

Project Management in Spain: Monthly Report

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Which are Best Universities to Study Project Management in Spain?¹

Spain is becoming one of the most popular choices among international students to study abroad and pursue higher education degrees. A few universities are offering possibilities to work as trainees in some multinational organizations. Some of the most popular universities in Spain have at least one degree available in project management at different degree levels, including bachelor's, master's, and a few of them doctorate studies. Some universities examples are as follows.

EAE Business School

EAE Business School is in Madrid and Barcelona and offers a master's degree in project management in part-time study mode. The language of instruction has been Spanish so far, but this year they have added an English version for their program in project management. It is a one-year program with a total of 70 ECTS credits. Enrolment in either

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campus, Barcelona or Madrid, offers an equal chance of admission, depending on the course and students' preferences.

Project management majors at EAE Business School are trained to work in team management and produce new project ideas to improve and develop the performance of companies. Project management students are equipped with real-life work experience skills with the latest technology trends and software development. Some of the subjects they reinforce are power skills (soft skills), IA, and case studies reviews.

Universidad Europea

The master's in project management is taught in the school of architecture, engineering, and design at the European University of Madrid. The unique thing about this degree program is that you can graduate in about three months. Students learn various techniques and abilities to make project management more accessible and efficient. The thorough curriculum helps students learn through case studies and methodologies offered by professionals in project management.

This master's degree program is designed for students who already have a degree in a relevant field; however, they wish to advance their learning opportunities further. Graduates will have better qualifications for their dream jobs in the project management field. The syllabus includes practical experience in the form of internships usually offered on the university campus.

It is the only university in Spain where they remark the importance of executive support to manage projects. They incorporated the "project sponsorship" subject to their master's in project management this year.

The admission procedure at the European University of Madrid is one of the simplest and easiest to complete —with only three steps.

OBS Business School

The master's degree in project management at OBS Business School is available only in the online learning setting and offers students the choice to choose between part-time or full-time studies. The one-year program conducts studies in two main languages of instruction —English, and Spanish. This degree program focuses on training students for complex and international project management. It also includes the latest trends and developments in project management global strategies.

There are four main objectives of the master's degree program in project management at OBS Business School:

- Project management.
- Strategic reasoning.
- Project Management Institute (PMI) certifications.
- Leadership skills.

With a project management postgraduate degree at OBS Business School, one can choose from various career paths such as project management director, consultant, manager, chief operating officer, project risk manager, etc.

Mondragon University

The Mondragon University introduces the combined master's degree in business innovation and project management. This one-year program is also available in a distance learning mode which typically takes up to three years to complete. The study mode is the students' choice depending on their flexibility. There are also two languages of instruction: English and Spanish.

Partnership companies invite students for a three-month internship during the second and final semester of their degree. Students of business innovation and project management

also can participate in the global management challenge, the biggest competition in the industry.

Majors of business innovation and project management at the Mondragon University can contribute to any of the following jobs:

- Project Office
- Innovation
- New Businesses
- Business Director
- Technology or Research Director

IFFE Business School

At IFFE Business School, students can pursue a master's degree in project management and business management —a 9-month degree program— both on-campus and online learning study mode. Students learn about the fundamentals of project management to continue with more in-depth knowledge and gain professional skills. This master's degree program prepares students to deal with new clients in the future and offer last-minute solutions to issues that present themselves during a project.

Some other skills that project management majors gain at IFFE Business School include:

- Communication skills.
- Conflict management.
- Leadership skills.
- Team management skills.
- Presentation skills.

The master's degree in project management and business management at IFFE Business School includes a thorough curriculum that comprises learning about the language in project management, tools for project management, baselines of a project, time management, quality of a project, originality of the product or service, etc.

University Ramon Llull La Salle Campus Barcelona

The Ministry of Education offers a degree certificate in project management at Ramon Llull University. Graduates will have a Master of Science title upon completion and can work in any job in the management industry. This full-time degree program takes one year to complete, and the language of instruction is English, with a total of 60 ECTS required credits. Located in Barcelona, the master's degree in project management helps students learn the fundamentals of project management and organize projects in their future careers.

There are numerous specialization options available, including:

- Pharma and Biotech
- Start-ups
- Software
- International Projects
- Innovation
- Lean
- Agile
- Construction

A project management degree from the University Ramon Llull means international recognition considering it is a European university. Graduates will be certified with Certified associate in project management (CAPM) and Project Management Professional (PMP).

University of Santiago de Compostela

The University of Santiago de Compostela offers a master's degree in project management from the school of engineering and architecture. This one-year program is taught entirely in person; therefore, no online learning is available. The learning outcomes of this program include the opportunity to get a Ph.D. after graduation and professional knowledge in project management.

To get admission to the master's degree program in project management at the University of Santiago de Compostela, international students must already have a previously obtained graduate degree in the European Higher Education Area. To complete the entire course, students must also finish an internship which makes for fifteen credits, and a final project for another fifteen credits.

Some of the main levels of study of this course are:

- Fundamentals of project management.
- Master dissertation.
- Exchange programs in other universities.

CEUPE – European Postgraduate Center

The European Postgraduate Center offers students the master's degree program in project management as one of the most popular programs for international students in Spain. The duration of this program is one year, and it is part of the management and administration department of the university. Project management trains students to locate the client's needs and try their best to plan, execute, and close the project successfully.

There are multiple career prospects for a project management major from the European Postgraduate Center in Spain. Moreover, there is a high employability chance, considering the field of project management is in demand all over the world. Graduates can work in the organization or company of their choice and play the role of a project manager or coordinator.

Other job sectors for graduates of the European Postgraduate Center include:

- ICT Companies
- Pharmaceutical
- Chemical
- Bioengineering
- Energy
- Public Sector
- Tourism
- Hospitality
- Financial Services
- Logistics and Transport

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