

SPAIN STUDENT VISA CHECKLIST

Step-by-Step Guide for US Citizens & Residents (Long-Term Programs)

This checklist provides the exact requirements to secure your student visa at your local Spanish Visa Center (**BLS International**). Ensure every document is prepared perfectly to guarantee a successful appointment.

PILLAR 1: ACADEMIC REGISTRATION

Before booking your appointment, you must secure your official enrollment.

- **Official Acceptance Letter (*Carta de Aceptación*):** Issued by our *Instituto Cervantes* accredited school. It must state your full name, passport number, exact course dates (6, 9, or 12 months), and confirm a full-time schedule of **20 hours per week**.
- **Proof of Payment:** An official invoice or receipt showing your tuition fees are paid in full.

PILLAR 2: FINANCIAL SOLVENCY (IPREM Index)

You must prove you have enough funds to support yourself during your stay in Spain without working.

- **Required Amount:** A minimum of **€600 per month** (e.g., €5,400 for a 9-month stay; €7,200 for 12 months).
- **How to prove it:** The last **3 consecutive months** of bank statements.
 - *If self-funded:* The bank accounts must be under your own name.
 - *If sponsored by parents:* You must include a notarized Letter of Financial Responsibility and a copy of your birth certificate.

PILLAR 3: PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Travel insurance or standard US health insurance plans are not accepted by the Spanish Consulate.

- **Spanish Private Policy:** Must be contracted with an insurance company authorized to operate in Spain.
- **Coverage Requirements:** Full medical coverage (minimum €30,000), **zero copays (*sin copagos*)**, and no waiting periods (*sin carencias*). It must cover repatriation.

PILLAR 4: BACKGROUND CHECK & HEALTH (For stays over 180 days)

If your program is 6 months exactly (up to 180 days), you can skip these requirements.

- **FBI Background Check:** An official criminal record check issued by the FBI. State police checks are generally not accepted.
- **The Hague Apostille:** The FBI check must be legalized with a Federal Apostille from the US Department of State in Washington D.C.

- **Medical Certificate:** A signed letter from a doctor (on official letterhead) stating that you do not suffer from any diseases that could cause serious repercussions for public health according to the International Health Regulations (2005).
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LOGISTICS & MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Bring these administrative items inside your physical folder on the day of your appointment:

- **National Visa Application Form:** Fully completed and signed.
 - **Valid US Passport:** Original and a photocopy of the main page. Must be valid for the entire stay and have at least 2 blank pages.
 - **Proof of Legal Residence:** US Driver's License or State ID card to prove you belong to that specific consular jurisdiction.
 - **Visa Photo:** One recent passport-sized photo with a white background, glued to the application form.
 - **Consular Fee:** Approx. **\$160 USD** for US citizens.
 - *Important Note:* BLS International centers **do not accept USPS Money Orders**. You must pay via debit card or cash exactly as instructed by your local office.
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WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR DOCUMENTS?

You must book an appointment online at the official portal: blsspainvisa.com. You must apply at the office that covers your home state:

- **New York Center:** Covers NY, NJ, PA, CT.
 - **Miami Center:** Covers FL, GA, SC, NC.
 - **Los Angeles Center:** Covers CA (Southern), AZ, CO, UT.
 - **Chicago Center:** Covers IL, IN, MI, WI, OH, MO, MN.
 - **Houston Center:** Covers TX, OK, LA, AR, NM.
 - **Washington D.C., Boston, and San Francisco Centers:** Check your local state coverage on the BLS website.
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