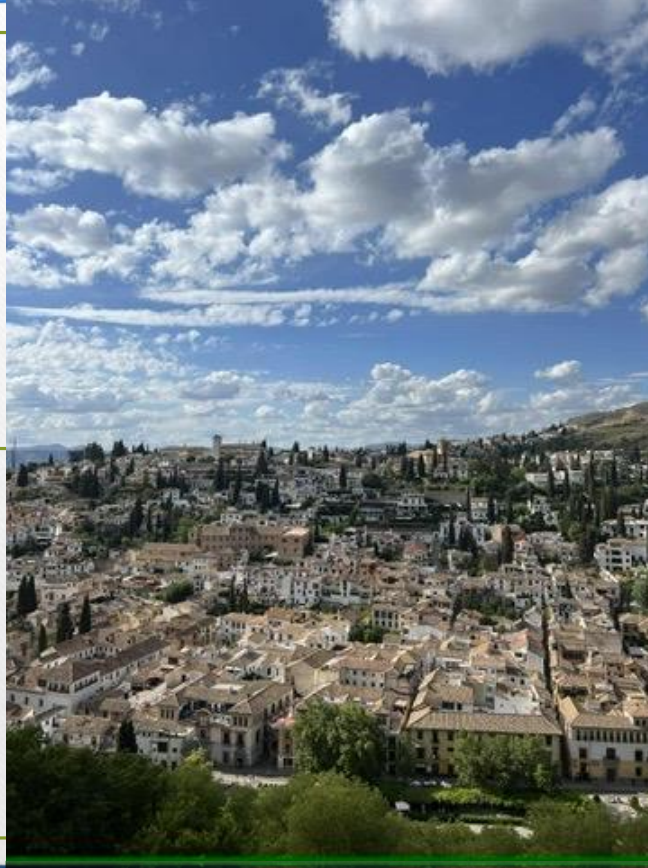


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Medicine, IV year, academic year 2024/2025



Universidad de Granada, Spain

E+: General information about the Host University, the organization of the academic year, the offer for students coming under the Erasmus+ Program and is it possible to "receive" Buddy?



L: It is possible to be assigned a buddy, and I was indeed assigned one. However, due to the fact that I went on Erasmus in the second semester of my fourth year, I obtained most of the necessary information from Polish students who spent the entire academic year in Granada (apart from our university, people from the Jagiellonian University and the Medical University of Warsaw also go there).

The Facultad de Medicina is located in the northern part of the city. All lectures and most classes take place there and at the teaching hospital, which is right next to the campus, but sometimes you may be assigned to clinics in a completely different location.

The second semester begins in mid-February and, in my case, coincided with the winter exam session in Poland. If classes coincided with exams in Poland, it was possible to request that they be postponed to a later date with a different group (in my case, all the courses I was taking were held in blocks).



E+: Language in which classes were conducted?

L: Spanish. Attempts to communicate in English tend to end in failure, both with lecturers and students.

E+: In the case of classes conducted in the national language, was it possible to take exams in English?



L: That wasn't possible. In Granada, Erasmus students are assigned to regular Spanish groups (there are no separate groups for Erasmus students). All exams are taken on the same terms as local students – without extra time or additional concessions in grading. The only help I received was that the lecturer explained an unfamiliar word to me two or three times. In my opinion, in order to participate effectively in classes and pass the exams (which are demanding), it is necessary to have at least a B2 level of Spanish.

The most commonly used study materials are notes that must be purchased at the university photocopying point (they are prepared by older students based on lectures) and the Wuolah student platform.

Before choosing your courses, it is also worth reading the information about how they are taught and the form of the exam, both in the first and second terms. Sometimes the first term takes the form of a closed test, while the second is an open written exam.

All the details can be found in the Guía docente available on the university's website.

E+: Curriculum (were there major curricular differences? Did the syllabus more or less overlap with that in SUM? Was it difficult to match the subjects and create a Learning Agreement?):

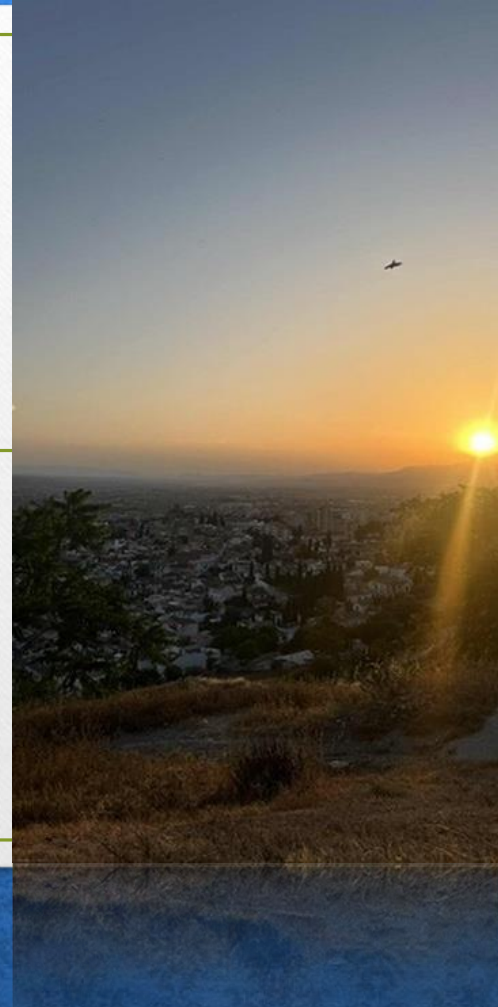
L: No, the university did not require a language certificate to be submitted. It was only necessary to declare knowledge of Spanish at a level of at least B1.



E+: During the application process, did the University ask for a language certificate confirming the knowledge of the language of instruction? If so, what level was required?

L: In Granada, it is required that in one semester, you complete courses with a total value of at least 21 ECTS. However, this does not have to correspond exactly to the number of courses completed in Poland. I recommend sticking to this number as much as possible and, if possible, making up for what you can in Poland thanks to the Individual Study Organisation and completing 3 courses there instead of 4.

Drawing up a Learning Agreement is rather simple. All courses end with an exam



Universidad de Granada, Hiszpania



E+: Accommodation (does the Host University have dormitories? If so, how far were they from the places where the classes were conducted? Was it difficult to get a place in the dorm?):

L: I did not meet anyone who lived in a hall of residence offered directly by the university. There is a private hall of residence nearby, but the accommodation costs are high. The vast majority of students, including myself, rented rooms in the city centre. I recommend using the cathedral (or Calle Recogidas or Calle Gran Vía de Colón) as a landmark when looking for accommodation – this is where student life is concentrated. Although the medical faculty is located on the outskirts of Granada, it takes about 30 minutes to get there by public transport from the city centre, so living in the city centre is a convenient solution.

E+: How was public transport like?

L: Granada has excellent transport links, and travel costs are relatively low compared to other cities in Spain. It is worth getting a Tarjeta Andalucía Junta card, which allows you to travel on the local tram for only €0.50.

In addition, all students receive a university ID card, which can be topped up and used as a bus ticket.

The only inconvenience is the lack of night-time public transport – there are no public transport services at night.



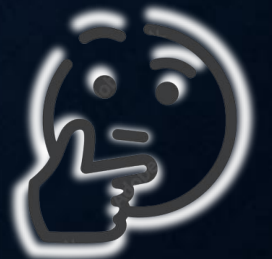
E+: Food (was there a canteen for students? Discounts on meals?):

L: There are two canteens on campus serving three-course lunches for around €6.00. I used this option and definitely recommend it!

E+: Difficulties encountered and tips on how to deal with them

L: The biggest problem turned out to be the extensive paperwork, which required a lot of patience and perseverance.

If you are planning to go abroad for only one semester, I definitely recommend catching up on as many courses as possible in Poland beforehand. This will allow you to devote more time to yourself while focusing on preparing for fewer exams.



E+: Useful information/contacts to help organize mobility?

L: I will be happy to help if you have any questions about choosing courses or other concerns related to the trip. Please contact the Erasmus+ Office at the Medical University of Silesia, which will provide you with my contact details.



E+: Attractions in the area worth seeing :

L: Granada is not a large city compared to Malaga, Seville or Barcelona, which makes getting around relatively easy.

I highly recommend trips organised by the student organisations Emycet and BestLife – they are reasonably priced and you don't have to worry about organising anything yourself. It is also worth keeping an eye out for cheap flights to Majorca, the Canary Islands or Portugal. In Granada itself, it is worth seeing the Alhambra and the San Miguel viewpoint, as well as the mountain trails around the city, which are easily accessible by public transport, e.g. the waterfalls in Dúrcal or Los Cahorros. In addition, there are a number of restaurants throughout the city where you can try a variety of tapas.



**E+: Overall mobility experience and advantages
of participating in the Erasmus+ Programme:**



***L:** Going on Erasmus to Granada was one of the best decisions of my life. I strongly encourage anyone who is considering participating in the programme to do so. It is an amazing opportunity to meet people from all over the world, improve your Spanish and discover the Spanish lifestyle and culture.*