

INTRODUCTION

The **Master in Contemporary History**, organized by nine Spanish universities, aims to develop skills in the field of historical research that may be used both for an academic career and for professional activities such as specialized journalism, museum management, cultural animation, education, documentation and social or political analysis. The Master can also enhance the student's aptitudes in order to pursue further studies in the social sciences and the humanities.

The Master's main features are:

- It is an officially recognized master.
- It is offered and managed simultaneously by nine Spanish universities, and some of the teaching and participation is online.
- It includes a summer course in Santander's Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo.
- It is flexible and totally compatible with working conditions.

DETAILS:

An Official Degree:

The *Master Interuniversitario en Historia Contemporánea* is an official degree. Its program has been approved by Spain's national University Council and by the different Regional Governments. It has also been certified by the National Agency for Quality Evaluation (ANECA), and it is periodically evaluated in order to guarantee its distinction.

Inter-University Online Teaching

A virtual campus is part of Unit 1. It offers the opportunity of team-working with students from the eight associated universities. Moreover, this tool enhances the contact with the faculty, helps distributing learning material and offers the prospect of online history.

Summer Course in Santander

Unit 1 will be completed with a summer school in the Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, at the unique environment offered by the Magdalena Palace in Santander, that usually takes place in the month of July. All students from the different universities may apply for a scholarship that offers them room and board for this course.

It is an excellent opportunity for sharing all the knowledge and experiences acquired during the academic year, and it makes it possible to come into contact with a whole generation of historians. With the help of a dossier of essential readings, several conferences by leading historians will be followed by interactive debates in which the students can fully participate.

Flexibility and compatibility

The Master can be completed full-time (in 12 months, from October to September; or in 14 months at some of the universities, from October to December), or part-time (24 or 27 months depending on the university). All universities offer courses in the afternoon in order to make the Master compatible with working conditions.

ADMISSION

Admission Requirements:

- An official undergraduate university degree in any field.
- Those applicants who hold a non-Spanish degree can access the Master once their degree has been officially recognized. However, this recognition is not required if the applicant's degree is equivalent to the Spanish official one, and allows the student to access postgraduate studies in his or her country. The admission in an official Master does not imply the recognition of the previous degree but, once completed, the Master degree will have full validity. In any case, it will be the [Centro de Estudios de Posgrado de la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid](#) who will examine the candidate's application and approve his or her admission. Once the Centro de Posgrado has approved the application, it will be the Master's board who will finally admit the candidate.

PLAN OF STUDIES AND SCHEDULE

Courses offered at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) and plan of studies

2018-2019 Schedule

Unit I. Fields of Research (10 ECTS credits)

This unit includes an online course and a summer course in Santander. It is compulsory for all students. It offers an introduction to the main fields of research and to the key methodological aspects in Contemporary History. The online teaching is organized around a number of sub-units dedicated to the acquisition of research techniques and the use of historiographical resources from the internet. It is based on a virtual campus and the guidance of a tutor.

The series of lectures is organized as a summer course at Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo de Santander on five days in July.

Code	Course	Type	Semester	Credits
30302	Fields of Research	Compulsory	Annual	10

Unit II (30 ECTS credits):

The student must choose between 6 courses (5 ECTS credits each). UAM currently offers the following courses:

Code	Course	Type	Semester	Credits
32321	Authoritarianism and democracy. The triumph of democracy	Optional	1st	5

32319	The building of Europe in an international context	Optional	2nd	5
	Cultural History: Utopias and dystopias in History	Optional	2nd	5
32327	Methodology and sources for research	Optional	1st	5
	Francoist political cultures. Intellectuals, University and social change	Optional	2nd	5
33111	The Middle East in the 20th century	Optional	2nd	5
32322	Constructing and deconstructing the international system in the Modern world	Optional	1st	5
31309	Latin America in the Modern international system, 1945-2010. Cold War, Dependency, Integration.	Optional	1st	5
33112	Protest and social movements since 1968	Optional	1st	5
32317	Constitution, parliamentarianism and political parties in Modern Spain	Optional	2nd	5
32326	Violence, historical knowledge and politics of memory	Optional	1st	5
31306	State and nation: State-building and nationalism in contemporary Spain, 1808-1923	Optional	2nd	5

Unit III. Final dissertation (20 ECTS credits)

The student will research a specific topic on Contemporary History, and will write a Master dissertation that he or she must present in an oral defense. The student will have advisors among the professors from the different departments, with personal meetings and/or online consultation. On the former students webpage the [dissertations defended on previous years](#) are available.

Code	Course	Type	Semester	Credits
30328	Introduction to Research	Compulsory	1 or 2	20

PREADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT

Deadlines for applications (Preadmission)

- First deadline (for all students, even if they have not completed their access degree): from March 1 to June 4, 2018.
- Second deadline (in case there are remaining places): from July 26 to September 3, 2018.

Enrollment:

- First deadline: from June 18 to July 23, 2018.
- Second deadline: 11-24 September, 2018.

The Universidad Autónoma de Madrid offers [more detailed information](#) on the enrollment process.

GRANTS AND TUITION FEES

The total cost of the Master is the result of the number of credits the student signs up. The approximated price of one ECTS credit is 46 Euros [\[more information on public fees\]](#)

UAM Scholarship Program

The Universidad Autónoma de Madrid offers an extensive and ambitious program of scholarships and financial support for the Master and PhD candidates. Besides, the Master in Contemporary History offers its own grants.

1. Two grants for students from outside the European Union. Granted by the Vicerrectorado de Relaciones Internacionales, it covers the tuition fees. [\[more information\]](#)
2. Grants supporting the beginning of Postgraduate studies. Every year the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid offers more than 200 grants for Master students. Both Spanish and foreign students can apply. [\[more information\]](#)
3. Scholarships for Researchers. This scholarship finances a PhD candidate that has completed his or her undergraduate studies in order to pursue an academic career. This program complements other regional, national and international Human resources programs. [\[more information\]](#).
4. Grants from the Orientation, Information and Employment Center (OPE). The objective of these grants is to educate students from the different UAM departments through short and medium-term posts. [\[More information\]](#)

National Scholarship Programs

1. There are two PhD scholarships offered by the Ministry of Education: Formación de Profesorado Universitario (Becas FPU) and Ayudas para contratos predoctorales para la formación de doctores [\[more information\]](#).
2. The Foreign Affairs Ministry also offers a wide range of scholarships for Spanish and foreign citizens. [\[more information\]](#)
3. Some foundations also offer PhD scholarships, among others Fundación ["la Caixa"](#), [Caja Madrid](#).

FORMER STUDENTS

Statistics of enrollment

Academic Year	Incoming students	Dissertations registered
2006-2007	23	9
2007-2008	15	21
2008-2009	23	33
2009-2010	22	14
2010-2011	35	23
2011-2012	29	26
2012-2013	17	20

2013-2014	19	15
2014-2015	19	16
2015-2016	30	23

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

One of the main objectives of the Postgraduate Program in Contemporary History is to increase its international presence and the mobility of students and faculty. The students may request the Mobility aids granted by the Spanish Ministry of Education and the Erasmus program [[more information](#)].