study: • Psychology • Social Work • Education • Philosophy, Politics and Economics	• Global Communication • Criminology • International Relations • Translation and Interpretation and Language Technologies • Philosophy
Language of instruction: Spanish or English	

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Where can students find information or syllabi of the courses for each semester?	FIRST SEMESTER COURSES (September_December) SECOND SEMESTER COURSES (January_May) ANNUAL COURSES (September_May) ADVANCED PROGRAM IN HUMANITIES AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES (HUGO)
Can students enroll in courses of different departments or schools?	Students can enroll in any course offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
How many courses can students take per semester?	There is no minimum required. Maximum: 30 ECTS, which is around 4-6 subjects
SPANISH	
Do all of our students need to have a minimum knowledge of Spanish language?	We recommend having at least 2 semesters of previous Spanish language instruction. Students who don't speak Spanish may take all the courses in English but it will be advisable to do "Spanish for foreign students"
Course Spanish for foreign students	Students interested in enrolling in the course "Spanish for International Students" (6 ECTS). must take an online level test. The link to access the test will be sent by e-mail to each student.

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GRADING SYSTEM

	Grade	Description
GRADING SYSTEM	Between 9-10 Between 7 – 8,99 Between 6-6,99 Between 5-5,99 No presentado Below 5	Excellent Good Satisfactory Passing Withdrawal Failure

ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING EXPENSES

Comillas does not have its own on-campus housing. Although the Humanities campus is approximately 35–40 minutes from the city center, we **recommend that students live in Madrid City near a metro or train station**. Comillas works with external housing providers who can assist you in finding accommodation. Several options are available, including student residences, host families, renting an apartment, or renting a room.
https://www.comillas.edu/en/student-accommodation/

Housing **1 semester (4 months) - 1 year (10 months)**	
▪ **Stephouse** https://stephouse.es/ **10% discount** on one-semester accommodation only for the residence near CANTOBLANCO bookings with code: SHCMLLAS10RS	▪ FLOWEAL https://go.floweal.com/
▪ **RESA** https://resa.es/	▪ **MICAMPUS Living** https://micampusresidencias.com E-mail: oa@micampusliving.com
▪ **MadridEasy** www.madrideasy.com E-mail: info@madrideasy.com	▪ HOMIII https://homiii.com/ E-mail: https://homiii.com/
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▪ **Aluni.Net** https://www.aluni.net/es/ E-mail: instituciones@aluni.net	▪ **Innfamily.com** www.innfamily.com E-mail: info@innfamily.com

Other Expenses	Meals: 250€ - 300€ per month/ Public Transportation: 20 € per month

	EU STUDENTS - must have at least European Health insurance card	**NON-EU STUDENTS - they must present a medical insurance policy.**
HEALTH CARE AND INSURANCE (Mandatory)	**Students from the European Union** and the European Economic Space (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein as well as Switzerland), must bring their European Health Card with them (information on: European Health Insurance Card - Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion - European Commission (europa.eu)	**From non-European Union students:** It is mandatory for international students who are not covered by the Spanish Social Security National Health Care System to bring an insurance policy which covers illness, hospitalization, accidents, civil liability, and repatriation for the entire length of time to be spent at the University

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OTHER INFORMATION

Airport -Taxi	The price of a cab from Madrid-Barajas airport to the center of Madrid has a fixed cost of 33€ each way.
Student Supporter	Exchange students can sign up for a buddy program before arriving at Comillas. The supporter student is usually a Comillas student and they usually can get in touch before they arrive. International students can contact the tutor and the coordinator that are available to assist international students in any way they need. Students are also encouraged to interact with each other throughout the study abroad period and onwards.
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE NETWORKS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	**INSTAGRAM:** https://www.instagram.com/comillaschs/?hl=es 
University Services Extracurricular and Cultural Activities	Link: https://www.comillas.edu/servicios/
MADRID	**Madrid**, the capital of Spain, is a cosmopolitan city with more than four million inhabitants. It is the site of Spanish government and is the most important financial and cultural centre in the country. The cultural, leisure and sports offering is rich and varied. It has countless theatres and museums, such as the "El Prado" National Museum, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum and the Queen Sofía Center for the Arts (https://www.esmadrid.com/) **Arrival in Madrid**: The Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport is located some 12 kms away. There is access to the city by bus, metro or taxi. **Transportation Network**: The "Metro" is the quickest way to reach any part of the city (https://www.metromadrid.es/en), although Madrid also has a wide network of buses (https://www.emtmadrid.es/Home). **Climate**: Madrid has a continental Mediterranean climate. Winters are cold, with temperatures below 6º C, frost at night and occasional snow. Summers are hot with average temperatures around 24ºC in July and August, with highs that sometimes exceed 35ºC. What to visit in Madrid