



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
MADRID

Fall Welcome Days Information For New, Transfer, Ignite and Any First Semester Freshman Students

Can I come at any date I'd like?

No, you must make arrangements to be there on time for departure with the rest of the freshmen students. Remember that you must respond to the Welcome Days [Form](#) to confirm your place. We recommend making your travel arrangements (e.g. purchase plane tickets) for Madrid according to the Welcome Days. You must confirm your attendance to the Welcome Days; we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

Do the Welcome Days have unlimited capacity?

Unfortunately, no. They have a limited capacity, as well as the Convocation as we plan accordingly. So it is best to fill out the [Form](#) and confirm as soon as possible.

Can I come with a friend who will also be a new freshman at SLU?

No, we do not accept roommate requests for the overnight stay at Guadarrama. The Complex where we stay has limited capacities, so make your arrangements as soon as possible.

Can I bring a friend who will not be attending SLU as a new freshman?

Yes, although we will be focused mainly in the SLU students and their families— though your friends are most welcome to visit in the fall once you are settled. Friends interested in attending SLU-Madrid can contact our Office of Admission at +34 91 554 58 58 or at admissions-madrid@slu.edu to arrange a tour.

What should I do if I am unable to attend the Welcome Sessions at the last minute?

Let us know if you are unable to attend by emailing studentlife-madrid@slu.edu. Please give as much notice as possible so that we can inform your advisor and others who are expecting you.

What do parents and family members do during the Welcome Days?

Parents and family members are encouraged to visit museums, parks, restaurants and everything Madrid has to offer as well as take the opportunity to visit historical medieval cities close by like Toledo, Segovia and Avila and have their own schedule of events that can help familiarize them with Madrid city and prepare them for their student's time.

Can a family member other than my parents visit SLU the first day of the Welcome Sessions or go to Convocation?

Any member of your family is welcome, though we think it is more interesting for parents/guardians.

I have already filled out the Welcome Days survey, but now another member of my family has decided to attend. Is it too late?

Your parent/guardians and family members are welcome to attend. We do ask you to please tell us how many guests you bring for planning purposes (venue, coffee, etc.)

[Can family members sit in on my advising/registration appointment?](#)

Parents and other family members are not invited to the advising appointments. It is important for you to meet with an academic advisor independently and begin developing a relationship. Our schedule for parents and family members includes meeting academic advisers, experienced faculty and staff about the University to whom you can ask questions.

[Where can my parents stay overnight?](#)

Guests are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Please note that rates are subject to change and based on availability.

[Nearby hotels](#)

[Find SLU-Madrid on Google Maps](#)

[Academic calendar](#)

[How can I get to campus from the airport?](#)

We do not recommend using the metro with bulky, big, heavy luggage. There is a taxi fixed rate from the airport to anywhere in the city for 30 euros. They cannot charge you any extra fees, for example for luggage.

[What will I be doing during the Welcome Sessions, and where do I go to check in?](#)

We have provided the [Welcome Days schedule](#) to give you some idea of what is like, but you will receive a schedule and folder of information on the first day at Guadarrama. Please follow the schedule. Students will check in at San Ignacio Hall to be assigned a room, leave any bulky luggage, meet admissions counselors and Campus Ambassadors, go to Sunday Mass if they wish, go on campus tours and wait until departure pick up their key and drop off their overnight belongings. This check-in begins at 9.30 a.m. the morning of day one for those wanting to go to Mass.

[Can my parents/relatives be with me?](#)

They are invited to come with you to Madrid on day one of the Welcome Days and be with you at Convocation. However, they cannot be with us during the Welcome Days. They can enjoy Madrid's and any nearby cities' culture and cuisine during those two specific days.

[Do I have to participate in all parts of the Welcome Days?](#)

The Welcome Sessions are full of important information that will help you adjust to college and have a smooth first year. And it's fun! You will meet faculty and staff that will share knowledge and be there for you the following years. You will make new friends and be able to ask about everything to our Campus Ambassadors. Your introduction to SLU-Madrid will be different if you do not come.

a. You would miss learning about very important resources available to you and a lot of relevant information about SLU-Madrid, the American Liberal Arts educational system, Madrid, Spain and most importantly:

b. You would miss getting to meet other new students in the same situation as you, the Academic Dean and Vice-Deans as well as Program Directors and the friendly staff who will be there for you throughout your time at the university.

Do I have to pay any fee?

No, the Welcome Days are 100% sponsored by SLU-Madrid

What exactly are the Welcome Days?

Two days and two nights in the mountain town of Guadarrama (only one hour away from the city) with the Student Life and Campus Ambassadors teams. Students receive orientation information and have time to get to know each other through activities and leisure time. We will hold orientation sessions, have games and sports, as well as time to chat and meet other students. It's a great way for you to start the Fall semester.

Will I be able to move in my host family the day before the Welcome Days?

Unfortunately, no. Please contact our housing coordinator and she will inform you about accommodation options if you arrive in Madrid before September 1.

Can I leave my luggage at SLU if I arrive on September 1?

Yes, just make sure you bring what you will need for the Welcome Days in a separate, small suitcase/backpack.

What do I need to bring to the Welcome Days?

You should bring comfortable, casual clothes. Many activities will be outside, so dress casually and bring clothes and shoes appropriate for sports activities. Since you will be staying overnight, you should bring change of clothes, toiletries, personal items, an alarm clock and a small amount of money for vending machines or incidentals. AS there is a swimming pool to swim or just lay under the sun and relax, bring a swimsuit and a beach towel. Food and linens are supplied. Please note that there are no phone lines in the complex where we will stay. Students may use personal cell phones available in the building for local calls. There is WIFI access inside the building.

What type of bedrooms are there?

Double or triple rooms. You may address special requests in the Welcome Days survey.

What will I need?

Pajamas, toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, shaver, etc.), casual clothes, sports clothes and shoes, swimsuit (if you want to swim or relax by the pool), beach towel, and a positive attitude ready to meet others and enjoy the trip.

Will they cater to dietary restrictions?

Yes, but you need to let us know by filling out the [Form](#). We need to inform the Congress Center (where we will be staying) accordingly.

What is a "Convocation Ceremony"?

An official academic ceremony to welcome all of the new students into the university as part of our community.

Will I be able to take a campus tour?

Yes, a campus and campus neighborhood tours will be offered during the Welcome Days. For more information, contact Student life at studentlife-madrid@slu.edu

Will I get my SLU ID while at the Welcome Sessions?

If we received your photo prior to August 30, yes you will.

Do I turn in my health/medical forms to the Health Center?

We do not have a health center at SLU, nor you must submit any medical information to us. In case of a medical pre-existing condition please contact the General practitioner that works with SLU-Madrid, Dr. Borrás at dr.rvborras@gmail.com. All students registered in more than one credit get health insurance with [Sanitas](#). Dr. Borrás works with [Sanitas](#) and with a few other USA insurance companies such as GeoBlue.