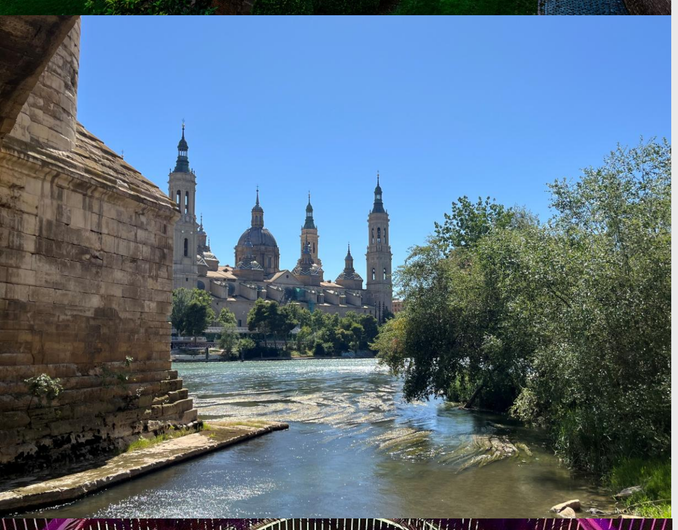


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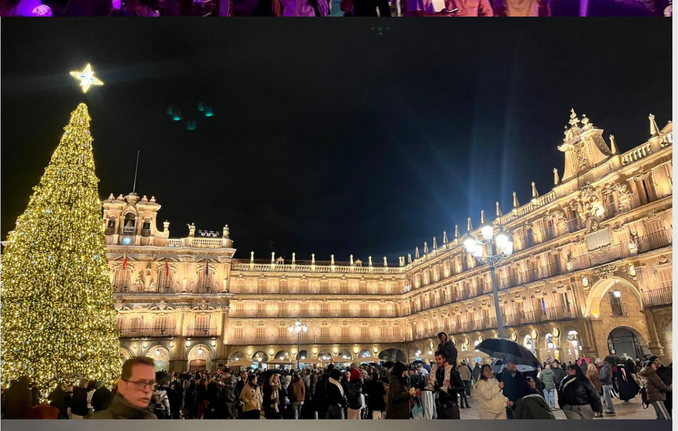
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Background on the city and university:

- Zaragoza is the 4th biggest Spanish city by population, located in the region of Aragon.
- Well-known for its impressive historical architecture like the Basilica del Pilar and Aljafería Palace, as well as its food scene and renowned Fiestas del Pilar.
- The University was founded in 1594, making it one of the oldest in Spain. It is ranked in the top 30 in the country, with a focus on engineering, business, and sciences.
- 3 campuses located around the city, 2 very central and 1 slightly further out which I never had to go to.
- General level of English amongst locals, including professors and many Spanish students, was not very high so useful to know some Spanish, if not there are Spanish classes available at the university

Course and exam information:

- Able to pick courses from any year/department as long as they fit the requirements from Bath and there weren't scheduling clashes.
- Chemistry courses almost all in Spanish except a few masters level modules offered in English. Lots of business/economics modules offered in English.
- Chemistry modules I did all had required lab sections, including written practical exams.
- Content on third year courses was similar to content from second year courses in Bath.

Travel and other fun things to do:

- Erasmus Club Zaragoza hosts loads of events and parties to meet other Erasmus/SYA students as well as trips all over Spain and even to Morocco.
- Travelling within Spain is easy and not too expensive. Less than 2 hours by train to Madrid or Barcelona.
- Various festivals in Zaragoza throughout the year, the most notable being the Fiestas del Pilar in October which people come from all over Spain to experience. There are also countless others of all sorts all over the country you could go to.
- Lots of lively bars and clubs over the city open late with fairly cheap drinks (could buy a beer for as little as €1.50)

Final tips

- Try to apply for your visa as early as you can, it can take longer than expected.
- You should apply for a Foreigner identity card (Tarjeta de Identidad Extranjero), to be guaranteed re-entry into the country, even with a visa.
- Try to find accommodation a few months before going to get the best places.