

SKIDMORE IN SPAIN

Applications Deadlines:

Academic Year (Madrid only): **March 1**
Fall Semester (Alcalá only): **March 1**
Spring Semester: **September 20***

* Applicants for spring who meet ALL requirements may apply on March 1 for early acceptance.

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If you are a Skidmore College student majoring or minoring in Spanish Language you will be placed into the Skidmore in Alcalá or Skidmore in Madrid program based on the recommendation of your advisor in the Spanish Section of the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department. Please see your advisor for appropriate program selection.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA or better
Applicants from Skidmore with less than a 3.0 will be considered on an individual basis depending on qualifications and available space. Students must:
 - Submit a letter explaining their academic history.
 - Meet with a Program Coordinator in the Office of International Programs.
- **Skidmore in Madrid:** completion of five semesters of college-level Spanish, including one course in Spanish literature. (For Skidmore students, this is at least Spanish 208 Spanish Composition, though Spanish 211 or 212 is highly recommended.)
- **Skidmore in Alcalá:** completion of five semesters of college-level Spanish, including one course in Spanish literature. (For Skidmore students, this is at least Spanish 206 Spanish Conversation, though Spanish 208, 211 or 212 is highly recommended.)
- Skidmore students who will be juniors when participating in the program must have declared their majors PRIOR TO applying.
- In addition, we will consider the student's social standing, quality of essays, demonstrable verbal and written skills in Spanish, maturity, and faculty recommendations.

Students who will not have junior standing when participating in the program must attend a mandatory advising session with an advisor in the Office of International Programs. After this initial meeting students are required to:

- Submit a letter of faculty support (preferably from the instructor of the student's Scribner Seminar).
- Submit a one page letter explaining why they want to study abroad outside of the junior year. Students need to indicate in the letter what their academic plans are for the remainder of their time at Skidmore.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please type or print clearly and return these materials to the Office of International Programs by the deadlines given above. **Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.**

1. **Application for Study Abroad:** Complete application and sign as needed. Obtain your faculty advisor's signature. Note that one of the essays must be completed in Spanish. This will allow the faculty committee to assess your ability to write in Spanish and should be completed with care.
2. **Academic Recommendation and Language Assessment:** These should be completed by two different faculty members. Your current Spanish professor should complete the Language Assessment.
3. **Transcript:** The Office of International Programs will obtain transcripts for all Skidmore students. Non-Skidmore students must have an official transcript sent to Skidmore's Office of International Programs.

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4. **Photos:** Fifteen (15) 1 inch wide by 1 ½ inches tall photos should go to OIP. Please follow photo instructions given in this packet exactly. Do **NOT** get passport-size photos as they will not be accepted by the university in Spain. NOTE - Once accepted you will need another photo for your ISIC card application.
5. **Copy of your passport:** It should be a clear, legible copy of the first two pages of your passport that give the number, etc. If you do not yet have a passport, or if your passport will become invalid within six months of the end of your program, please apply for one immediately.
6. **Program Approval Form:** This is for non-Skidmore students ONLY. Please have your dean or director of international programs sign it.
7. **Application Fee:** Send a check for \$25 to the Office of International Programs made out to "Skidmore College". Please include "Skidmore in Madrid – Application fee" in the memo line of the check. This fee is non-refundable.