

# SLU-MADRID

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## Leadership

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## The American University in Spain

Saint Louis University-Madrid delivers a world-class education and will expand your cultural horizons, whether you study with us for four years or just a few months. We welcome students from the United States, Spain and more than 75 other countries to pursue degrees and study abroad.

Many of our undergraduate and graduate degree programs can be pursued entirely in Spain, and requirements for many programs offered at Saint Louis University's U.S. campus can be completed at SLU-Madrid. Students pursuing degrees in select programs can also begin their studies in Madrid and then transfer to St. Louis to complete their degrees.

## History

SLU-Madrid dates from a modest study-abroad program launched by Raymond L. Sullivant, S.J., in the 1960s. Its success led Sullivant to offer classes in conjunction with the University of Comillas and then to establish an independent, permanent program, with administrative offices and classrooms located between Madrid's Complutense University and the city center, in 1967.

Shortly thereafter, a number of Spanish students attracted to the University's liberal arts curriculum enrolled in classes, and within a decade, the campus was home to hundreds of students. Our program expanded, providing a full range of courses and a library, which permitted Spanish and European students to complete the first two years of their undergraduate studies in Madrid.

Our distinct position as the American Jesuit University in Spain prompted SLU to build a campus. In 1990, it purchased what now stands as Padre Rubio and Padre Arrupe halls. In 1996, SLU-Madrid was the first U.S. university to receive official recognition from the *Consejería de Educación y Cultura*, Madrid's higher education authority. Degree programs offered in Madrid are also accredited by Saint Louis University's regional accrediting ([https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/regional\\_accreditation/](https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/regional_accreditation/)) agency in the U.S., the Higher Learning Commission of the North Association of Colleges and Schools.

In 2011, the University expanded its campus further with the acquisition and renovation of San Ignacio Hall, providing additional space to support students and faculty, including a new library, cafeteria and auditorium.

SLU-Madrid is an international campus with over 1,600 students from more than 75 countries. It is renowned for its nursing and engineering programs. The University welcomes exchange students from American institutions such as George Washington University, Northeastern University and the University of Delaware. In fall 2024, SLU-Madrid inaugurated Manresa Hall, a new 1,300-square-meter building with classrooms, laboratories and offices. In 2025, SLU-Madrid opened Viña, a new space with offices and an auditorium.

SLU-Madrid has maintained its commitment to academic excellence and the values of service and leadership that SLU has held since 1818.