

Applying for your Spanish Visa through BU Study Abroad: Batch Visa Process Guidelines

If you would like to participate in the BU Batch Visa Process, our Study Abroad office must *receive* your complete and correct application by OCTOBER 13.

You may submit your materials in-person or by mail to:

Boston University Study Abroad Attn: Liz McBean 888 Commonwealth Ave, 2nd floor Boston, MA 02215

In the Batch Visa Process Guidelines, you will find:

- Overview of the Batch Mailing Visa Process
- Checklist
- Detailed Instructions
- National visa application form
- National visa application (example)
- Authorization form
- Boston Consulate Disclaimer form

These guidelines and FAQs were updated September 2023 in accordance with the Spanish Consulate in Boston's website. Please refer to the <u>Spanish Consulate in Boston's website</u> for official and most up-to-date instructions.

Note: This information has been prepared by Boston University Study Abroad based on the most recent information provided by the relevant immigration agency (E.G., consulate, embassy, etc.). It is each student's responsibility to compile and apply for their visa based on their specific citizenship. Visas are granted by foreign governments only, Boston University does not play a role in visa issuance, nor can we influence immigration policy. While we do our best to keep instructions as up-to-date as possible, visa requirements are subject to change without our knowledge. Ultimately obtaining a visa in a timely manner, and related costs incurred, are a student's responsibility. Failure to acquire a visa will preclude participation in the program.



What does it mean to apply for my visa through BU Study Abroad?

Once a semester, the Spanish Consulate in Boston allows a representative from BU Study Abroad to submit visa applications on behalf of students who attend school or reside permanently in their jurisdiction. This is referred to as the "batch visa process" or the "group visa process".

When do I need to submit my visa application by?

You need to submit your visa application with all of the necessary supplemental documentation to BU Study Abroad by <u>OCTOBER 13</u>. This means that your *complete* and *correct* visa application material must be physically be in our office by this date.

How can I submit my visa application?

You are encouraged to attend one of the two <u>Spanish Visa Drop-Off Sessions</u>, so that your submission is reviewed with you for accuracy and completion. These two sessions will take place at the BU Study Abroad Office at 888 Commonwealth Ave (Room 240) on:

Thursday, October 5 at 1:00-3:00pm

Friday, October 13 at 9:30am-12:30pm

If you are unable to attend one of these two sessions, you may drop off your materials at the BU Study Abroad front desk (Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm), or mail them to our office (refer to the mailing address on page 1). Our office will be in contact via email once your materials have been received and reviewed.

Does this mean I will not have my passport until my application has been processed?

Yes, you will be without your passport from the time you submit your materials in mid-October to mid-December. Your passport will be held at the Spanish Consulate in Boston until your application has been reviewed, and you will not be able to have access to your passport during this time. When BU is notified that the visas have been issued, the representative will pick up the passports and make arrangements to return them to you in a secure manner. The Boston Consulate has explicitly stated it will take a minimum of 8 weeks to process visa applications, which means you will receive your passport and visa tentatively between December 13–20.

We cannot guarantee an exact date that you will have your passport back as this process and timeline depend directly on the Spanish Consulate.

*If you need your passport during this time, please reach out to your Program Manager to confirm your travel dates and to confirm whether or not you will be able to participate in the batch mailing.



Print this checklist and confirm all items are complete before submitting to BU Study Abroad:

Passport (make sure it is signed!)
National Visa Application Form (printed double-sided, completed electronically or by hand, hand signed and dated)
Passport Photo (glued to the top right of the completed national visa application form)
Photocopy of your Passport (the ID & signature page)
Notarized Copy of Student ID (Proof of Residency)
Notarized Authorization Letter
Boston Consulate Disclaimer Form
Money order for visa processing fee
NON-US Citizens only: Notarized copy of immigration documents



What do I need to submit for my Spanish visa application?

- Physical passport & one photocopy of the ID/signature page: Your passport must be valid for at least 3-6 months following the end of the program. Make sure your passport is centered on the page when making the scan. It can be in color or black/white, but it cannot be blurry.
 - a. Before submitting your passport to BU Study Abroad, **make** a **scanned copy for your records**; you almost certainly will need your passport information while your passport is at the consulate.
 - b. If you need your passport for any reason during the next few months, please email your Program Manager immediately.
- 2. National Visa Application Form (found on your pre-departure page, here, and below): Complete the form electronically and then print double-sided. After printing, sign and date the form by hand on the last page. The form should be completed in English and must be signed where indicated. Please refer to the national visa application form example (on your predeparture page and at the end of these guidelines) for step-by-step instructions on how to fill out this form. Staple your application form once complete in the upper left-hand corner.
- 3. One color passport photograph with white background: This must be an official passport photo that you can get at a CVS, Walgreens, Fedex, or UPS store. It must be on photo paper or the consulate will not accept your application. Make sure your full head is showing, from the top of your head to the bottom of your chin.
 - a. Write your name and Boston University on the back side of the photo, and once you have double checked that your National Visa Application is filled out 100% correctly, please glue the photo to the first page of the application in the box that says "photo" (do not staple or tape the photo; you must glue it)
- 4. Notarized copy of Student ID (Proof of Residency in the Region): You must obtain a notarized photocopy of your student ID. This will serve as proof of residency in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, or Maine. If you are not a student at a university in one of these states, in addition to your student ID, please include a notarized photocopy of your U.S. Driver's License or U.S. State ID Card which will serve as proof of residency in the Boston Consulate's jurisdiction.
- 5. Notarized Authorization letter (found on your pre-departure page): This letter states that you are giving permission to the BU representative to apply submit your visa application on your behalf. Please find the template later in these instructions and sign the letter in front of a notary.

You can find a notary to get this letter notarized at:

- a. The Dean of Students Office Find more information here
- b. Your local bank
- c. The UPS Store
- d. Citizens Bank at the GSU if you currently have an account with them



- Boston Consulate Disclaimer Form (found on your pre-departure page): Please print this form
 and sign the form by signing with your signature and include the place and date of when you
 signed the form.
- 7. Money order for visa processing fee: The processing fee is \$160 for U.S. citizens and \$85 for other nationalities. Citizens of Canada, the United Kingdom, Mauritania, and Australia should refer to the <u>Consulate's instructions</u> for fee information. The Boston Consulate <u>only</u> accepts money orders (not personal checks or bank checks), payable to the **CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA**.
 - a. Please print your name on your money order exactly how it is written on your passport on the signature line.
 - b. If there is a "memo" line, you can write "Student visa"
 - c. If there is an "address" line, please put your current address.
 - d. Do not endorse or write on the back of the money order!
 - e. You can purchase a money order at a bank, credit union, convenience store, US Postal service, grocery store or pharmacy.
 - f. Keep the receipt! (this is important in case you accidentally endorse the money order, or improperly address it, as you can only return the money order with a receipt!)
- 8. Letters of acceptance as a full-time student from Spain's University/School or US program: As a BU study abroad participant, we will include letters in Spanish and in English that supply proof of enrollment, program details, availability of financial means, and proof of international health insurance. You will not receive these letters as part of the batch visa application process. Instead, our office will add these letters directly to your application materials once we have received your visa application materials.
- Immigration documents (<u>for non-US citizens only</u>): If you are not a citizen of the United States, you must submit a notarized photocopy of:
 - a. Your green card or
 - b. Your student visa and I-20 form, F-1, H-1, etc.

At the moment of the submission of your application, you must have a valid U.S. visa to return to the United States following the conclusion of your program. Please contact your Program Manager and your ISSO Officer immediately if you have concerns.

NOTE: Although BU Study Abroad will act as a liaison during the application process, it is NOT a visa processing agency. It is the student's responsibility to verify the visa process and requirements at the Spanish Consulate in their jurisdiction.



Application for National Visa

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This application form is free

1. Surname(s) ¹				FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
2. Surname(s) at birth (previous surna	nme(s)) ²			Date of application:
3. Forename(s) ³				Visa application number:
4. Date of birth (day-month-year)	5. Place of birth		7. Current nationality	File processed by:
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20. Principal purpose of journey:				
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□ Residence without work permit		□ Studies		
□ Residence - Family reunion		□ Research (within the framework of hosting agreement signed by research		
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21. Date of intended entry into Spain		22. Number of entries requested: □ one □ two □ more than two		
23. Postal address of applicant in Spain		(dd-mmm-yyyy)		
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24. Spanish Foreign National Identity (NIE) 4	Number	25 Date of notification of decision issued by competent body for non-nationals 5		
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□ registered partner		the individual resident		
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28. Data of educational establishment or research centre in case of applying for student or research visa				
Name of educational establishment or research centre				
Postal address of educational establishment or research centre	Telephone number of educational establishment or research centre			
	E-mail of educational establishment or research centre			
Intended starting date for study or research	Intended finishing date for study or research			
(dd-mmm-yyyy)	(dd-mmm-yyyy)			
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organisation				
I am aware of and consent to the following: the	collection of the data required by this application form and the taking			
of my photograph are obligatory for the visa ap	plication to be examined. Any personal data concerning me which			
appears on the visa application form, as well as	my photograph, will be supplied to the relevant authorities and			
processed by those authorities for the purposes	of deciding on my visa application. Such data as well as the decision			
taken on my application will be entered into and	d stored in a database. The authority responsible for its processing is the			
Consular Post at which the visa application was	s submitted. Data shall be accessible to those authorities competent to			
carry out checks on visas at external borders an	d in Spain, immigration and asylum authorities for the purposes of			
verifying whether the conditions for the legal en	ntry, stay and residence in the territory of Spain are fulfilled, for			
identifying persons who do not or who no longe	er fulfil these conditions, for examining asylum applications and for			
determining responsibility for such examination	1.			
I am aware that I may exercise my rights of acc	ess, rectification, opposition and deletion of my personal data, pursuant			
to the provisions of Organic Law 15/1999, of 13	3 December, on Protection of Personal Data, by writing to: Dirección			
General de Asuntos y Asistencia Consulares de	l Ministerio de Asunto Exteriores y de Cooperación; calle Ruiz de			
Alarcón 5, 28071 Madrid.				

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief all particulars supplied by me are correct and complete. I am aware that any false statements shall lead to my application being refused or to the annulment of a visa already granted.

I am aware that once the visa request has been submitted, a copy of this form, stamped to indicate the date and place of reception, shall be returned to the applicant and that arrangements may be made with the applicant as to the channel for requesting corrections or the supply of documents or certificates required, as well as for serving notice of summons and for notifying him/her of the decision adopted.

Notices and requests shall be made by telephone or fax to the contact number provided by the interested party or his legal representative. If these go unanswered, they shall be served in writing to the domicile set out in the application, which must be located within the consular district.

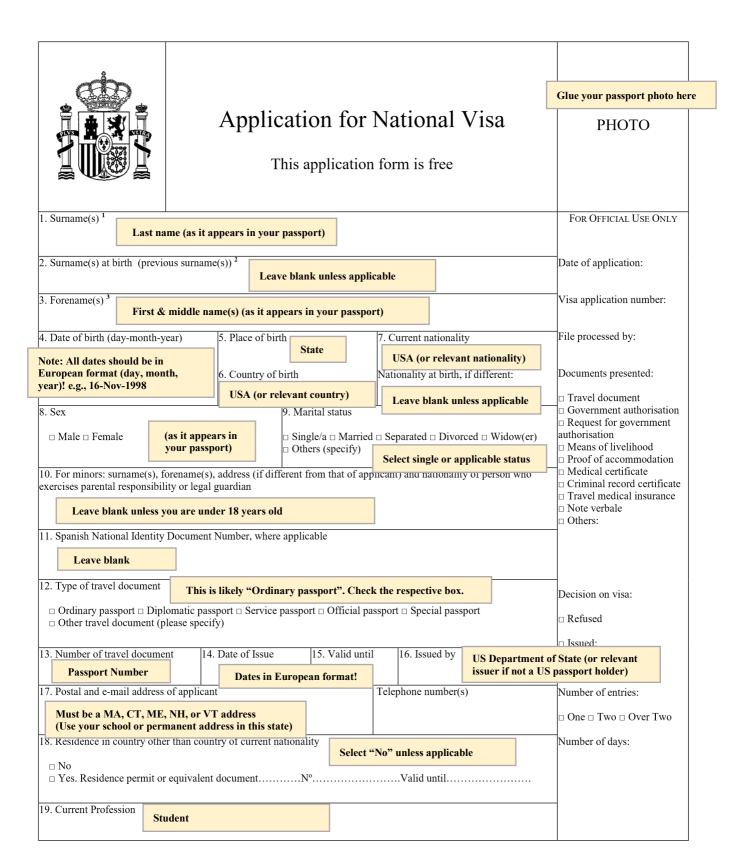
Summons and requests served must be complied with within a period not exceeding ten days, unless personal attendance is required, in which case the deadline is fifteen days.

Once all the possibilities of serving a notice have been exhausted, it shall be carried out by means of an announcement posted on the relevant notice board of the Consular Post for ten days.

If no reply is received to a request or summons within the time period, the applicant shall be deemed to have withdrawn his/her request and he/she shall be notified of the decision establishing this to be the case.

Decisions on a visa application shall be notified within a maximum period of one month, which cannot be extended, counting from the day following the date the application was submitted at the competent Consular Post for processing, except in the case of residence visas without work permit in which case the maximum period shall be three months. In this latter case, the application for the relevant residence authorisation which must be issued by the corresponding Government Department Office or Provincial Government Office shall put a hold on this time period until this authorisation is notified to the Consular Post.

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27. Place and date	28. Signature (for minors, signature of person exercising parent responsibility or legal guardian)			
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Boston University in Madrid, International Institute of Spain c/ Miguel Angel 8, 28010 Madrid					
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	E-mail address of employer or company				
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Spanish Company Tax Identification Code					

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Boston University in Madrid, Director – Amalia Perez-	-Juez
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27. Place and date

Once you have printed your completed National Visa Form (double-sided), write by hand the place & date of when you sign your form. For example:

15 September 2023 Boston, MA 28. Signature (for minors, signature of person exercising parent responsibility or legal guardian)

Once you have printed your completed National Visa Form (double-sided), sign here by hand (in blue or black ink)

Boston University Study Abroad

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To Whom It May Concern:	
I,, authorize Elizabeth McBea application materials to the Consulate of Spain in Boston and student visa once my application has been processed and app	to pick up my passport and
Sincerely,	
State of:	
County of:	_
This instrument was acknowledged before me on	(date) by
(name/s of p	erson/s).



CONSULATE GENERAL OF SPAIN IN BOSTON

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Boston, MA 02116
cog.boston@maec.es
http://www.exteriores.gob.es/consulados/boston

DECLARACION DE DESCARGO DE RESPONSABILIDAD

Autorizo al Consulado al envío postal de mi pasaporte. Descargo de responsabilidad al Consulado de España en Boston y a sus empleados así como al Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Unión Europea y Cooperación por el extravío o cualquier daño de mis documentos durante su custodia o transporte.

DISCLAIMER

By allowing the passport to be mailed to me on my request, I release and hold the Consulate of Spain in Boston and its employees, as well as the Spanish Foreign Ministry, harmless from any and all damage claims resulting from a possible loss or damage of my documents while in custody or during transport.

Lugar, fecha y firma / Place, date and signature