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Some of the top choices for students looking to go abroad for higher education

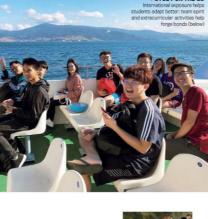


SPAIN

The 2019 QS World University Rankings has seven Spanish universities in its Top 50 under 50 with three in the Top 10 Global MBA rankings in Europe. Spain is now a major destination for international stu-dents. One concern is the language barrier—most sub-cets at public universities are taught in Spanish–which means students need to be fluent. The comprehensive language, culture and adaptation to university course (LCA) by Campus Spain is specifically designed for this. oiled for Choice There are about 50 public and

Spolled for Choice There are about 50 public and 35 private universities in Spain. Bachelor's degree pro-grammes are poular with Indians, with postgraduate courses also seeing interest. The most popular under-graduate courses are law, visual arts, design, tourism, filmmaking and engineering, MBA courses are highly favoured by postgraduate students. Gonzalo Martinez, director, Campus Spain, says, "Some of the best univer-sities for medicine and engineering are public institu-tions, but for business studies, students should choose private institutions." The top-ranked degrees in public universities cost students less than \$1,000 a year.

Stay Back While those on student visas are allowed to work while studying, those who have finished their de-grees can stay in Spain for up to a year while looking for a job if they can show they are financially independent. -Shelly Anand





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UNITED STATES

he US has over 4,700 accredited institutions of higher education. "The course flexibility, cutting-edge curricula, infrastructure and ns of curricula, infrastructure and opportunities for research and work (with up to three years of practical training for STEM-science, technology, engineering and mathematics—majors) make the US a top choice," says Bhav-

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vna Jolly, senior program officer, EducationUSA.

Numbor Speak From 2017 to 2018, there was B13.8 per cent increase in the number of under-graduate students from India in the US. The majority choose de-gree programmes under STEM. In 2018, the top five fields of study were mathematics and computer science, engineering, business and management, physical and life sciences, and health.

Pian Well Shortlist institutions that provide scholarships and funding. "Families should consid-er application costs and total cost of attendance. Universities offer many types of funding: merit and talent scholarships, assistantships

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A lisha Mahajan, from Mumbal, chose Maynooth University, Ireland, for her graduate degree. Now pursuing a Master's in Education there, Mahajan says the course offers her the freedom to choose her own research area and that it focuses on both theory and practice.

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Class Apart As an English-speaking country, Ireland is a great option for international students. Over 4,500 Indian students study in Ireland, of which 90 per cent are in postgraduate courses. Th 19 fields of research. Irish universities are in the top one per cent,^{*} says Barry 0'Driscoll, senior education adviser, Education in Ireland.

Demand Graph The most popular courses include mechanical and electronic engineering, biotechnology, cloud computing, artificial intel-ligence, data analytics, cyber security, accounting, finance and MBAs.

Why Ireland Students can opt for a two-year stay back' option after their postgraduate course. With over 1,000 multinationals based in the country, students have an easier time getting jobs and write experience. -Shelly Anand

NEW ZEALAND www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz

Indians comprise the second large est international student body in New Zealand, with a 51 per cent increase in enrolments over the past six months. "New Zealands research strengths complement India's growth industries and skill demands," says John Laxon, regional director (Asia), Education New Zealand.

Work Rights New Zealand offers post-study work visas for three years for students who have completed undergraduate, post-graduate or doctorate level studies. Courses are designed to include internships, allowing students to connect with industry.

Popular Courses Commerce, business management and engi-neering are traditionally popular courses, though robotics, sports sciences, entrepreneurship and filmmaking (among others) have re-cently seen an increase in demand. -Aditi Pai

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