



Early Education (1869–1872)

- 1869: Studied under Maestro Justiniano Aquino Cruz in Biñan, Laguna, where he learned Latin, Spanish, and basic arithmetic.
- Experience: Excelled quickly but often experienced bullying, which toughened his resolve to study harder.



Ateneo Municipal de Manila (1872–1877)

- 1872: Enrolled in Ateneo Municipal de Manila, a Jesuit institution
- Experience: Known as an exceptional student, he graduated with high honors in 1877, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. Rizal was one of the top students and won many academic awards, showing his brilliance in various fields.



Further Studies in Paris and Germany (1885–1887)

- 1885-1886: Studied ophthalmology in Paris under Dr. Louis de Wecker.
- 1886-1887: Trained under Dr. Otto Becker at the University Eye Hospital in Heidelberg, Germany
- Experience: Gained advanced knowledge in ophthalmology, inspired by his mother's deteriorating eyesight. He further improved his medical skills, became fluent in multiple languages, and broadened his understanding of European culture.

University of Santo Tomas (1877–1882)

- 1877: Enrolled at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) to study Philosophy and Letters and later shifted to Medicine.
- Experience: Faced racial discrimination and dissatisfaction with the teaching methods, which contributed to his decision to pursue further studies abroad.



Universidad Central de Madrid (1882–1885)

- 1882: Went to Madrid and enrolled at Universidad Central de Madrid to study Medicine and Philosophy and Letters.
- Experience: Completed his studies and earned his Licentiate in Medicine (1884) and in Philosophy and Letters (1885). In Madrid, Rizal became active in the Propaganda Movement, advocating for reforms in the Philippines.