

URGENT INFORMATION

for Spain Program Applicants

ALL STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD IN SPAIN MUST HAVE A STUDENT VISA. OBTAINING A SPAIN VISA CAN BE A LONG AND CHALLENGING PROCESS! BE SURE TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS **PRIOR** TO APPLYING TO YOUR PROGRAM:

- U.S. citizens should obtain a U.S. passport that is valid for at least 1 year after your study abroad program duration: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>. Non-U.S. citizens should consult their embassy for information on their visa process.
- Determine which Spain Consulate is in your home state's jurisdiction: <http://www.spainemb.org/ingles/indexing.htm>
- CAREFULLY read the instructions for the student visa process on the website of the Spain Consulate in your jurisdiction. Further details and instruction will be provided by your IAP Study Abroad Advisor upon acceptance.
- **Request a visa appointment at the Spain Consulate in your jurisdiction.** Refer to instructions on the website of the Spain Consulate with jurisdiction over your state for guidance on appropriate times to make an appointment. Note: You will need a passport for your visa application. Even if you have not yet received your passport, schedule your visa appointment anyway taking into consideration the amount of time it will take to receive your passport (about 6 weeks).
- Save any confirmation email you may receive from the Spain Consulate regarding your visa appointment.