

PRE- DEPARTURE GUIDE

Study Abroad and
First Year Abroad
Programs

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IMPORTANT DATES

For program dates, including move-in, orientation, instruction, and holidays, refer to the Valencia **academic calendar**.

Dates are subject to change.

Academic Calendar



COURSES AND FACULTY



FIRST YEAR ABROAD

Registered for courses after placement assessments.
Schedules are provided during Orientation

[FYA courses and faculty](#)

STUDY ABROAD

Register during Berklee College of Music's registration
period (April for fall, November for spring)

[Study Abroad courses and faculty](#)

PHONES

Local “pay as you go” phones are available.

Students can use smartphones with free Wi-Fi on campus and at the residence hall.

Check with your phone company to suspend your plan during your stay.





MONEY

Debit and credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express) are accepted in Spain.

Inform your bank and credit card company of **your travel plans** to avoid account freezes.

No need to open a **Spanish bank account** unless staying longer than a semester.

WHAT TO PACK



Berklee ID Card

Continuing students should bring theirs. New students receive one in Valencia



Laptop

Wireless access is available at the campus and residence



Medications

Bring enough for your stay. For refills, contact berklee@upromedes.com



Plug Adapters

Outlets in Spain use 220V



Money

Have Euros on hand for taxis and essentials



Clothes

Pack layers for varying weather

WHAT NOT TO PACK



Bedding and Towels

Provided at the residence



Textbooks

Purchase after arrival in Valencia

INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

On-Campus

Drum sets, pianos, cymbals, guitars, basses, percussion, microphones.

Off-Campus

Drum set (no cymbals), guitar/bass amps, keyboards, and limited microphones.

Intranet

Students can reserve equipment via the Intranet.



WHAT TO BRING



Laptop,
Software, Audio
Interface, and
Cables



Headphones
(mandatory)



Vocalists
Bring your microphone



Guitarists
Bring your instrument, tuner,
cables, and accessories



Bassists
The campus has basses,
but you may ship or rent
your own



Piano/Keyboard Players
Outlets in Spain
use 220V



Horn/String Players
Bring your instrument
and maintenance
accessories



Drummers
Bring a stick bag, practice
pad, cymbals, and hi-hat
clutch



Percussionists
Bring accessories like
bells, sticks, cymbals, and
shakers

More information: [Technology Requirements](#)

TRANSPORTING AND RENTING INSTRUMENTS

Air Travel

Check airline policies for musical instruments. Smaller instruments can be carried on board. Larger ones may need an extra seat or cargo check. See tips at [Musicians' Union](#).

Shipping

Options include UPS, FedEx, and [Vermont Violins](#).

Renting

[Call and Play](#) in Valencia offers student discounts.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Students are required to stay in Berklee-arranged housing.

Provided

Bed linens, towels, room cleaning, and internet.

Not Included

Meals. Students can cook at home or eat at nearby cafes and restaurants.

Transportation

Valencia's public transport includes buses, metro, and Valenbisi bikes. Most places are within walking distance.

More information:

[First Year Abroad Housing](#)

[Study Abroad Housing](#)



HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

Students must have comprehensive health insurance.

Berklee College of Music and Boston Conservatory students are automatically enrolled in SHIP. They may waive coverage if they have comparable insurance.

Students from other schools must meet their home institution's insurance requirements.

All students receive supplemental Spanish health insurance.

[FYA Insurance](#)

[Study Abroad Insurance](#)

FLIGHTS

Fly directly to Valencia (VLC airport code).

Alternative: Fly to Madrid or Barcelona and take a train, but this may be difficult with luggage.

Check flights:

[Student Universe](#)

[Kayak](#)



ARRIVING TO THE RESIDENCE HALL

Taxi from the airport
The easiest option. Cost: ~30 Euros.

Residence Address
micampus Avenida del Puerto
Avenida del Puerto 83
46021 Valencia

Early move-in is not permitted. Short-term housing is available if you arrive early.

CAMPUS INFORMATION AND NEWS

Follow the Valencia campus on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#)
Explore [campus facilities](#) and take a [virtual tour](#).



STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Affairs team offers



Medical
assistance



Personal
counseling



Accessibility
resources



Housing
support

More info:

Student Services



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