SPAIN STUDENT VISA OVERVIEW & RESOURCES



Overview

- If you are traveling internationally before or after your program, be sure to research the immigration requirements for each country you plan to visit. The <u>U.S. Department of State</u> <u>website</u> is a great place to start!
- Ensure your passport is in good condition and <u>valid for at least 6 months</u> after your Verto
 program ends. If your passport does not meet these requirements, renew it immediately. It may
 be possible to expedite the passport renewal process.
- Determine which consulate you can apply at based on your driver's license



- All Spanish Consulates in the US have outsourced their visa submission process to BLS
 International. You will submit your visa application to BLS, and the Consulate will process
 your visa paperwork.
- Visas are dropped off and picked up at the BLS Visa Application Center.
- Schedule an appointment with your Consulate's BLS Visa Application Center. Review application requirements on your Consulate's website and gather all necessary materials.

- o Boston Spanish Consulate
- Chicago Spanish Consulate
- Houston Spanish Consulate
- Los Angeles Spanish Consulate
- Miami Spanish Consulate
- New York City Spanish Consulate
- o San Francisco Spanish Consulate
- Washington D.C. Spanish Consulate
- Submit all documentation to the BLS Visa Application Center that corresponds to your consular jurisdiction.
 - Make sure you arrive punctually for your appointment. The Consulate/BLS will keep all submitted documents, including your passport.
 - Make copies of all of your completed visa application documents to keep for your own records.
- Visa processing will be completed in 2 to 10 weeks (varies by Consulate) after the Consulate receives your complete and correct visa application packet. <u>Visa processing cannot be</u> <u>expedited</u> – plan accordingly.

Resources

What can Verto do?

- Verto Student Onboarding Advisor: Student Onboarding Advisors (SOAs) are available to help answer questions about the visa process via email, phone, or text. Their contact information and link to schedule a call with them are on the homepage of your MyVerto Portal.
 - Visa Webinars will start being hosted about 4 months prior to the program start date exact dates will be announced by email and in the <u>Community App</u>. We recommend that
 all students attend visa training.
- Student Visa Guide & Documents: Verto provides participants with these resources to clearly
 outline the process and help participants understand the steps.
- Verto Visa documents: Verto will produce the following necessary documents to support your student visa application.
 - UNewHaven Proof of Enrollment Letter
 - Verto Education Proof of Enrollment Letter (Washington, D.C. Consulate ONLY)
 - o Proof of Medical Insurance Letter
 - Financial Guarantee Letter
 - Proof of Accommodations (Chicago Consulate ONLY)
 - Vertro Proof of Enrollment (Chicago Consulate ONLY)
- If you have scheduled your own appointment, <u>we will mail you your proof of enrollment letter</u>, <u>proof of medical insurance letter</u>, and the financial guarantee letter (and any additional letters <u>necessary</u>, <u>depending on your Consulate</u>).
 - PLEASE complete the Student Visa Form in the MyVerto Portal so we know when your appointment is. <u>This allows us to make sure your documents arrive in time for your appointment.</u>

What can't Verto do?

- Verto cannot intervene on behalf of participants at the Spanish Consulates to obtain individual appointments.
 - We recommend that all students attend visa training and connect with their Student Onboarding Advisor.
 - It is the participant's responsibility to provide the necessary documents needed and be detail-oriented when completing the student visa application.