

00:00 We're gonna record this webinar for you
00:02 and thank you for your patience
00:04 as we allowed everyone to join.
00:06 We're gonna get started,
00:07 we're going to take a look at everything
00:10 about Suffolk Madrid
00:11 and we'd like to welcome you to the webinar
00:13 on Suffolk University.
00:15 Let me begin by introducing myself.
00:17 My name is Tom Biedermann,
00:18 I'm an Associate Director of Admission here in Madrid
00:21 and I'm joined by Raffi Muroy, our Madrid Campus Director
00:25 who is based at the main campus in Boston.
00:28 Raffi will be fielding questions that come up
00:30 in the chat in Q&A and talk about the academic program
00:34 at Suffolk Madrid.
00:35 And here in Madrid, we've got our Housing
00:38 and Conduct Coordinator, Larry Yepes
00:40 and two students, Nina Peñaflor and Angela Najarro Cano.
00:46 Nina started out in Madrid
00:48 but that got cut short due to COVID,
00:51 so she spent the next year studying in Boston.
00:54 She's now back in Madrid for her junior year
00:57 and plans to graduate from here next year.
01:00 And Angela has just started this year
01:03 so she's in her second semester and was probably
01:06 in your situation last year at this time
01:09 when she was looking at her university options for the fall.
01:12 You'll be meeting all of them later on
01:14 throughout the presentation.
01:17 We're gonna go over some topics
01:19 that will help you learn more about
01:20 what it's like studying in Suffolk Madrid
01:23 after a brief introduction on Madrid,
01:25 we'll go over our academic offering so you can learn
01:29 what courses you can take while studying in Madrid.
01:32 You'll hear about the activities and trips that are planned
01:35 through our student life office,
01:36 as well as the two housing options.
01:39 And you'll hear from Nina and Angela to find out
01:42 why they chose to study out in Madrid
01:44 and what their experience has been like so far.
01:47 Clearly these past couple years have been different
01:49 since COVID but hopefully we are returning
01:52 to some form of normal and we'll be able to get back
01:55 to offering those trips around Europe
01:57 and the other fun things that Larry is going
02:00 to be talking about.
02:01 If you have any questions along the way,
02:03 feel free to drop those in the chat or Q&A function,
02:07 and we'll get to those throughout the presentation
02:09 or at the end.
02:11 To help you put things in perspective,

02:13 Madrid is a quick six and a half hour flight from Boston
02:17 where our main campus is.
02:19 We're located in Southern Europe
02:21 between France and Morocco, next to Portugal
02:24 on the Iberian Peninsula.
02:26 Madrid is the capital and is located
02:28 in the center of the country as you can see here,
02:31 Spain is actually the second largest country
02:34 in Western Europe after France,
02:36 but high speed trains can get you to Barcelona up here
02:40 on the coast, Northeast or M^olaga down on the south,
02:44 over to Seville, those trips are two and a half hours to get
02:47 to other parts of the country.
02:49 It's about a two hour flight to Rome and Paris,
02:52 and a little bit more up to London.
02:56 There are little over 3 million people in the city
02:58 and about 6.5 million in the metro area.
03:02 It's actually one of the largest cities
03:04 in the European union so it's definitely got a lot to offer,
03:08 but it doesn't feel overwhelming like a New York City might.
03:12 Here you can see some of our students
03:14 in front of the Royal palace,
03:16 the official residence of the king and queen of Spain.
03:20 Fun fact, it's the world's largest palace by floor space
03:24 and you see 1% of the 3,418 rooms on the tour.
03:31 The public transportation system is excellent.
03:34 Students can purchase an unlimited monthly card
03:38 for the bus, subway and commuter rail,
03:40 and that is just 20 euros so it's about \$25 a month.
03:44 Let's watch a short video so you can take a virtual tour
03:48 and see where we're at with two of our students.
03:59 (bright music)
04:00 <v ->Hi, my name is Antonio.</v
04:02 <v ->And I'm Bria, this is our second year here</v
04:04 in Suffolk Madrid.
04:05 <v ->Let's show you around our campus.</v
04:09 <v Bria>The Madrid campus is located</v
04:11 in the university district of the city,
04:13 surrounded by other colleges
04:14 such as our partner university CEU San Pablo.
04:19 It is also so easy to access other parts
04:21 of the city by metro.
04:25 This is our campus building, let's take a look inside.
04:30 Everything for Suffolk is together in one cozy building,
04:32 administrative offices, classrooms, library
04:35 and professor's offices as well.
04:39 This is the main office,
04:41 a one stop ramp center for practically everything you need,
04:44 registration, academic advising, student life and housing,
04:48 the staff is very approachable and always willing to help.
04:51 They're also great at connecting you with offices back
04:53 in Boston for things like financial aid or academic support.
05:00 Classrooms are quite spacious, average size is normally 60,
05:04 each equipped with the latest technology

05:06 for remote learning too.
05:09 (bright music)
05:15 You can spend up to two years in Madrid
05:17 or even complete your international relations major
05:19 at the Madrid campus.
05:22 (bright music)
05:25 The residence hall is walking distance from the campus,
05:28 it's a comfortable living space with a great cafeteria
05:31 and lots of options and I really like the paella.
05:34 There's a gym accessible 24 hours a day,
05:37 nice spaces to study and hang out, green spaces outside
05:40 plus you can make connections
05:41 with other university students.
05:46 Double rooms are bright and very spacious
05:48 with lots of storage and they have their own bathroom.
05:55 Also, some students prefer live in a homestay
05:58 which is a great way to experience Spanish culture.
06:01 They're located around the city,
06:02 always less than a 20 minute metro ride away from campus.
06:07 <v ->Coming to Madrid is also about the city life,</v
06:09 there's always something going on.
06:11 You'll find lots of nice places around campus like bakeries,
06:13 cafes, restaurants and Madrid's vibrant downtown
06:16 is just a few metro stops away.
06:21 (bright music)
06:24 <v Bria>You'll also be able to enjoy the excursions</v
06:27 offered each semester to experience new places
06:29 and submerge yourself into a new culture.
06:33 (bright music)
06:36 <v ->Studying in Madrid has been a life changing experience</v
06:38 and we hope it will be for you too.
06:40 <v ->We look forward to welcoming you to Madrid.</v
06:49 (Antonio speaking in Spanish)
06:50 <v ->Make your way to Suffolk Madrid.</v
06:59 <v ->All right so that gives you an idea of where we're at.</v
07:03 You may already be familiar with the main campus in Boston
07:07 which has several buildings in downtown Boston.
07:09 And in Madrid everything is housed
07:12 in one building the classrooms, offices,
07:15 computer labs, everything is right there
07:18 and we are located in the university district of the city.
07:21 We offer two housing options, a homestay
07:24 and a student residence hall
07:25 and university sponsored housing is required
07:28 for first year students.
07:31 Looking at some of the numbers, whereas in Boston
07:33 they have about 4,400 students, in Madrid we normally have
07:36 between 130 and 150 students
07:39 so we really foster that community feel.
07:42 You'll get to know your professors and classmates
07:44 in small classes, go on organized trips together
07:48 and get individualized attention
07:49 when it comes time for registering for classes.
07:52 About half of our students are either first year

07:54 or returning students,
07:56 and the other half are study abroad students
07:58 from our main campus in Boston
07:59 or another partner institution.
08:02 The tuition in Madrid is about to \$10,000 lower than
08:05 in Boston and our program fee
08:08 includes practically everything else you'll need
08:10 while you're in Madrid.
08:11 As you'll see here, the program fee covers all
08:15 of your expenses, accommodation,
08:17 all your meals, airport pickup on arrival day,
08:20 the trips Larry is gonna talk about a little bit later,
08:23 there's a welcome trip at the beginning of semester,
08:25 and then there are three weekend excursions that we offer
08:28 and one of them is automatically included
08:30 in the program fee.
08:31 There's even a cell phone calling plan with data
08:34 and minutes so on arrival day,
08:37 you can pop a SIM card into your phone,
08:40 get on a Spanish network and you can stay connected
08:42 wherever you're at.
08:45 The health insurance covers all your medical expenses
08:48 while you're abroad, there's no out of pocket expense
08:51 or co-pay for doctor's visits, mental health appointments,
08:54 x-rays, medical tests or hospitalization.
08:58 The program fee is pretty inclusive
09:00 but it doesn't cover your personal expenses, shopping
09:03 or if you want to satisfy your Starbucks coffee craving,
09:07 that would be on your own.
09:11 So let's talk about the academic offering at Suffolk Madrid,
09:14 I'm going to turn it over to Raffi,
09:16 our Madrid Campus Director to talk about that.
09:20 <v ->Thank you so much, Tom</v
09:21 and thank you everyone for joining us
09:22 in this lovely afternoon
09:24 or wherever part of the world you might be.
09:26 We actually see students from all over the world
09:28 so maybe some of you guys are also in different time zones,
09:30 but like Tom said, my name is Raffi Muroy
09:32 and I'm the Madrid Campus Director.
09:35 And actually I was just in Madrid up until yesterday
09:37 so I just returned to Boston, even though I'm Boston based,
09:40 I do travel to Madrid quite frequently
09:42 and already miss it terribly.
09:44 And I think, you know, if you decide to go to Madrid,
09:46 you'll develop that sense of, you know,
09:48 of belonging in that city that is gonna always
09:50 gonna produce these type of feelings of nostalgia
09:55 and being able to have another point of view
09:58 in a very cosmopolitan city.
10:00 But the truth of the matter is that as much as you know,
10:03 we are there to have this wonderful cultural,
10:06 enriching experience, students are there
10:08 to complete an academic program

10:10 and to sort of take the most out of the settings,
10:12 out of what surrounds them in an academic format.
10:15 So please note that Suffolk Madrid is, you know,
10:18 a branch campus of Suffolk University
10:21 which means that it's a fully accredited American program.
10:24 And then it's a fully accredited American program,
10:26 not just because Boston is regionally accredited here
10:28 in the United States but also
10:30 because NCHE, the New England Commission of Higher Education
10:33 visits Madrid, and actually does a site visit
10:36 and has, you know, endorsed, you know,
10:38 the overall academic experience
10:40 and academic offerings we do over there.
10:42 So the same quality education that you get here
10:44 in Boston is transported over to Madrid,
10:47 we pull from a very talented pool of faculty members,
10:50 many of them are expats, not many of them are Americans.
10:53 Many of them are, you know, Spaniards
10:55 but also maybe are attended universities
10:58 outside of the United States or have that, you know,
11:00 global experience that we bring into that area.
11:03 For most of the majors we follow the two plus two program,
11:05 meaning that you can start as a freshman student there,
11:08 complete up to your maybe sophomore year
11:11 and then make the transition over to Boston
11:12 to complete the rest of your academic programs
11:15 but we do have one full four year program
11:17 in international relations, that's a government nature,
11:20 a bachelor's of science or a bachelor's of arts
11:21 in international relations
11:23 in which you can do all four years at Madrid.
11:25 So we actually are very honored that this is
11:27 I think the third year we're having students graduating,
11:30 completing their four year program in Madrid
11:33 like Nina will maybe talk a little bit about a little bit,
11:36 because I believe that is potentially right now
11:38 her plan that you can actually do all four years in Madrid.
11:41 You don't have to but you certainly have that possibility
11:44 and maybe add that to your resume.
11:46 These are opportunities that actually
11:47 have been resume builders.
11:49 Suffolk Madrid is not new, we've been there since 1995
11:52 so we have 25 plus years of experience in Madrid,
11:54 and we have plenty of alumni who've actually taken advantage
11:57 of this academic offering of, you know,
12:00 the ability of being able to say
12:01 that you spend a significant amount of time outside
12:04 of the United States and in a very cosmopolitan
12:06 and a broad experience that, you know,
12:08 kind of compliments your academic experience.
12:10 Again, the course quality is this same as in Boston
12:13 so nothing is taught in Madrid that isn't pre-approved
12:15 in Boston, the coursework, the professor qualifications
12:18 are all equivalent to our main campus here in Boston.

12:21 And we have the advantage of being a part of an agreement
12:24 with Universidad CEU San Pablo,
12:26 which happens to be right across the street from us
12:28 so for anyone who maybe wants to take a class
12:30 over there with San Pablo, that is a possibility,
12:32 something that they can definitely take advantage of.
12:35 Like our main campus in Boston, Suffolk Madrid
12:38 also cares deeply about the experiential learning component,
12:41 you know, so maybe making sure
12:42 that we use the resources available right
12:45 in our doorsteps in Madrid.
12:46 So you're seeing for example here, Professor Almudena Cros,
12:49 who teaches art history, who is not only gonna teach it,
12:52 she's gonna show it to you, she's gonna, you know,
12:54 have you experienced the art,
12:55 the architecture by making all of these experiences more
13:00 than just sitting in the classroom and taking lecture.
13:02 The business courses, you know,
13:03 some of the freshman seminars,
13:05 all of that is part of the experience
13:06 that students will be able to do that.
13:08 And we also have a Program Developed Coordinator,
13:10 Silvia who would've been here with us talking a little
13:13 about that, but, you know,
13:15 you'll get to meet her when you're over in Madrid
13:17 and she also will be able to maybe find you an internship,
13:20 maybe find you a service learning opportunity
13:22 so all of those key components of experiential learning
13:25 which are so important in today's, you know,
13:27 academic environment are things that you are gonna be able
13:30 to find at Suffolk Madrid and we're confident
13:33 that you'll be able to again,
13:34 receive all of those opportunities
13:36 in a very concrete manner.
13:41 Well, after you're done with your time in Madrid,
13:43 obviously you would make the transition
13:45 for most of the majors to Boston to complete
13:48 the rest of your academic career
13:50 and like the slide, it indicates over here
13:54 and here in Boston,
13:55 we have 70+ undergraduate programs that you can combine
13:58 within the college of arts and sciences,
14:00 the Sawyer Business School
14:01 and Suffolk University Law School.
14:03 And there's a lot of interactivity
14:04 among all the different academic units,
14:07 for example, we do have interdisciplinary programs like
14:11 or bachelors in law, which is taught
14:12 by faculty of all three different academic units
14:15 and there's also opportunities for you
14:16 to do maybe an undergraduate master's combination,
14:19 accelerating the amount of time you spend in your education
14:22 by maybe shortening by one year
14:24 within your master's level program

14:25 or even your law school education.
14:27 So Boston awaits you, eventually you'll get that kind of,
14:30 you know, both sides of the Atlantic experience
14:33 that would certainly enrich
14:35 in your overall academic experience here at Suffolk.
14:40 <v ->Fantastic. Thank you, Raffi.</v>
14:42 Although the academics are the main focus,
14:45 there is time for fun too.
14:48 So let's hear from Larry about the housing options
14:51 and all the fun stuff that our students can do
14:54 while they're living in this exciting European capital city.
14:58 Larry, what can you tell us?
14:59 <v ->Thank you, Tom.</v>
15:01 Well, as Tom said, my name is Larry.
15:04 I am the Housing and Conduct Coordinator of the University
15:07 here in Madrid and it's my job
15:10 to welcome you all to Madrid and help you get adjusted
15:13 in living in one of the coolest European cities.
15:17 So let's talk a little bit
15:19 about Madrid campus student life.
15:22 Well, at the beginning once you arrive,
15:25 we have a welcome trip at the beginning of each semester.
15:30 This welcome trip, well it could be pretty much anywhere
15:35 around Spain, you know, for some of you
15:39 that have never been in Europe before
15:42 or maybe you have been in Spain,
15:44 it's still a great opportunity to get
15:46 to know other cities around Spain.
15:51 We also have three weekend excursions,
15:54 pre-COVID it was some cities outside of Spain
16:00 that we would visit but now that it's, you know,
16:04 we're still within the pandemic,
16:06 well, we're traveling within Spain.
16:09 For example this week, this past weekend
16:11 we were to Barcelona and to Granada a couple of the trips
16:16 and this upcoming weekend,
16:18 a different group is going to Barcelona and some are going
16:21 to MV^olaga, which we're all very excited about.
16:26 Once if we stay here in Madrid,
16:29 we also can soak up all that is to happen here in Madrid,
16:34 all that Madrid has to offer.
16:36 We might go say for tapas one evening
16:40 or a weekend horseback riding,
16:43 or we can take bike tours for example or go hiking,
16:48 we have different activities in school like trivia night,
16:53 or we have language exchange moments also with locals,
16:58 there's also cooking classes, paella cooking classes
17:01 and Spanish tortilla cooking classes
17:05 which are very, very popular and very yummy,
17:08 you'll see for yourselves.
17:11 We also have our clubs at our campus
17:14 like the student council,
17:16 like the business club or the art club.
17:19 There's also for, let's say the LGBTQ club, you know,

17:25 there's something for everybody at Suffolk Madrid.
17:29 If you're into sports or varsity sports,
17:33 you can volunteer, there's volunteering
17:36 at the Universidad CEU San Pablo
17:39 which is one of our partners here,
17:43 and we can, you know, help you get on teams
17:45 or reserve courts or whatever you might need
17:48 for whatever sport you might be into.
17:52 And one big thing that the students really, really like is
17:55 that we have no classes on Fridays.
17:58 Now, this is really cool
17:59 because if you wanna take a three day trip somewhere
18:03 about around Europe, you can do that, a long day,
18:05 a long weekend in Paris or in London, you know,
18:09 so there's plenty for you to do on long weekends
18:13 that we have.
18:17 Now, let's talk a little bit about our housing options.
18:23 So homestay it's very popular actually
18:28 and it's one of the best ways to get really immersed
18:32 in the culture of Spain.
18:34 Why? Because you're with a family,
18:36 you're directly interacting with your host siblings
18:40 or your host parents and, you know,
18:43 it's very practical to learn and improve your Spanish.
18:47 They're also a very helpful resource to learn to
18:50 how to get around the city you know,
18:51 you just say to your host mom, where's this restaurant
18:54 or how do I get this place and they'll, you know,
18:57 they'll direct you right to it.
19:00 And it's so easy and so, so nice to get around Madrid
19:03 and you'll see the subway system is just marvelous
19:07 so, you know, all our students and actually we all enjoy
19:11 this aspect of living in Madrid.
19:13 One thing is that you also have the same freedoms as you do
19:19 as in the residence so there's really no curfew, you know,
19:24 I mean each homestay is a little bit different
19:26 but overall there's no curfew.
19:29 And what's great is you have the possibility
19:32 for a single room which is, you know, a lot of times
19:36 in the residence hall you can't have single rooms,
19:41 but at homestays, you definitely can.
19:44 And we can work around that to get, you know,
19:46 what's best for you, whether it be close to campus
19:50 or close to the city center,
19:52 whatever your experience is centered towards,
19:54 we'll try to work with you to get that
19:57 as best as possible for you.
20:00 You also have home cooked meals which is, you know,
20:03 delightful, some great, great chefs in these houses
20:07 let me tell you and modern chefs as well,
20:10 so you enjoy that as well.
20:11 Of course, it's full board breakfast, lunch and dinner,
20:17 and your host parents do your laundry and ironing for you
20:21 so that's a big plus.

20:24 So let's talk a little bit
20:26 about the student residence hall advantages.
20:30 One big thing definitely is living
20:33 with other university students, you know.
20:35 You have mostly Suffolk students
20:40 but there's also university students from other universities
20:43 and local universities and other students
20:46 from other countries, so you might get to have lunch
20:50 with a French student or study alongside an Italian student
20:54 so, you know, the world is at your hands literally.
20:59 So you have an en-suite bathroom with a shower
21:03 in your residence hall room, you have a mini fridge,
21:07 a microwave and a sink in your room,
21:09 and you can't cook a full dinner or you can't make big,
21:14 you know, Thanksgiving buffets
21:19 but you will be able to prepare yourself a sandwich
21:22 or heat up a dinner that you might have gotten earlier,
21:28 or either way it's very helpful to have this in your room.
21:33 Also, we're a quick walk or a quick subway ride away
21:38 from campus so that's also be very convenient
21:43 in both options.
21:45 And of course, here you have three meals per day
21:49 in the cafeteria, seven days a week
21:52 or you have a cooking kitchen,
21:54 whatever may be your preference
21:55 even though it's most likely the cafeteria option
22:00 but we'll get to that later on.
22:03 Then you also have the 24 hour gym on site which is great,
22:08 you know, even to get a weekend in if you wanna stay
22:12 in Madrid and don't wanna go,
22:13 well, go have some exercise and go downstairs
22:16 and so you enjoy that as well.
22:19 The other cool thing that the residents hall has
22:23 is the washer and dryers that are very Jetson's,
22:26 very futuristic because you can work everything
22:30 from your app.
22:32 It can tell you, you know,
22:33 if the washer and dryers are available from your room
22:36 so, you know, you don't have to go down,
22:37 you can pay from your app, it's very, very, very convenient.
22:44 Let me see, well.
22:46 <v ->Think you've covered everything, Larry.</v
22:47 That's really good, yeah,
22:49 you've gone over the two offering options and student life,
22:53 so thank you for that information.
22:55 My students, I know our listeners are very anxious
22:58 to hear from our current students.
23:00 We've got some really good questions that have come
23:01 into the Q&A, we will be getting to those in just a bit,
23:05 but I do want to stop sharing my screen here
23:10 so you can meet our two students that are with us,
23:14 Nina Peñaflores and Angela Najarro Cano.
23:19 Thank you, you can turn on your,
23:21 unmute your mics and say, hello.

23:24 If you wanna just tell us where you're from
23:26 and why you chose to study in Madrid.
23:29 Angela, why don't start?
23:31 <v ->Yeah. So hi, just like Tom said, I'm Angela Najarro Cano.</v
23:35 I'm from Rhode Island
23:38 and I'm a freshman studying international relations
23:40 here on campus in Madrid.
23:42 And I decided to come to Madrid
23:45 because in high school I actually did a semester abroad
23:49 in Colombia and I fell in love with just studying
23:53 outside of the States in particular
23:56 so when I found out that Suffolk had a campus in Madrid,
23:59 I thought, you know, let's just do it and I loved it.
24:02 I love it so much here so I'm excited.
24:05 <v ->What about you, Nina?</v
24:06 What made you decide to come to Madrid?
24:09 <v ->Hi guys. Can I get my little intro first?</v
24:11 <v ->Yes, please.</v
24:13 <v ->So I'm also an IR major, I am from Everett, Massachusetts</v
24:17 which is like 15 minutes away from Boston
24:20 so technically I'm the closest one from Boston.
24:24 I decided to come to Suffolk Madrid,
24:26 I always like to say that Suffolk Madrid kind of chose me
24:28 in a weird sense.
24:30 I applied originally to the Boston campus
24:33 and then on the common app, it asked like,
24:35 would you like to study abroad, yes or no?
24:36 And I picked, yes and as soon as I got my application,
24:39 it says you're going to Madrid with some confetti.
24:41 And I said, okay, I would love to be the Madrid so.
24:45 <v ->Very good.</v
24:46 Now Nina, you lived in a residence hall,
24:49 now you're in a homestay so can you talk to us
24:51 about the homestay experience?
24:53 I think, you know, students naturally shy away from that,
24:56 It seems a little scary,
24:57 they say I don't wanna have another mother.
24:59 They wanna have their freedom and do their own things
25:01 so talk to us about your homestay experience.
25:06 <v ->If like what was mentioned before,</v
25:08 if you really wanna immerse yourself
25:09 into the Spanish culture, learn the language
25:12 and kinda know what a local is like living within Madrid,
25:17 I highly recommend living in a homestay.
25:20 My experience so far has been,
25:22 I wish I kind of started sooner
25:23 because when I first got to Spain,
25:25 I did my two first years in Galdakos in the residency
25:29 which I, you know, it's still a great place to live,
25:31 but I wish I'd done it sooner
25:33 because there's so many benefits
25:34 that aren't being talked about.
25:36 For example, like I was just talking to Tom today
25:38 that I just got a new puppy

25:40 which they got a new puppy two months ago
25:41 so if you're an animal lover, little things like that,
25:44 that you wanna feel home somewhere,
25:46 I think homestays are great place to stay at.
25:50 The cooked meals, I'm sorry.
25:52 I'm just gonna say the cooked meals.
25:53 <v ->No, that's fine. Yeah, home cooked meals</v
25:53 are definitely a high point.
25:57 <v ->Yeah and if you really wanna</v
25:58 try the authentic Spanish meals and have it like day to day,
26:02 I'd say host families a way to go.
26:05 <v ->Right and it's not that you have someone asking you</v
26:08 where you're at, where you going,
26:10 what time are you gonna be home, right?
26:12 You still have the same freedom as you do
26:13 with a student residence hall?
26:15 <v ->Yeah. When living in the host families,</v
26:17 they expect you to be an adult and to act like an adult
26:20 so they, you come to the house,
26:22 you come obviously to respect their house,
26:24 they'll respect your boundaries as well.
26:27 Some will have some slight rules, like, oh,
26:29 like just be quiet a certain time period
26:30 because I will be sleeping, but it's never like, oh,
26:33 where are you, like it's another parent.
26:35 It's just, they're here to guide you
26:37 and kind of be another perspective that is more to help you.
26:43 <v ->Right and if you're not gonna be, you know,</v
26:45 back for a meal or you have plans, you know, that's fine.
26:48 You just need to let them know I'm not gonna be home
26:50 for dinner or, you know,
26:51 I've made plans for the weekend, whatever
26:53 so as long as there's that communication
26:55 with your host family.
26:56 So Angela, you are in the residence hall now,
26:59 you're finishing your first year here
27:02 so what's your experience been like
27:04 at the residence of Galdv≥s?
27:07 <v ->Yes, so I've lived in Galdv≥s, I moved in, in September</v
27:13 and I honestly love it so much.
27:15 I love that there's so many people from just everywhere.
27:19 I feel like I'm meeting someone new every day,
27:21 I say hi to people I walk down the halls
27:24 even if they're not Suffolk,
27:26 I've made different connections
27:27 which honestly I love so much.
27:30 And also the food, the food options I really do enjoy.
27:34 They actually just put in a salad bar
27:37 so that's really exciting.
27:38 They like change up the ingredients every day so that's fun,
27:43 but I also really do enjoy the gym.
27:46 I don't go there as often as maybe I should
27:50 but it's really beautiful, there are mirrors all around
27:54 and there's a lot of equipment,

27:56 but yeah, overall in the room, I love the room.
27:59 I love how there's a bathroom with the shower and I do,
28:04 and they're also cleaning ladies that come and clean.
28:07 They change the sheets
28:09 and they change the towels twice a week,
28:13 and that's extremely, that's really helpful.
28:15 And it feels really, really good, I love that Galdv>s,
28:19 I love it here.
28:20 <v ->Very good. Well, we have some questions</v
28:22 that have come into the Q&A
28:24 so I do wanna to get to those
28:25 and be respectful of everyone's time.
28:28 So the first question we have is about travel options
28:31 that a college student would be able to afford
28:34 around Europe.
28:35 If it's too expensive to travel around.
28:39 I know both of you did some traveling during spring break.
28:42 Nina, you were just telling me today
28:44 about your wonderful spring break
28:46 so I think that pretty much answers the question.
28:48 Why don't you tell us what you did a couple weeks ago
28:50 for spring break?
28:52 <v ->I'm just gonna start with,</v
28:54 for like the answer to question is Ryanair is one
28:58 of your best friends coming to Spain.
29:00 Ryanair is these cheap, fair flights that are just can range
29:04 from seven euros to like maybe 50 max,
29:08 like it's usually that's what is expensive.
29:11 So recently I had the opportunity during my spring break
29:13 to travel to Naples, Italy,
29:17 then I took a flight to Croatia, Split
29:20 and then I took a bus ride to Budapest, Hungry.
29:24 So it was pretty ambitious but it was great.
29:26 I honestly the budget of those three trips was fairly low
29:32 like it's probably lower than like traveling within America
29:35 and I had a great time.
29:36 We did a lot of things and traveling within Europe
29:41 is just one of the easiest things
29:42 and I'm really grateful for it because you could see so much
29:46 with such like a budget.
29:49 <v ->You're nodding your head, Angela.</v
29:51 I think you've been, you've done some travel on yourself.
29:53 Where have you been?
29:55 <v ->Yes, just like Nina, Ryanair is the way to go.</v
29:59 I have the app, I get like notifications
30:02 whenever they're having like sales so I always just,
30:05 I text my friends and I'm like guys,
30:07 we need to get tickets now before the sale runs out.
30:10 But in spring break, I actually went to the south of Spain.
30:13 I went to Mv°laga and it was beautiful,
30:17 but just like what Nina said, traveling within countries
30:20 to different countries are so easy.
30:23 A couple weeks ago, I was in Como, Italy
30:26 and I took a bus to Switzerland and the bus was five euros

30:31 to go from Italy to Switzerland
30:34 so just, it's extremely affordable and it was beautiful.
30:38 I definitely recommend taking advantage of your time here
30:41 to just explore, even if you don't know the language,
30:44 our phone plan still works within Europe
30:47 so that's extremely helpful, but yeah.
30:49 <v ->Yeah, that's a nice point.</v
30:51 The phone plan that you have it works
30:53 throughout the European union
30:55 and the United Kingdom as well,
30:58 and it has minutes to call the United States.
31:01 So you have some minutes that if you need to call home
31:03 or you've got coverage to be able to call the U.S.
31:06 There's a question about the advantages of studying
31:10 in Madrid over the U.S or give a U.S degree
31:13 and Raffi, this might be a really good question
31:15 for you to answer.
31:17 If you're studying international relations,
31:18 do you technically earn an American degree or a Spanish one?
31:22 <v ->Well, it is like I mentioned earlier in the presentation,</v
31:25 in my comments is that Suffolk,
31:29 our Madrid campus is a full branch operation
31:32 of our Suffolk Boston campus so it is an American degree.
31:36 It's fully accredited by the New England Commission
31:42 in Higher Education, and so it has all
31:44 that it carries in that area
31:46 so it would be an American degree, you know.
31:48 A Spanish degree you would have to go
31:50 to a Spanish university.
31:52 If usually there's not an issue
31:54 with your degree being American for example,
31:57 the only people who might be interested in
31:59 it being a Spanish degree would
32:01 be obviously Spanish citizens who maybe
32:03 at some point work with the government,
32:05 but then they have to go
32:06 through a process called homologacion
32:08 which is, you know, something that
32:10 they would have to undertake
32:11 with the proper authorities over here.
32:13 But the degree is America and the advantage I would say,
32:16 I mean, maybe Nina since you're approaching
32:19 so much the end of your IR career is not being able
32:22 to have again, international relations
32:24 and have this experience that goes beyond just, you know,
32:27 just being in the States and being around the area.
32:30 I mean, it's a great resume builder,
32:32 I don't know if you wanted to add anything else
32:33 to that Nina.
32:35 <v ->No, absolutely.</v
32:36 Like having an international relations like major is just,
32:40 this is perfect for it.
32:41 It aligns just right with Spain
32:43 because I think beyond like being in the classrooms,

32:47 like you're actually experiencing it around you,
32:50 like with things that's going on with the current events,
32:52 like we're talking about the classroom,
32:53 but we can also see what's going on, like outside.
32:56 Like for example, like there's things with the Ukraine
32:58 and Russia, we can see the direct effects within Spain
33:01 but we're also learning this in the classrooms
33:03 so which is, it's a great learning experience.
33:06 I will forever have these experience when someone talks
33:08 to me and I'd be like, oh well,
33:09 I was there when I was in college
33:11 so not your normal average college student could say that.
33:15 <v ->Exactly. There's a question about logistics,</v
33:19 transporting everything you need to Madrid.
33:21 I think someone is wondering about what happens
33:25 if you forgot something
33:26 and I think a lot of American parents maybe think about,
33:31 you know, moving their child into college and, you know,
33:34 loading up the SUV and taking everything they need
33:37 for the year, and how do you pack that two suitcases, right.
33:40 So can you talk to us about how,
33:42 what your experience has been like,
33:44 how did you pack to come Angela? Go ahead.
33:49 <v ->Yeah, so actually I believe that I was sent a packing list</v
33:55 by Suffolk University Madrid campus
33:57 and that was extremely, extremely helpful.
34:01 And also just connecting with students that were
34:03 here previously really did help me.
34:06 I basically just packed, like my essentials, like clothes,
34:11 let's say like hair products,
34:13 I didn't bring things like pillows or blankets or towels
34:17 because that is provided.
34:18 And when you come in the beginning of each semester,
34:22 I believe there's an Ikea trip where you can go
34:25 and buy like rugs if you wanna decorate the room
34:28 or an extra pillow, if one is not enough.
34:31 So yeah, I think just bring your bare minimal
34:34 and also just you guys are definitely gonna shop here
34:39 quite a lot for clothes.
34:41 I definitely, I think I probably have
34:43 to get another suitcase to go back home
34:46 over the summer just to fit all my extra clothes
34:48 but yeah, just keep that in mind.
34:51 <v ->Right, students that are coming back</v
34:52 for the following year can actually store some things here
34:55 so you can, you know,
34:57 you don't have to take your winter coat
34:59 and the things that you're going to need next year
35:01 if you're coming back, we can store that for you
35:04 from one year to the next and you can buy things here
35:07 so, you know, it's not that you're going to a country
35:10 where you can't buy toothpaste and shampoo or a hair dryer,
35:14 all of that you can get while you're here,
35:16 so you don't need to bring a year supply of everything.

35:20 There's a question about academics
35:22 and being offered enough classes and getting the classes,
35:26 so you need to take, they're wondering about, you know,
35:29 if there's no classes on Fridays,
35:33 are your Monday through Thursday really packed right,
35:36 so how do you balance that out?
35:38 Nina, you've gone through three years
35:40 of you've had experience here in Madrid and in Boston,
35:42 so can you talk about the class offering and how that works?
35:47 <v ->So technically, mostly everyone takes four classes</v
35:51 usually and that fits in through the Monday
35:53 through Thursday and the professors already know
35:57 that most of us come like we're here to also study,
36:00 but we also have the opportunity to travel and such
36:02 so they're fair in the sense of that
36:03 like they understand us and they're willing
36:06 to balance the work out in a way that we can manage it
36:09 throughout the semester.
36:11 So don't worry about like, if it's too much
36:13 because we don't have the Friday's class.
36:15 No, they already understand and so they're like, you know
36:18 what like we'll give, 'em a reasonable amount of work,
36:21 so don't stress.
36:25 <v ->Very good. Thank you.</v
36:26 There's a question about studying all four years in Madrid.
36:31 Did you find that your friends left?
36:33 Did you feel lonely after the first two years?
36:38 Angela, you're still in your first year
36:41 so you probably haven't gone through that
36:42 but Nina, you might be able to address that
36:44 since you're in your third year.
36:46 How does that work as far as the social component
36:48 of making your, you know, getting your friend network
36:51 and your people?
36:53 <v ->Yeah, I have to say, like I've realized like</v
36:58 throughout the years, like being in here so long people come
37:00 and go all the time but at the same time,
37:02 I take it in a way that it builds you as a person
37:05 because I've learned that you can make friends,
37:09 like it's okay, you don't have to stick
37:11 because life is constantly changing.
37:12 I'm sorry, I'm gonna get all
37:14 but like life is always changing
37:15 and we have to meet people as we go
37:17 and you can't stay in one place forever.
37:20 That's just the limitations are just always being pushed
37:24 when you're in Suffolk Madrid
37:25 and I've honestly throughout each semester,
37:27 I always, you always find people anyways, regardless
37:31 and if you don't, you have me
37:32 because I will be here to one more year.
37:34 So if anything like I've learned a lot,
37:38 I've learned about myself more and being alone
37:41 and then finding the right people and it's all teaching us,

37:45 so don't worry, you're gonna be okay.
37:47 <v ->Very good, yes.</v>
37:49 So there's a question about academics, Raffi
37:52 if you're an English major,
37:54 would the Madrid campus still be a good option?
37:58 <v ->Absolutely and like we mentioned,</v>
38:00 it's not one of the majors
38:01 that you can complete all four years here in Madrid,
38:04 but you certainly can take
38:07 all of your basic core requirements,
38:09 you know, throughout your first years,
38:10 that's what the first two years will do
38:12 which will include writing 101, writing 102
38:16 and maybe a few other English offerings,
38:19 so an English manage could absolutely do that.
38:21 We're hoping that as an English major
38:22 may be also curious about other languages,
38:24 and maybe you want to take this opportunity to, you know,
38:27 learn Spanish or maybe perfect it if you've already
38:29 had that opportunity so yep.
38:32 As an English major, there's no reason
38:33 why you can't come over here, you know,
38:35 take advantage of all that, you know, make I don't know,
38:38 if you're into writing and creative writing,
38:39 you'll probably have wonderful stories
38:41 and wonderful things to write about.
38:42 So let's maybe even put it at that basic level
38:46 and then move over to the Boston campus and yes,
38:49 you'll transition back to Boston
38:50 but then you have the entire offerings
38:52 of the English department, the poetry center,
38:54 the creative writing track that is offered here
38:57 in Boston waiting for you.
38:58 And I think if anything, you'll just feel enriched
39:01 by all of that.
39:03 <v ->Very good. Larry, there's a question</v>
39:05 about some housing concerns about roommates.
39:11 They're wondering about how students
39:13 can choose their roommate.
39:15 Can you address that with the
39:17 how the roommate situation works?
39:20 <v ->Sure, well, there's actually a form that you fill out</v>
39:24 where you can request a specific roommate if you desire,
39:28 maybe your friend, your best friend,
39:31 now even maybe your girlfriend, boyfriend,
39:34 that's also a possibility.
39:36 Also we have within this form, we can tell you,
39:43 you know, we can hook you up with a roommate
39:47 that is basically has the same interest as you.
39:52 So if you're into art and poetry or, you know,
39:57 or if you're into going out and getting to know the city,
40:00 you know, we pretty much try to pair your roommate
40:03 with someone that has the same interest as you.
40:07 <v ->Right and daily schedules,</v>

40:08 some people are more of a morning person
40:10 and some people like staying up at night,
40:12 and so trying to match people up
40:14 that we think we'll get along.
40:16 <v ->Yeah, exactly.</v
40:17 <v ->Right, there's always a time in the beginning</v
40:18 of each semester where you have,
40:21 I think it's a week that you go through that adjustment.
40:23 <v ->Exactly, yeah, we usually give around the week</v
40:26 to two weeks, more or less for you
40:28 to get a sense of your roommate,
40:31 and, you know, there's always a possibility to change
40:34 within those two weeks so nothing is set in stone.
40:38 We just want you to be at ease
40:39 and feel comfortable with your roommate
40:42 and your living situation.
40:44 <v ->But Larry as we're talking about housing,</v
40:45 there's a question about vegetarian options.
40:48 People that have dietary restrictions, how's that handled?
40:52 <v ->Yeah, like definitely we take this</v
40:56 into consideration once you move into well,
40:58 the residence halls, we actually make dietary cards for you.
41:02 So if you're allergic to something or if you're a vegetarian
41:08 or gluten free, this all, we put it on your vegetarian,
41:11 on your dietary card and this is a way to communicate
41:16 with the cafeteria staff to let them know, you know,
41:20 exactly what you eat and what your preferences are.
41:26 <v ->Very good, okay. Nina and Angela,</v
41:30 there's a question about what the people in Madrid are like,
41:33 and they're wondering if you have faced any instances
41:36 of discrimination or racism from locals
41:39 or other university students.
41:41 What's your experience been like with regard to that?
41:45 <v ->Quickly, before we go onto the next question,</v
41:47 I just wanna add onto Larry about like dietary restrictions,
41:51 kind of like with the whole thing with host families,
41:53 like I recommend if you have quite a lot
41:56 or you're just worried about that or you're concerned,
41:58 I recommend host families
41:59 because it's more of a personalized chef
42:01 so they'll work around what you have and what your needs,
42:04 for example, I'm lactose intolerant
42:06 so they try to buy milk that are soy milk or oat milk
42:10 or in that, in those lines so.
42:12 <v ->And right, the cheese products that are lactose free</v
42:15 and all of that. Yeah, absolutely.
42:17 There are families who are vegetarian families
42:20 so if they're vegan right,
42:22 so if that's the case then we can match a student up
42:25 with the family that also follows that same diet.
42:28 So there's a lot, very good point with the homestay
42:33 and that consideration.
42:35 Did you wanna add something, Larry?
42:37 <v ->No, no, pretty much that what Nina just said,</v

42:40 just to pick up on that, that we do have a wide range of
42:44 and a big database of awesome families
42:48 that can offer, you know, whatever you may need, you know,
42:53 so that's definitely a plus of the homestay.
42:56 So remember the homestay is very,
42:58 very good option to go for.
43:00 <v ->Right and the homestays are located around the city.</v
43:04 Nina, you're a five minute walk away at your homestay,
43:07 you want to be closer so, you know, there is that option.
43:11 Some homestays might be a little bit farther,
43:13 they're never gonna be more than a 20 minute metro ride
43:15 so that's kind of our limit that we have
43:18 that it's not gonna be, you know,
43:20 on the other side of the city for you to get to class.
43:23 <v ->Right.</v
43:24 <v ->So back to this question about discrimination,</v
43:26 racism, what the people are like in Madrid,
43:30 how can you help someone who's wondering about that?
43:35 Nina? Yeah. Angela? Angela, why don't you go?
43:39 <v ->Yeah, so as a girl of color being in Madrid</v
43:45 and being anywhere in the world
43:46 there's unfortunately racism and it's just something
43:51 that unfortunately me and millions and millions
43:54 of other people just have to deal with,
43:57 and just learn how to deal with it in a way
44:00 that is healthy for us.
44:04 But yeah, there are a lot of really,
44:06 really kind people in Madrid like in my residence hall,
44:10 I'm friends with a lot of Spaniards,
44:12 a lot of them are really nice.
44:13 However, there are some that are pretty racist
44:19 but I just distance myself from them
44:21 and if something happens, I'll reach out, there are outlets
44:25 at school that I can reach out to
44:27 and people in my residence hall that I can talk to,
44:30 to sort of crack this down.
44:34 But if you're, you know, here and you're facing any racism
44:40 or just any type of discrimination, you can, you know,
44:44 talk to me, you can talk to Nina.
44:47 I'm definitely open to discuss ways in
44:50 which we can combat at this so yeah.
44:52 I don't know if Nina, if you have anything else to add on.
44:55 <v ->Yeah, kind of add on to Angie,</v
44:57 like it's the small minority, anywhere you go in the world
45:00 you're gonna see these problems,
45:02 but I don't want you guys to think this is what Madrid is
45:04 about, like the people are great here.
45:07 Madrid is like a very touristy, it's known for its tourists
45:10 and you're gonna see many people of color walking
45:12 around the streets.
45:13 There's many universities here as well
45:15 so don't think that it's gonna be a different world.
45:18 No, it's just as if we're in the United States, it's just
45:22 and plus there's also too with the LGBTQ community,

45:27 it's a very strong community here.
45:28 I wanted to add that we have like a neighborhood Shankha
45:31 so I just to add that into it.
45:34 So it's not as bad, it's just there's always gonna be
45:38 that minority people, always with their hateful
45:41 that they need to heal so.
45:42 <v ->Right, I mean Suffolk is a very diverse university, right?</v
45:46 With our international students from around the world
45:49 and all of the different groups that, you know,
45:52 we have the affinity groups for students
45:53 to find other like-minded classmates.
45:56 And I think one of the things that defines Suffolk
45:58 is our diversity and so, you know,
46:01 whether that be your political perspective,
46:05 your sexual orientation or gender identity,
46:07 I think Suffolk is all about including
46:11 those diverse populations so, yeah.
46:16 Did you wanna say something else?
46:18 <v ->And Suffolk University Madrid is</v
46:20 the only non-secular university in the whole Spain so.
46:24 <v ->Thank you, Nina.</v
46:25 (Nina giggles)
46:27 So there's a question about the visa process.
46:28 Again, logistics going through
46:31 that visa process is bureaucratic, you're dealing
46:35 with the Spanish government and we assist you
46:38 as much as we can with the visa process.
46:41 But there are requirements that the Spanish government
46:44 has put in place as the application for the visa
46:48 so students who are coming here apply for a long term visa,
46:52 we help you as much as we can with that.
46:54 Students who are in the United States can send
46:57 their documents and passport to representative
47:00 at Suffolk in Boston and we can take those documents
47:03 to the Spanish consulate in Boston on your behalf.
47:07 So that facilitates a lot of it
47:09 but there is still some documentation
47:11 that you need to get, right.
47:12 There's a doctor's letter and a police background check
47:15 and you know, some photocopies
47:17 and there's some documents
47:19 that you need to gather together for them
47:21 to be able to process your application,
47:23 but we give you all the information you need.
47:26 We have someone who handles that
47:28 and you don't have to go to the consulate on your own
47:30 'cause most consulate require a personal appearance
47:33 for you to just submit your documentation.
47:35 So that's not necessary if you're living
47:38 in the United States and want us to help,
47:41 we can do that for you.
47:42 And then once you get to Spain,
47:43 there's some more processes to do as well
47:45 and we have outsourced with an immigration attorney

47:51 to help you with that process to go through,
47:53 to make sure that you're keeping your status in status
47:56 and legal while you're in Spain.
48:00 There's a question about the small campus
48:02 if you had enough classes,
48:05 if the academic offering meets your needs for your majors,
48:09 for your classes and courses that you would like to take.
48:13 Angela, you were just going through academic advising today
48:17 so you're getting ready for next semester.
48:19 I saw you in the office going through that.
48:21 So what can you talk about your class selection
48:24 and what you've got going on academically?
48:28 <v ->Yeah, so since I'm an international relations major,</v
48:31 there are a lot of courses available for me
48:34 but right now as a freshman,
48:36 I'm taking a lot of the like core requirements
48:40 like writing 101, writing 102 and I do,
48:45 I really, really enjoy the classes here.
48:48 I really like the political science courses that are offered
48:51 and I love, love the professors so much.
48:54 So, and there's a lot,
48:56 there's a really diverse selection for me
48:58 at least like politics in America, politics of Spain,
49:03 I know there's politics in the Middle East
49:05 and there're just classes like that
49:06 which honestly I find really interesting.
49:09 And I know a lot of the classes have field trips,
49:12 I'm in a Spanish class right now
49:14 where we went to the museum and we went to a theater,
49:18 a play actually I went with Nina's class,
49:21 which was really fun.
49:21 So I got to meet people from another class
49:24 that I maybe didn't know but yeah,
49:27 I really do like the courses that they offer here.
49:30 <v ->Good. Nina, can you talk about a couple of the classes</v
49:32 that you've really liked?
49:35 <v ->Kind of the same thing with Angie,</v
49:36 the IR classes of political courses,
49:40 professors are really awesome.
49:41 They've gone through so many experiences to be where they're
49:44 at now and while they teach they're talking
49:46 about their experiences,
49:47 and they're just one of the most like you guys said,
49:51 like it was like the selective,
49:53 like amazing group of professors
49:54 and they really do have a lot to offer when they speak.
49:57 I just also wanted to add to throughout my years,
50:00 I've also met many people from different majors
50:03 and there's a bunch of courses, various like courses
50:06 to select from like, just for like,
50:07 if you're here for a year or semester two,
50:11 that will be offered that you can be able to be Madrid for.
50:14 <v ->Right and I do need to make a plug</v
50:17 for one of our star classes, the astronomy class,

50:21 it fulfills a science requirement
50:22 so it's not your typical biology or chemistry.
50:26 It is an astronomy class that, you know,
50:28 you're learning about planets, stars and solar systems
50:30 and the lab for the class goes to the highest observatory
50:34 in this part of the world
50:35 which just happens to be in the Canary islands.
50:38 So the students that go to the island of Canary fame
50:41 and they're at the highest point in Spain
50:42 and I think they just went last weekend,
50:44 so it was a lot colder than what they thought
50:46 it was gonna be because they're so high up,
50:50 they think they're going to the beach
50:51 because there is the beaches, the beach is right there,
50:54 but they're doing their astronomy lab
50:56 and seeing solar systems and planets
50:58 and things that you can't see anywhere else.
51:00 There's an environmental science class that goes
51:03 and researches ecosystems up in the Northern part of Spain.
51:06 The art history class goes to the museums
51:08 to see the paintings and see the actual works of art
51:11 so those are some highlights of the classes
51:14 that you can only get here.
51:17 Nina, did you wanna say something else?
51:19 <v ->Yeah. I just during this semester</v
51:22 actually I'm taking two great classes.
51:23 One is Spanish in the workplace
51:25 so I'm like getting the experience of
51:27 like the professional words in Spanish.
51:30 And I'm also taking Madrid cosmology city class
51:33 which is basically I go around the city of Madrid
51:36 and I learn the history of buildings, the metro,
51:39 like everything that's in Madrid
51:40 and it's all like all in person, all right.
51:44 I would say classes in Madrid is very interactive so.
51:47 <v ->So are you taking an internship Nina with that class?</v
51:50 <v ->So yes, I had the opportunity to take an internship.</v
51:53 So Oxfam Intern^v, so it's a organization,
51:57 an NGO actually that deals with injustice
52:00 and poverty around the world,
52:01 and I was able to go into the office
52:04 because COVID regulations are
52:05 that they're actually being lessened now as we speak.
52:10 I was able to interact with different Spanish students,
52:12 international students and we talked about certain issues
52:15 that are going in the world, like current events,
52:17 we worked on projects, making apps,
52:19 working on their website, translations.
52:22 And what I loved about the internship
52:24 because I had an experience in America
52:27 in comparative to European internships
52:29 is one of the biggest thing is like European
52:32 when they do internships,
52:33 it's more about a community collective work

52:35 and they take everyone's best skills
52:37 and what everyone has to offer,
52:38 and we put it together to make the best out of it.
52:43 And then comparison America, it's very competitive
52:45 so if you're willing to try or you have the opportunity,
52:48 I highly recommend.
52:50 <v ->Fantastic, very good.</v
52:51 Well, I do wanna be respectful of everyone's time
52:54 so let me just share my screen here again,
52:59 to conclude things and wrap up here.
53:03 I wanna remind you that if you've been offered admission
53:06 to Madrid, you can hold your spot
53:09 by submitting your enrollment deposit now,
53:11 you can log onto your admission portal
53:13 and go to Suffolk.edu/admitted
53:16 and follow the links to pay online.
53:18 The deposit is \$800, that is for tuition and housing,
53:22 and it is refundable until 1st of May.
53:26 And that brings us to the end of our webinar on Madrid.
53:30 I'd like to thank my colleagues, Raffi and Larry.
53:33 They've been very helpful in fielding the questions
53:35 and giving you some information to help you
53:37 in your decision process and Nina and Angela,
53:41 thank you for giving us your personal perspectives.
53:44 It's going on 11 o'clock at 11:00 PM here in Madrid
53:48 and I'm sure you've got class tomorrow,
53:51 so you do wanna get up for that.
53:53 We appreciate your efforts
53:55 and thank you for joining us today
53:58 and finding out a little bit more about studying in Madrid.
54:01 If you have any other questions you can email us,
54:04 we'd be happy to clarify any other doubts that might come up
54:06 that haven't gotten answered here today.
54:09 So we will end this webinar, thank you for joining us.
54:13 We'll say (Tom speaking Spanish)