

# LEAP GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS

The #1 student agency for  
higher education in Spain



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STUDIES IN SPAIN



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**An investment  
in knowledge  
pays the best  
interest.**

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**



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## Foreword



Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try – the first time I heard these words was from a Chilean woman on a backpacking trip in South America a few years ago. I was climbing a mountain in the North of Peru with some fellow travelers and it was exactly in this moment that I had decided to take the future in my own hands and study an MBA program in Spain.

One year later, I spent hours and hours researching the best courses and institutions in Spain to shortlist a few of them and start the applications. After months of struggle with organizing and legalizing documents, permits, applications and admission, I received the offer letter from a University in Barcelona. I was now ready to settle into my new home, Spain.

Soon, I travelled to the most vibrant of Mediterranean cities and found myself in an incredible new reality, studying business alongside students with more than 80 different nationalities. After the classes, we would play volleyball at the beach, eat tapas from the local restaurant at the corner and dance salsa in the night – it was a great time.

However, apart from University, the Spanish bureaucracy kept throwing curve balls at me and even the most basic things, like signing a rental contract for an apartment, buying a sim card, opening a Spanish bank account or even signing up for a gym, turned out to be a real nightmare. To do these sorts of things you require a residence permit and a few other documents, for which you need to go through a large number of processes in Spain – none of them are straightforward and easy to achieve.

As a German citizen, I had the benefit of not having to worry about visa process and residence card renewals, but after talking to fellow non-European students, I realized that the complexity of obtaining a student visa and residence permit can be overwhelming.

Experiencing these struggles first hand has made me and a few friends curious about how other students overcome those challenges, like finding the right study program, getting all documents and applications sorted in time, obtaining visa and legal permits, and finding internships and jobs in Spain. This is when we began to support friends, contacts and people in our network in choosing the right educational path and landing their dream jobs.

What started out as a hobby and favors for friends became our deepest passion. Soon, we created LEAP Global Educational Consultants.

Today we are using our vast experience to support the talent of the future by enabling students to follow their own path and to build the foundation for a successful and fulfilled life in Europe. Our mission is to guide our customers throughout the whole process of finding, planning and executing their educational and professional plans towards their dream job.

Everybody deserves a chance – we help bridging the gap.

**Tom Miessen, CEO of LEAP**

An astute student of languages, cultures and economics, Tom Miessen is a multilingual entrepreneur, educational consultant and start-up enthusiast of German origin. Having worked and lived in 5 countries combined with travels to 65+ countries ignited his deep passion for intercultural communication and supporting the talent of tomorrow to shape a sustainable future.



## About LEAP



### HEADQUARTER IN BARCELONA



### MORE THAN 50 TOP INSTITUTIONS AND PARTNERS



### ICEF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS

**L**EAP Global Educational Consultants is an end-to-end student service and consulting agency based in Spain. We support international students who are seeking higher education and employment opportunities in Spain by providing comprehensive information and guidance for students and parents.

From our headquarter in Barcelona, we have built strong local partnerships over the years to support our clients with individual requests. LEAP works with more than 50 top ranked European institutions and strategic partners in Spain. Our global network of business contacts and companies allows us to facilitate the entry into the Spanish and European job market for students and young professionals.

LEAP's mission is to guide our customers throughout the whole process of finding, planning and executing their educational and professional plans towards their dream job. We do that by offering step-by-step guidance from the moment they decide to study in Spain to official student and migration documents and future work establishment. As ICEF certified counselors, we apply our high-quality service standards in our hard work to exceed the expectations of our customers every single day.

We believe that our expertise combined with strategic partnerships make the journey to Spain easier, faster and safer.

**The LEAP Credo: Achieving your dreams  
is a matter of strategic planning.**



## Why study in Spain



Among top 15 study  
abroad destinations in  
world



Fascinating  
Southern European  
culture and society



Increasing emphasis  
on interdisciplinary  
studies

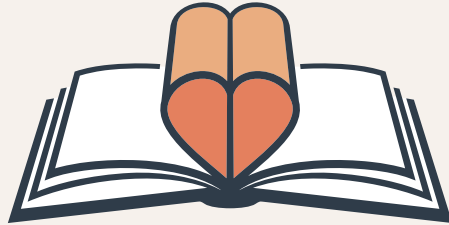
Spanish is the second most  
spoken language in the world,  
and learning it gives access to  
Latin America



Beautiful geographical  
contrasts – white beaches and  
snow-covered mountains



# What we do



## OUR HEARTS BEAT FOR EDUCATION.



**W** We support international students who are looking for opportunities in higher education in Spain and young professionals who want to enter the Spanish and eventually European job market.

We facilitate all processes along the way, by providing **100% personal and individual counseling** for students and parents and offering the largest number of study and pathway programs as well as language courses in Spain.

**Our guidance and services are aimed at different stages of the student career path.**



### Pre-Arrival - Everything you need before coming to Spain

- a Guidance on institutions and study programs
- b Foundation program for access to public university system
- c University admissions & applications
- d Homologation (Grade equivalency)
- e Student visa
- f Accommodation
- g Medical insurance
- h Official translation



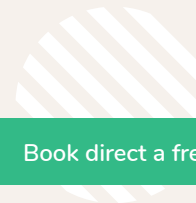
### Arrival & Orientation – Within the first few months in Spain

- a Airport pick-up
- b Orientation
- c Residence registration
- d Residence permit
- e Spanish bank account
- f Emergency contact



### Career Accelerator Program – Job opportunities during and after graduation

- a Application workshops
- b Internships & Part-time jobs (Student jobs)
- c Full-time jobs
- d Work permit
- e Start-up setup in Spain



Book direct a free personal consultation



## Information for parents

Dear parents,

**W**e understand that sending your child away from the safe realm of your home into a different country to study abroad so they can spread their own wings is a big emotional investment. You can relax and rest assured, it is exactly for this reason why we set up our company in **Spain – the country where helping hands are needed the most.**

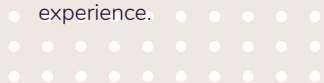
Most educational agents around the globe support you with information, admission and visa services. For LEAP, this is only the very beginning of the journey. Our real job starts once your child comes to Spain and needs local support. Over the years, we have gathered all relevant resources and experience for every situation the students might encounter and we keep your children safe and sound during their whole stay in Spain.



### WHY IS LEAP UNIQUE?

#### LOCAL SUPPORT NETWORK

Our on-site staff provides guidance on any topics related to academics, language, cultural differences, health, legal advice and more. We use our local network and expertise so the student can get the most out of their international experience.



#### END-TO-END STUDENT SERVICES

LEAP offers guidance to students from the moment they decide to study abroad to local relocation support in Spain to finding a job in Spain, arranging all necessary legal permits along the journey.



#### #1 STUDENT AGENCY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN SPAIN

We are the largest provider of study programs and locations in Spain. In the past, we have served 60+ different nationalities in more than 7 languages. We are a trusted partner of all relevant institutions for higher education and can facilitate all study-related processes in and out of Spain.



#### GO-TO-PERSON

In case the students find themselves in a difficult situation, we are here. We have contacts for any type of inquiry - emergency, university or job related, or even if they want to have a coffee in our beautiful office in Barcelona.



#### ICEF CERTIFIED TRAINED COUNSELORS

All of our staff have undergone the ICEF specialization training for education counselors and act according to the highest service and business codex in higher education. We believe that trust and transparency are the pillars for a successful long-term collaboration between you, the student and LEAP.



## MAIN STUDY CITIES:



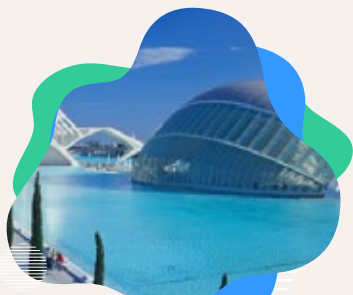
**BARCELONA**

Europe's Business and Technology Hub. Study cutting-edge programs at the entrepreneurial hot spot and live innovation every day.



**MADRID**

Study in the center of the economic power engine and immerse into the passionate Spanish culture in the heart of Spain.



**VALENCIA**

As the third largest city of Spain, Valencia is not only the epicenter of Science and Art, but also has great beaches, diverse culture and international students.



**MARBELLA**

The city of Marbella is the pearl of the Malaga region, which has grown its international student community and job opportunities substantially in recent years and offers very reasonable costs of living.



## SEE COMPLETE OFFERING:

MURCIA | GRANADA | SEVILLA | GRANDA | SEE ALL

## University Network

**SPAIN**



See all partners in the back of the brochure.

University finder

Course finder

# The LEAP Journey





## University Foundation Program

**T**here are more than 50 public universities in Spain and more than 1,000 study courses offered for undergraduates. Many courses are offered in Spanish language, bilingual (English & Spanish) or 100% in English. In order to get accepted into these programs you need to pass the university entry exam in June, which is **held in Spanish** (even if you study in English afterwards).

Our University Foundation Program prepares you for this exam and **we guarantee that you will pass the exam** after taking the course. In order to join the program you need a B1/B2 level of Spanish, which is why we offer a bundled program that includes Spanish classes as well. There are different pathways available depending on intensity, duration and location. We offer this program in Madrid, Barcelona or Online.

Independently of the study program and career you opt for - to get access to the public university system you need to fulfill two requirements:

### REQUIREMENT 1 OBTAIN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF YOUR PREVIOUS STUDIES



This process is called homologación (in English: grade equivalency). The exact process depends on which country you obtained your high school diploma and in which system you studied previously. It is necessary to translate your transcripts and diploma into Spanish and to legalize them in Spain. The final grade of this process determines 60% of the university entry grade.

### REQUIREMENT 2 PASS THE UNIVERSITY ENTRY EXAM



This exam takes place in June every year and has to be passed (ideally with a high score) by Spanish nationals, European citizens and international students who want access to undergraduate studies in public universities. The exam is held in Spanish language and tests your knowledge of Spanish literature, history and language as well as specific subjects towards your future career. The final grade of the exam determines 40% of the university entry grade.

Depending on the average grade obtained in the exam and the average high school grade you will be able to opt for the university career of your choice (the higher the grade, the more options to choose from). Additionally, there is a cut-off grade which is the minimum grade required to access a particular degree. This grade varies from year to year and is different according to each university and career.

Foundation program 

# Spanish Language Courses

With almost 500 million Spanish speakers worldwide, Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world. Studying this language is an important skill that will make your stay in Spain and other Spanish speaking countries a deeply-immersive and cultural experience you will never forget.



Communicate with almost 500 million Spanish speakers in the world



Spanish is the first language in 21 countries around the globe



Enhance your resume and stand out from others



Make your travel experiences more meaningful and rewarding



Get access to Spanish university degrees



Gain a global perspective and create an international network

LEAP offers different types of Spanish courses all around Spain. Our most popular destinations are Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, San Sebastián, Malaga, Granada, Sevilla and Salamanca. (Refer to partners)

You can study in different language levels and intensities, group or individual lessons, basic courses that start from scratch to Business Spanish courses. Optionally, there are many cultural activities that enrich your study experience, like Paella cooking classes, Salsa lessons, movie nights and many more exciting events you can join.

Ask us to find the perfect course that fits your needs!

Language course

# Blended studying

“Tough times don't last – but tough people do.”

With the world facing an unprecedented health crisis, many doors are closed, including global traveling for higher education. At LEAP, we see every challenge also as an opportunity. As a result, all our study programs are transformed into blended study programs, so you can start studying as expected without losing your valuable time. While starting to study online, we ensure that you will receive the top-quality experience you deserve, utilizing state-of-the-art education platforms and technology.



## OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS EDUCATION

Your health and safety is our first priority – at the same time the world keeps spinning and we know your future plans cannot be postponed. We ensure your successful academic and professional planning in a time-efficient manner, providing you with 100% virtual assistance.

CONSULTING AND ADMISSION 100% ONLINE

## MAIN BENEFITS OF STUDYING BLENDED WITH LEAP

Reduced living costs by starting from home

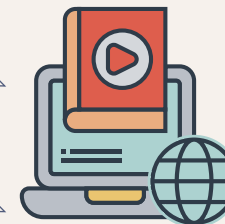
Slow acclimatisation into new study environment

Relaxed and structured

Study discounts by starting online, but receiving same accreditation

Fast transition to Spain when the timing is right

Continue studying seamlessly where you left off on your home country



Blended video

Blended programs

## How to apply

The world of higher education can be very complex and confusing. There are thousands of courses in hundreds of institutions all over Spain.

LEAP's unique consulting services help students and parents to transparently explore suitable courses by themselves by using our technology-driven internet platform and most up-to-date program information. In combination with LEAP technology, our clients enjoy the long-year experience of our trusted European consultants who have one goal: To help you land your dream study program and job in Spain.



### EXPLORE

Only the best is good enough. Explore all Bachelor, Master and MBA study programs in Spain from the most comprehensive database in the world.

COURSE FINDER



### PLAN

Dreams are plans in disguise. Compare different study options and develop your individual and detailed study, financial and career plan with your personal LEAP consultant.

SERVICES



### APPLY

It's time to take the future into your own hands. Contact LEAP and we guide you through all the steps necessary to start your new career path.

APPLY NOW

## Global Partner Network

GLOBAL AFFILIATE PARTNERS	SPAIN			
PARTNER UNIVERSITIES	EUROPE			

## What students say about us



### GRACE M. (USA)

#### Admission to Global Business School

I had been researching study abroad for college on my own for about a year with little luck, but when I found LEAP, I finally made a breakthrough. They worked with my budget, helped me with documentation and helped me get accepted to a great school in Barcelona. Their services are effective and affordable. I would 100% recommend LEAP to anyone looking for an education in Spain.



### DANIELA R. (Italy)

#### Residence Registration & permit, Local registration for work permit

LEAP's services are totally worth it and highly recommended.

They have been amazing by helping me throughout the whole process, supporting and explaining me all the steps to get my NIE and Social Security Number done in time. I also want to underline the extra effort they made to accommodate as much as possible my requests when getting the NIE appointment. They have always been not only competent but also kind and patient with me. I couldn't have done it so smoothly by myself, thank you!



### MAHMOUD M. (Egypt, Qatar)

#### Admission to ESADE Business School

Professional. High quality. Good value for money.



### DOMINIC C. (UK)

#### Residence registration & permit for BREXIT

Great service, I paid for everything and they gave very good advice and were very reachable. They sorted the appointment and documents. Would recommend.



### GOWTHAM S. (India)

#### Admission to Rey Juan Carlos University

I can't describe how thankful I am to the LEAP team. You guys have done everything to make my dream of studying in Spain possible. Especially since I did not speak Spanish, it would have been very difficult for me to go through the processes of admission, visa and moving to Spain from India.

As an Indian, I had to go through a lot of paperwork before I got my student visa to Spain. It was a cumbersome process since there are not many articles explaining the procedures but once I got my visa, I thought my struggles were over.

This problem continued even after I left the country and reached Spain. There were many procedures from obtaining a document to securing an internship. There are a lot of small things which we are not totally aware of. The professional support of LEAP helped me to overcome all the paperwork and hustle. I hope you can help many more students from India in the future to have a similar life changing experience of studying abroad!

OUR EXPERT COUNSELORS HELP YOU STEP BY STEP



**700000 international students study in Spanish universities every year.**  
**Can we help you be the next one?**

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