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IE UNIVERSITY

TRANSFORMING LEARNERS INTO FUTURE-READY PROFESSIONALS WITH RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND MINDSET

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Higher education has changed lanes from just being a medium of acquiring knowledge and critical thinking abilities to becoming a crucial stepping stone before entering the job market. While previously educators just needed to focus on imparting quality education, now being an educational institution carries a far broader meaning and responsibility. IE University embraces this new role of equipping students with the required skills needed to thrive in the world and the institute is for students who approach learning as a way of life. The University provides a supportive community where students and faculty interact together in the learning process. Each year over 140 nationalities are represented on the campus, with over 75 percent of their students coming from outside of Spain. With an innovative vision, entrepreneurial spirit and a focus on humanities and academic rigor, IE University is committed to educating professionals who will make a difference to society. This has helped them to stand out in the crowded international higher education space and cement their legacy as an elite higher education destination.



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Enriching the Lives of their Students

IE University is more than just an educational institution and their practice-based approach to learning starts in the classroom and continues all around the world, preparing their students to become international professionals. It's a complete academic and professional experience that broadens horizons, connects the world and provides students with a personalized career path to help them achieve their goals. IE is one of the most international universities in the world and their innovative and fast-changing education programs prepare students for new careers in a new world that we are living in. The University has two amazing global campuses in Madrid and Segovia and they provide students with an immersive learning experience in small groups with an average of 35 students. The 'student learning experience' enabled by 'teaching excellence' is part of their DNA and the institute offers the combination of top-quality research faculty and adjunct faculty who have very rich experience in the business world.

IE University hosts a number of top-notch schools including IE Law School, IE Business School, IE School of

Global and Public Affairs, IE School of Human Sciences and Technology, and IE School of Architecture and Design. All the programs offered by the University and its various specialized schools are included among the world's best, owing to the quality of education imparted. Adding further about the unique teaching pedagogies followed by the University, Dr. Nick van Dam, Chief of Center for Corporate Learning Innovation, IE University, says, "Our entrepreneurial spirit is at the heart of who we are. We champion new ways of thinking, creating an environment of innovation where students can unleash their creativity and venture into the unknown. Equipped with resources and training, our students are strongly encouraged to start new initiatives. We strive to foster a mindset of entrepreneurship, so our students can pursue valuable careers that make a difference in society. Life at IE University is enriching, exciting, and energizing at the same time. Wherever, you go, you'll find traces of this dynamic community and this is because our students are involved in a wide variety of daily activities, ranging from university events, cultural experiences, or anything else possible related to their IE Journey".

Evolving with the changing times, IE University has developed a unique Liquid Learning model with the aim of transforming the education landscape. The primary motive behind this initiative is to support the dynamic lives and unique needs of students in an emerging unpredictable, fluid, and fast-changing world. Liquid learning is a transformational, comprehensive, holistic and interactive educational experience that transcends single learning methodologies and platforms by blending together physical and digital learning ecosystems in innovative ways so that students obtain the highest quality of education no matter where in the world they are and what their current situation might be. Liquid Learning at IE University is based on five guiding principles: Multi-Channel, Active and Social, Real World, Personalized and Faculty Excellence. The benefits of these features are that they provide the best learning experience for students as well as a very flexible and scalable human resources model for emerging educational needs and trends. IE University believes that the future of learning is liquid. It all about the richness of the experience: curricular and extracurricular, social and individual, global and local, thinking and doing, active and reflective, cognitive and emotional, professional and personal, physical, digital and natural, which is supported by teaching and research excellence.

A Melting Pot of Culture and Ideas

Students from over all four corners of the globe are represented at IE University and all their programs are internationally recognized that prepares students from all over the world to discover their unique path to success, which is supported by their expert faculty, innovative teaching methodologies and state of the art facilities and classrooms. IE has also agreements with over 160 universities in 50 countries worldwide. This allows their students to spend a semester abroad, enriching their studies while also giving them the option to travel and broaden their perspectives. The University also has scholarship programs for international students in which IE University and the IE Foundation continuously contributes to the development of the IE community. IE Foundation works to make sure that talented students are able to access the best educational opportunities without economic barriers so that they can reach their full potential. IE has offered more than 16 million euros of scholarship since its beginning, out of which 57 percent has been dedicated to women. Also, during the last five years alone, 5492 students have been awarded these scholarships which includes Indian students too.

IE University is committed to promoting innovation and nourishing talent in order to shape tomorrow's leading professionals, providing their students with a truly global vision to prepare them for the challenges of the future. When it comes to placement, IE University offers students the latest industry insights from leading professionals in their respective fields, that sheds light on key sectoral trends that can help their students boost their career search processes. Twice every year, IE University organize the Talent Forum, which is their largest recruiting event, that attracts over 200 international companies and 5,000 students to their Madrid campus. This has helped the University to clock in an impressive student placement percentage of 95 percent. By joining IE, students will become part of a new family for life. Life at IE is enriching, exciting and energizing. The University has an active community involved in daily activities, whether it be through the universities 1500+ events, 128 clubs, the city's cultural experiences, or many other Wopportunities linking you to your journey with IE.

"At IE we've thought a lot about how tomorrow's world will look and what kind of knowledge we must cultivate for our students to thrive in it. We are committed to fostering environmental and ethical stewardship as well as promoting increased awareness and public understanding. We want to help people think and behave in ways that nurture a more sustainable planet: embracing global citizenship, social responsibility, climate action, the use of renewable energy and recycling, as well as fighting against biodiversity loss. This way people can appreciate that individual actions are not isolated events but contribute to an interconnected system that determines the well-being of both humans and the planet. We aim to mainstream sustainability into all aspects of the university. This involves rethinking the curriculum, campus operations, as well as the organizational culture. In this way, the institution itself will function as a role model. We want to inspire people to change their habits to strengthen a behavioural change. The change starts with our people that includes staff, faculty, students, alumni, and the corporate world. We all want to make an impact on society and on our world. A couple of our goals which we expect to achieve by 2030 are 70 percent recycled energy; 100 percent bottled water; 60 percent local and healthy foods, 100 percent paperless, 50 percent recycling and 50 percent single used packages", shares Dr. Nick when asked about how IE University is planning to operate in the ever-evolving international higher education realm.





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Spanish higher education institutions have been recently gaining a lot of attention in the global higher education strata owing to their ability to impart industry-oriented higher education to its students. Along with that, their ability to create an inclusive learning environment and make international students from across the globe feel at home has helped Spanish universities and colleges to become modern-day hubs for higher education. Many educational institutions from Spain has also been included among the best in the world owing to their ability to offer holistic education while at the same time equip their student with the needed skills required to thrive in the modern world. With more and more Spanish educational institutions gaining international attention, aspiring students who are looking to pursue their higher education in Spain have an opportunity to gain an edge over the rest of the competition. With that said, it is important to have a clear understanding of the best Spanish educational institutions that accommodates foreign students before packing your bags for Spain. By choosing the most suitable higher education institution, a student has the ability to not only enjoy their student life to the fullest but also lay down foundations for starting a successful professional career.

In order to help the Indian students who are looking for a premier higher education institute in Spain, we at Higher Education Review magazine are trying to simplify your confusion of selecting the best Spanish universities and colleges for Indian students. Our expert panel of researchers has looked into the situation and articulated a list under the name 'Top 10 Universities and Colleges in Spain for Indian Students - 2020' which is based on the institutes' qualities, expertise, ranks, facilities and much more. Reviewed and scrutinized by the intellectual individuals of this specific field, the educational institutes mentioned in this list deliver exceptional education along with outstanding infrastructure, top-notch mentoring facilities, and placement opportunities. We hope that this above-mentioned list will help the interested Indian students to choose the best educational institutes in Spain.



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INSTITUTE NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
ESADE Business School	Barcelona	ESADE Business School operates with the understanding that world needs managers who can offer a global perspective while giving you the knowledge to adapt to any job, anywhere in the world.
EU Business School	Barcelona	EU Business School offers english-taught foundation, bachelor's, master's and MBA programs in subjects which foster entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership and are highly sought-after by businesses.
IE UNIVERSITY	Madrid	IE Business School is committed to the holistic integration of technology in education and business, shaping and empowering leaders who are ready to face the challenges of the digital world.
Nebrija University	Madrid	Nebrija University strives to offer practical experience in professional and international environments, promoting the necessary skills and competences to facilitate integration into the labor market.
Pablo de Olavide University	Seville	Pablo de Olavide University strives to offer holistic education for the wholesome development of the students so that they can be successful both at the personal and professional front.
Pompeu Fabra University	Barcelona	Pompeu Fabra University was created by the Autonomous Government of Catalonia in 1990 and since its inception, they have been able to offer industry-oriented higher education to the students.
TBS Business School	Barcelona	TBS Business School strives to offer best in class management education to their students to equip them with the needed skills required to thrive in the modern corporate realm.
University of Granada	Granada	Founded in 1531, and built on a long-standing teaching tradition, the roots of University of Granada can be traced back to the madrasahs of the Nasrid dynasty of Granada.
University of Salamanca	Salamanca	The University of Salamanca is the European university with the ninth largest number of incoming Erasmus students and ranks number five among Spanish universities.
University of Valencia	Valencia	WUniversity of Valencia aims to set out a robust reference framework which will guide the behaviour and attitude of the institution that will influence its decisions and the way in which it carries out its services.