

**Pre-  
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**Summer  
School**

**From 1 to 26 July 2024  
In University City of Madrid, Spain**

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**Introducing the best Summer School for you**

**Your university adventure starts next summer in Madrid!**

**Get ready to study at university in English with our innovative Summer School!**

**From 1 to 26 July 2024**

*Unforgettable and inspirational 4-week summer experience for enthusiastic and motivated 16-18-year-old students at University City of Madrid, Spain*

Spain Center for International Education (**SpaCIE**) launched the **Pre-University Summer School** (PreUni) in 2021. PreUni consists of the following courses, each of two weeks' duration:

1. Skills course: **Speaking and Writing Skills for Academic and Career Success** (with a workload equivalent to 3 ECTS credits).
2. Academic content course: **A Multidisciplinary Approach to Climate Change** (with a workload equivalent to 3 ECTS credits).



If places are available, it may be possible to enroll in only one of the two courses, but priority will be given to students applying for both courses. In any case, it is strongly recommended to take the full program.

PreUni is a unique opportunity to broaden the horizons of **students between the ages of 16 and 18 who are already thinking about their university studies** by attending classes with **world-class university professors**. Students aged 15 who turn 16 in 2024 can also apply.

### What will you experience at our Summer School?

- Engaging with university students from around the world
- A taste of undergraduate teaching from top faculty from many disciplines
- Guest speakers from the business world
- Training in speaking and writing skills essential to succeed at university (and professional life)
- Preparing for University Programs taught in English and for being an exchange student abroad (Erasmus+ and other international programs)
- University City of Madrid (*Ciudad Universitaria*) beautiful campus and University life



## A Multidisciplinary Approach to Climate Change (MACC)

We invite you to embark on this life-changing journey to gain a new perspective on your future university studies, make new friends from all over the World, immerse yourself in university life, and discover something new about yourself! Join an **exclusive two-week study program** that offers a **high-quality multidisciplinary course**, taught **in English** by **top professors of many disciplines** (Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Economics, Engineering, Geography, Humanities, Law, Marketing, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology) and by **the best professionals in the business world**.

The MACC course targets students keen to gain **academic enrichment** not only in their future discipline, but in many other fields through a multidisciplinary approach to Climate Change. Moreover, in case you have not decided yet what you are going to study at university, our course will greatly **help you to decide what you want to study**.

## Speaking and Writing Skills for Academic and Career Success (SWSACS)

The SWSACS course is a **two-week study program**, taught **in English**, where **students will focus on important skills that they need to master to be successful university students**, such as effective listening and reading, delivering presentations, and writing papers. Furthermore, students will also work in small teams to deliver a presentation to the wider group.



## Common features of both courses of the Pre-University Summer School

You will take PreUni not only with peers like you, but also with international and Spanish university students. Additionally, the Program is **complemented by academic visits and cultural and social events**. Some of these events bring together students from our Program's courses with other students from around the world attending other partners' Summer Schools, creating a **truly international environment**.

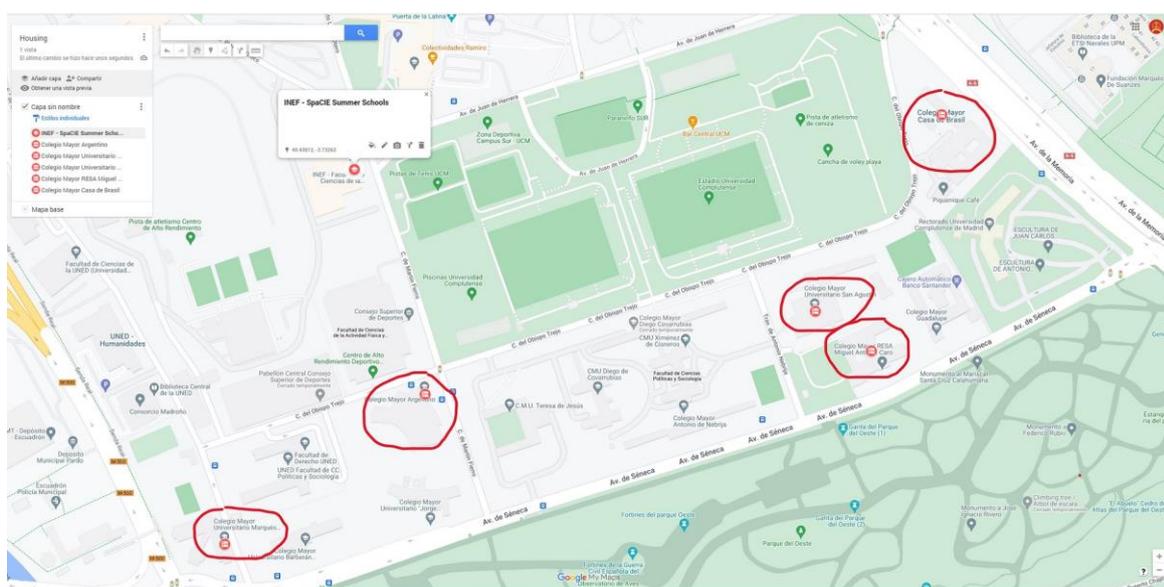
**PreUni will take place at University City of Madrid** (*Ciudad Universitaria*).

However, some classes may be held at another campus. Ciudad Universitaria is a university campus located in the Madrid neighborhood of the same name. It has had the status of cultural heritage since 1999, with the category of historical site. The campus is shared by the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM, where our classes take place), the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) and the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), as well as other institutions.

Students who do not reside in Madrid may live on campus if they wish, in one of the many student residences nearby. However, please note that students under the age of 18 cannot be admitted without an accompanying adult. **You will be able to enjoy full board and room at very reasonable prices, being 3 to 9 minutes walking distance from our classrooms**, depending on the residence chosen. And you will be able to enjoy all kinds of complementary facilities, such as swimming pool, gym... depending on the residence chosen. In addition, the Campus is also



within walking distance of everything you want to enjoy in the city, as well as the subway, parks... It's great to enjoy Madrid!



## Additional Benefits of the Pre-University Summer School

Studying in English on the UPM campus alongside some international and local university students and experiencing teaching from top university professors will also give you an **insight into life and undergraduate study in an international university**. This will help you adapt to your future university studies, whether in your own country or abroad. Likewise, if you decide to study in your own country, this experience will be **very useful in your possible stays abroad as an exchange student**, whether in the framework of the Erasmus+ program or another international program.



One of the main highlights is the opportunity to spend time with our fantastic student mentors, who are local university students. They will take the same courses than you and accompany students around the campus, on socials and visits. As a result, students will **benefit from hearing first-hand about university life.**



## Overview of the courses of the Pre-University Summer School

### A Multidisciplinary Approach to Climate Change (MACC)

#### A) Introduction

Climate change is the main global environmental problem and one of the main economic and social problems facing humanity. And citizens increasingly perceive it as such. For example, the latest Eurobarometer survey, published in 2021 by the European Commission, shows that 93% of EU citizens believe that climate change is a serious problem, and 78% that it is a very serious problem. Moreover, compared to the previous Eurobarometer, published in 2019, climate change has overtaken poverty, hunger, and lack of clean water as the most serious problem facing the world.

On the other hand, climate change is a multidimensional problem that must be studied from all disciplines of knowledge. However, our curricula do not usually offer a multi- or interdisciplinary understanding of the problem. Furthermore, although the population perceives it as a very serious problem, there is a notable lack of knowledge about its nature, effects, possible scenarios, policies, and responses to the challenge it poses for humanity.



## B) Objectives

The main objective of this course is to alleviate the shortcomings of our curricula and the lack of knowledge of a large part of the population mentioned in the introduction. To this end, the course offers a multidisciplinary and rigorous vision of the problem of climate change. Experts in each subject offer this comprehensive, university-level vision. Although academically rigorous, their classes are adapted to the necessary introductory level. This is necessary given the heterogeneous profile that students will have.

In addition to the main objective described in the previous paragraph, the course has other secondary objectives:

- To provide a first exposure to introductory level university courses from multiple disciplines, which can help students in their decision making about their future university studies.
- For non-native English speakers, to reinforce students' academic skills in English, contributing to their training to study university courses in English.
- For students not residing in Spain, to provide an enriching "study abroad" experience, with all the benefits of academic, cultural, and personal enrichment that this type of experience provides.



## Speaking and Writing Skills for Academic and Career Success (SWSACS)

### A) Introduction

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### B) Objectives

Public speaking and presentation techniques are designed to prepare our students to make unforgettable presentations. They will learn communication techniques and how to connect with the audience. Similarly, writing techniques are designed to prepare students to write superb papers. They will learn planning for writing, drafting, and proofreading; sentence manipulation devices (presenting the information in a sentence level, register); cohesion and coherence (structuring, presenting, and linking ideas); and paper designing.

In particular, the objectives are:

- Acquire knowledge and skills necessary to make attractive and successful oral and written presentations.
- Acquire knowledge and skills to achieve efficient, transparent, and fluent communication with their audience and with their readers.



## Programs / Syllabi

Download here the program/syllabus of each course:

- [Speaking and Writing Skills for Academic and Career Success](#)
- [A Multidisciplinary Approach to Climate Change](#)



## Schedule, venue, and academic visits and cultural and social events

### Schedule

There will be an average of 3 hours of class per day, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. There may be activities on some afternoons.

We will publish the [detailed schedule here](#) before the start of the program. Unfortunately, we cannot announce it well in advance, as institutions only confirm the dates of most academic visits at short notice. In addition, the booking of some visits depends on the number of students finally enrolled, and many students enroll very close to the start of classes.

### Course venue

Most classes will take place in the Facultad de Ciencias de la Actividad Física (INEF) of Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM). However, some classes may be held at another campus. INEF is in the University City of Madrid (*Ciudad Universitaria*), which is the largest campus in Spain. This campus is shared by UPM, UCM and UNED. Ciudad Universitaria has had cultural heritage status since 1999, with the category of historic site.

The address of INEF is:



Street name: **Martín Fierro**

Street number: **7**

ZIP code: **28040 Madrid**

INEF is wonderfully accessible by public transportation:

- Subway: The “Ciudad Universitaria” Metro station on Line 6 is a 10-minute walk away.
- Subway: The “Moncloa” Metro station on Lines 6 and 3 is a 15-minute walk away.
- Bus lines “U” and “46” of the EMT pass by the INEF and the Metro stations “Ciudad Universitaria” and “Moncloa”.

If you wish, you can live on campus in one of the many student residences near INEF. However, please note that students under the age of 18 cannot be admitted without an accompanying adult. Please refer to the corresponding section for on-campus student housing options.

## **Academic visits and cultural and social events**

We always plan a wide variety of academic visits and cultural and social events to make the most of your summer. We hope they will contribute to **make your preuniversity experience unforgettable!** The detailed program will be announced later in the **schedule**.

Here are some examples of our regular visits and events during the 4 weeks of our summer school:



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- Welcome lunch
- Madrid on foot
- Visit to the Prado Museum
- Visit to the Congress of Deputies
- Flamenco workshop
- Visit to the Reina Sofía Museum
- Visit to the Madrid Stock Exchange
- Farewell lunch



## How to apply to the Pre-University Summer School

### Requirements

At the time of beginning the Pre-University Summer School, students applying for this program must be Graduates in “Educación Secundaria Obligatoria (E.S.O.)” (Compulsory Secondary Education) or its equivalent abroad, who are studying, are going to study, or just finished studying “Bachillerato” (Baccalaureate, High School Diploma) or its equivalent abroad. Therefore, **the typical student applying to the Program would be aged 16-18**, including students aged 15 who turn 16 in 2024. There are no subject-specific criteria, but you should be a passionate and enthusiastic learner.

All teaching is conducted in English so students must be able to demonstrate a good level of English language and comprehension, unless they are currently studying in English or English is their native language. We assess students’ English ability through their application. If you have a certificate of your English level, you are encouraged to provide it, but we do not require any certificate. Your level of **English** should be **at least B1, but B2 is highly recommended**. We expect most students to have a B2 or C1 level.

Since we do not provide or manage accommodation, if you are a minor living in other regions of Spain or abroad and intend to apply to PreUni you should be



prepared to travel with a parent or guardian and arrange your own accommodation or make similar arrangements.

## Application process

1. Download here the instructions and pay the non-refundable application fee of 100 euros: [PreUni application fee](#).
2. Fill in the application form here: [PreUni Application Form](#).
3. Send us the following documents to [info@spacie.education](mailto:info@spacie.education) (please refer to the application form for additional documents that must also be attached in some cases):
  - a. A scanned copy of the non-refundable application fee payment receipt.
  - b. A scanned copy of your Spanish ID (DNI or NIE). In the case of non-residents in Spain, a scanned copy of your passport (photo identification page) or EU identity card for EU residents.
  - c. A scanned copy of your grades from the last and current academic years.
  - d. A one-page statement of purpose (in English) addressing why you are interested in PreUni and what are your academic plans.

You will receive a notification of admission to the program no later than 7 days after completing your application. Please, add [info@spacie.education](mailto:info@spacie.education) to your



contacts to prevent our reply from going to your spam folder (or check this folder if you do not receive our reply within 7 days).

## Application deadlines

**Early-bird discount:**  
**February 28, 2024**

**Ordinary:**  
**June 7, 2024**

**Extraordinary (if places are still available):**  
**June 28, 2024**

## Application calendar

	<b>Early-bird discount</b>	<b>Ordinary</b>	<b>Extraordinary</b>
<b>Application</b>	December 11-February 28	March 1-June 7	June 8-28
<b>Admission</b>	Within 7 days of completed application		
<b>Payment</b>	Within 28 days from admission	Within 14 days from admission	Within 2 days from admission
<b>Classes</b>	July 1-26, 2024		



Admitted applicants must complete their registration by paying the total cost of the program within:

- 28 days from admission (when we send you the admission confirmation email) if you completed your application during the early-bird discount period.
- 14 days from admission if you completed your application during the ordinary period.
- 2 days from admission if you completed your application during the extraordinary period.

After 28, 14 or 2 days without payment, admission will be withdrawn, and the non-refundable application fee will be forfeited. In this case, if you wish to reapply for admission, you will be required to pay a new non-refundable application fee.



## Costs of the Pre-University Summer School

### What is included in the costs of the Summer School?

- Tuition fees for one or both courses. If there are students interested in the option of taking only one of the two courses, it will be considered, but priority will be given to students taking the whole program.
- Costs of academic visits and cultural and social events included in the Program.

### What is NOT included in the costs of the Summer School?

- The non-refundable application fee, which you pay separately when submitting the application.
- Travel between your residence and Madrid.
- Visa (if you need to apply for one).
- Medical, accident and any other type of insurance.
- Accommodation.
- Food (except if food is provided by the Summer School for some events).
- Local transportation.

Although costs do not include housing, we provide information on finding housing and negotiate discounts, when available, for interested students. For information about on-campus housing options, please see the appropriate section of this



brochure. For other options and housing discounts, please see the [SpaCIE website](#).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Since we do not provide or manage accommodation, **if you are a minor living in other regions of Spain or abroad** and intend to apply to PreUni you should be prepared to travel with a parent or guardian and arrange your own accommodation or make similar arrangements.

## Discounts

You can enjoy two types of discounts:

### 1. Early-bird discount:

- a. Who can benefit? Students who complete their application within the early-bird discount period (until February 28, 2024). Applications are complete when the application form is submitted, and we receive all required documents. Please refer to the [application website](#) for details.
- b. How much is the discount? 200 euros if you enroll in two courses and 150 euros if you enroll in only one course.

### 2. Partner discount:

- a. Who can benefit?
  - ✓ Students from any school (“Instituto de Educación Secundaria”, “Colegio”, etc.) that actively promotes SpaCIE Pre-University



Summer School to its students (presenting information about PreUni on its website, distributing information about the Program by email to parents...). This promotion can be done by the school itself or by its Parents' Association (AMPA, AFA...). The School or the Parents' Association must inform us that they are doing this promotion so that we can include them in the list of Partners.

- ✓ Students whose families belong to associations or other entities that achieve the Partner status by agreement with SpaCIE, such as the associations to which SpaCIE offers this discount.

- b. How much is the discount? 200 euros if you enroll in two courses and 150 euros if you enroll in only one course.

You can accumulate both discounts, if applicable. Therefore, you can enjoy up to 400 euros discount if you enroll in two courses and 300 euros if you enroll in only one course.

### Table of costs

Please refer to the table below for summer school fees:

Costs of PreUni (in Euros)	1 course	2 courses
<b>Without discounts</b>	1,099 €	1,499 €
<b>With 1 discount</b>	949 €	1,299 €
<b>With 2 discounts</b>	799 €	1,099 €



Admitted applicants must complete their enrollment by paying these costs by the deadline of:

- 28 days from admission (when we send you the admission confirmation email) if you completed your application during the early-bird discount period.
- 14 days from admission if you completed your application during the ordinary period.
- 2 days from admission if you completed your application during the extraordinary period.

Refund policy: You will ONLY be entitled to a refund of these costs if SpaCIE cancels the Program. Our summer school is face-to-face, but in case of force majeure preventing you from attending the program, and since you would not be entitled to a refund, we will do our best to enable you to follow the program remotely.



## Great on-campus housing options for our summer school students

If you would like to live on campus within walking distance of our classes, there are many student residences near INEF. If you prefer other options, please see our general [housing information](#). However, please note that for all options, **students under the age of 18 cannot be admitted without an accompanying adult**.

We have searched for information on the nearest on-campus residence halls that will be open in July and are available to international students, but it is possible that they may run out of rooms. Therefore, please make your reservation as soon as possible to guarantee your room in the residence of your choice.

The 4 closest residences are listed below in order of shortest to longest distance (3 to 9 minutes walking distance from our classrooms). All of them offer full board and room at very reasonable prices. In addition, all of them are within walking distance of everything you want to enjoy in the city, as well as the subway, parks...

### Colegio Mayor Argentino “Nuestra Señora de Luján”

**Address:** Martín Fierro, 3, 28040 Madrid

**Phone number:** (+34) 911 812 050

**Website:** <https://www.cmanslujan.com/>

**Distance from INEF:** 240 meters (3 minutes walking distance)



## Colegio Mayor Universitario “Marqués de la Ensenada”

**Address:** Avenida de Séneca, 18, 28040 Madrid

**Phone number:** (+34) 915 497 100

**Website:** <https://www.cmumarquesdelaensenada.com/>

**Distance from INEF:** 550 meters (7 minutes walking distance)

## Colegio Mayor “Casa de Brasil”

**Address:** Avenida de la Memoria, 3, 28040 Madrid

**Phone number:** (+34) 914 551 560

**Website:** <https://casadobrasil.org>

**Distance from INEF:** 700 meters (8 minutes walking distance)

## Colegio Mayor RESA “Miguel Antonio Caro”

**Address:** Avenida de Séneca, 6, 28040 Madrid

**Phone number:** (+34) 917 870 700

**Website:** <https://www.resa.es/en/residences/madrid/residence-miguel-antonio-caro/residencia-2/>

**Distance from INEF:** 900 meters (9 minutes walking distance)



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