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ETSEM Fact Sheet



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Escuela Técnica Superior de Edificación

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid | Academic Year 2026/2027

This fact sheet provides partner institutions with a concise overview of ETSEM, academic procedures, course opportunities, and practical information for incoming exchange students.

Erasmus+ code E MADRID05	Location Madrid, Spain	Faculty profile Building and civil engineering environment
Teaching language Spanish and selected courses in English	ECTS workload 30 ECTS per semester	Estimated living costs Approx. 800-1000 EUR/month
Useful for partners: ETSEM welcomes exchange students in a professionally oriented environment connected to architecture, building technology, construction management, sustainability, and urban development.		

1. Contact and institutional information

CONTACT INFORMATION	
University	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
Faculty / School	Escuela Técnica Superior de Edificación (ETSEM)
Erasmus+ code	E MADRID05
Coordinating office	International Relations and Mobility Office
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Why partners choose ETSEM

- Specialized environment in the built environment and construction sector.
- Access to a large technical university with broad international activity.
- Possibility of combining ETSEM subjects with cross-faculty options, subject to approval.

Suggested use of this fact sheet

- For nomination planning and exchange advising.
- For preliminary academic matching before the Learning Agreement stage.
- For sharing practical pre-arrival information with nominated students.

2. Eligibility, language, and deadlines

ELIGIBILITY AND ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
Minimum academic requirements	At least two years of university studies completed.
Minimum language requirements	Minimum B1 level in Spanish. Students planning to take courses in English are strongly recommended to have at least B2 level in English.
Academic calendar - Fall semester	Beginning of September to the end of January.
Academic calendar - Spring semester	End of January to the end of June.
Nomination deadline - Fall semester	15 May

Nomination deadline - Spring semester	15 November
Application deadline - Fall semester	31 May
Application deadline - Spring semester	30 November
Nomination channel	Home universities should send nominations directly to the ETSEM international contact using the following link: https://forms.gle/FouoSouf7xC5xH8e7

3. Application and academic information

APPLICATION AND STUDY FRAMEWORK	
Required documents for application	Application Form: https://forms.gle/DmbRZ7FEVY1eHxMh8 Learning Agreement Transcript of Records Proof of insurance
Course catalogue information	ETSEM website and academic information pages
General access to courses	All courses are generally open to exchange students provided they meet the academic and language requirements and receive approval from the relevant academic coordinator.
Languages of instruction and assessment	Spanish and/or English, depending on the course.
ECTS requirement	30 ECTS credits per semester for Erasmus+ students.
Cross-faculty options	Yes, subject to academic approval and timetable compatibility.

4. Courses in English that may be relevant to partners

<p>Officially taught in English at ETSEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English for Professional and Academic Communication • Destrezas Orales para el Ingles de la Edificación • History of Urban Law and Planning of Madrid 	<p>Other subjects that may be followed in English or with tutorial support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calidad de la edificación • Entramados de madera • Retos en la edificación • Ingeniería antisísmica • Ingeniería de la industrialización de los edificios • Availability depends on lecturer approval and annual scheduling.
<p>Important note: The annual timetable, syllabus language, and final availability of specific subjects should always be confirmed before the Learning Agreement is finalized.</p>	

5. Academic environment at ETSEM

Academic focus	Learning model	Partner relevance
Building, construction, technical communication, urban context, and professionally oriented study.	Structured semester workload, formal assessment, and close alignment with course approval procedures.	Suitable for students in building engineering, civil engineering, architecture-related studies, and interdisciplinary technical fields.

6. Arrival, accommodation, insurance, and living in Madrid

PRACTICAL INFORMATION	
Accommodation availability	On-campus accommodation is not available.
Accommodation information	UPM guide for foreign students
Recommended arrival - Fall semester	From 1 September
Recommended arrival - Spring semester	End of January
Insurance	UPM has an agreement with the OnCampus insurance company, through which international students may obtain coverage including accident insurance, healthcare insurance, travel insurance, and private liability.
Insurance information	OnCampus student insurance information
Estimated cost of living	Approximately 800-1000 EUR per month, depending on accommodation and lifestyle.

7. Advising tips for partner institutions

<p>Academic fit first</p> <p>Students should be advised to prioritize academic compatibility and language readiness before making travel or housing commitments.</p>	<p>Use realistic ECTS planning</p> <p>A standard Erasmus+ workload is 30 ECTS per semester; cross-faculty combinations should be checked carefully for timetable compatibility.</p>
<p>Confirm English-medium choices</p> <p>Even where English support is possible, final approval depends on the lecturer, the annual teaching plan, and available places.</p>	<p>Share arrival information early</p> <p>Students benefit from receiving accommodation, insurance, and arrival guidance well before the start of the semester.</p>

For more information, partner universities should contact ETSEM directly.

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