

El Prestigio De La Universidad Española



Los súbditos filipinos pueden obtener fácilmente Titulos Académicos españoles. El abogado Mariano Laurel Hidalgo, de Tanawan, Batangas, ha sido el primero en obtener el Doctor en Derecho por la Universidad de Madrid, obteniendo la calificación máxima. El Sr. Laurel fué becario del Instituto de Cultura Hispánica de Madrid. Recientemente el Embajador de España en Manila le hizo entrega del Título, momento que recoge la fotografía. Son muchos los estudiantes filipinos que estudian Derecho en Madrid. El Sr. Laurel fué el primero que realizó estudios completos para obtener el Doctorado. La Prensa española del pasado 1.º de Julio da cuenta de que otro estudiante filipino ha obtenido el mismo honor: Don Manuel O. Soriano, también con la máxima calificación.

De la carta de un estudiante filipino que se encuentra en San Francisco de California, dirigida a la Sección Cultural de la Embajada de España en Manila:

"I have concerted plans of study in Spain — if at all possible, to get a Doctorate there. At present I am working for a Master's degree here at San Francisco State College, and will receive my diploma in January.

"Last November I asked for information from the University of Madrid, and the catalog which they sent me impressed me with the fact that the program in literature and Hispanic Studies which they have there will more than meet with my expectations. And those who have come from Spain are filled with praises about the creative and cultural life they have seen manifested there."

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"... The Universidad de Madrid is modern in every sense of the word. Lawns, hedges, buildings and equipment are all up-to-date. And to think that when the Communists left Spain there was not a single cent in the coffers of the nation; that for 13 or so years America and the rest of the world shunned the company of Spain—as a man shuns the plague; that the Universidad de Madrid is a state university and depends only on what Franco can and will give it. . .

Every Filipino who goes to Spain, must see the Universidad de Madrid. It is clean, neat, beautiful and spacious. Its structures are streamlined, functional, and, therefore, attractive.

But, this is just external, physical, material. What does the University have to offer? Ask the dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters—as I did in '51. . .

The University educates the whole man. It does not believe in an education that is completely materialistic. It offers a broad, deep and comprehensive cultural background in the only undergraduate college—the Liberal Arts faculty. No one is accepted in the University without an A.B. degree. University studies are purely specialist and professional to produce experts. The curriculum call for a deep and abiding knowledge of the humanities, the sciences, philosophy, and mathematics. And the professors' families are afforded protection should the professors die — as many of them die — during the most productive periods of their careers. As enrollment is limited to those who have had cultural training in the A.B., and as professors are relatively better paid and protected than even professors in the rich United States — you may be sure that the student in the Universidad Central de Madrid acquires not only instruction for a profession but an education which is rich, broad and comprehensive. As in Oxford and Salamanca, the Madrid student comes out of the University not only an expert but a finished gentleman.

You leave the campus of the Universidad de Madrid reluctantly. But you must go for time is on the wing."