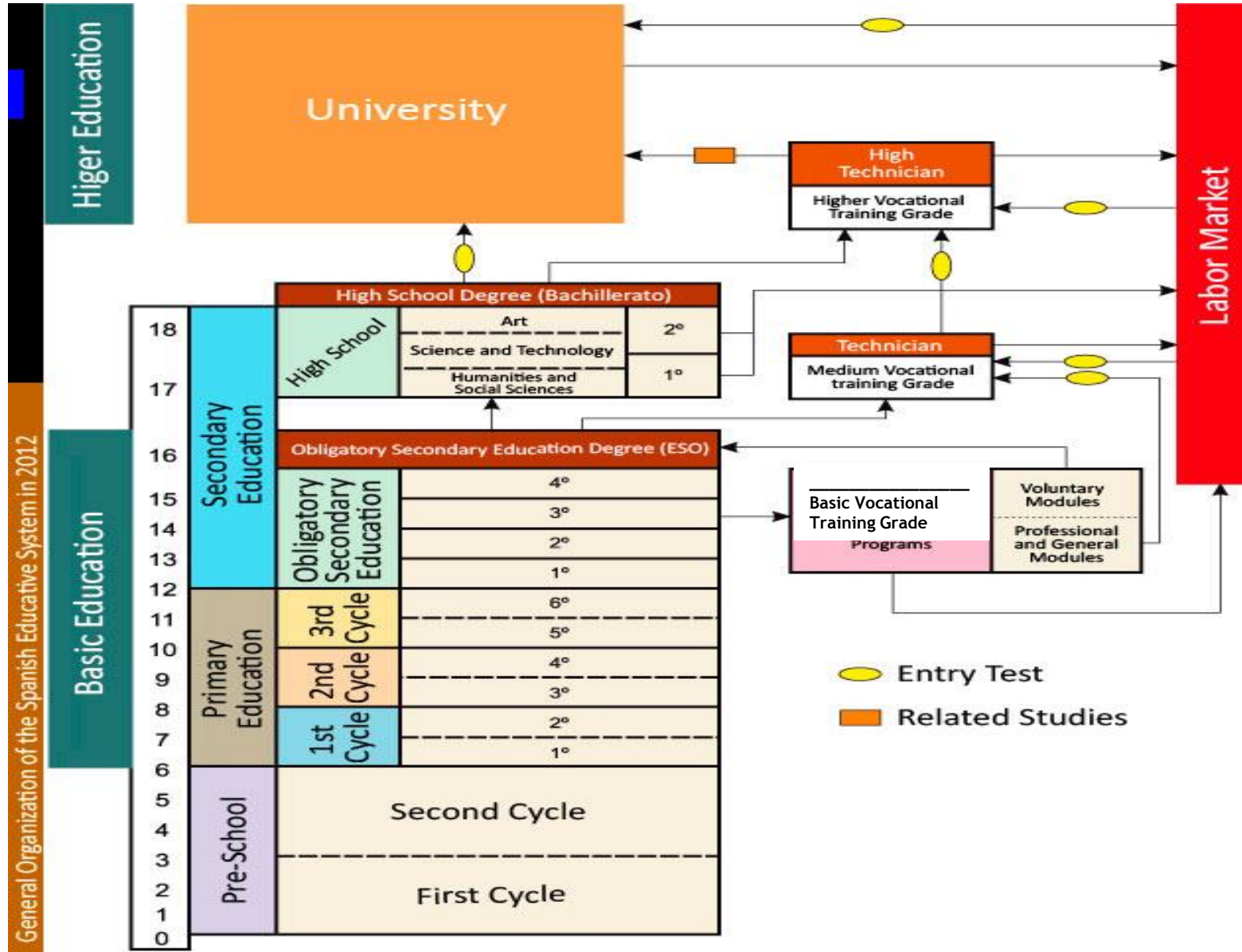


# Spanish Education System

# 1. Decentralized System

- ▶ Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport
- ▶ 17 Autonomous Communities with their own Department of Education

# Structure



## 2.1. Early Childhood Education

### Not compulsory

#### ▶ First Stage:

- ▶ 0 - 3 years: Nursery School-39% attendance

#### ▶ Second Stage:

- ▶ 3 - 6 years: Kindergarten- 95% attendance

Attendance in both stages is above the Community average

## 2.2. Primary Education

6 - 12 years

- ❖ Compulsory: attendance of all children
- ❖ Free if the family wants
- ❖ Study in elementary schools

## 2.3. Secondary Education

### Study in high schools

#### Compulsory secondary education

- ❖ 12 - 16 years

#### ▶ Non-compulsory post-secondary education

- ❖ 16 - 18 years

#### High-school diploma

Vocational School: Two-year degree

Artistic Training: Two-year degree

Physical Education: Two-year degree

## 2.4. Higher Education

From 18 years old and on

- ▶ University education
  - Bachelor's degree (Bologna Plan)
  - Graduate degrees
- ▶ Vocational School: 4-year degree
- ▶ Advanced Artistic Training degree
- ▶ 4-year Physical Education degree

# University Higher Education

- ▶ Bachelor's degree: 4 years
- ▶ Master's degree: 2 years
- ▶ Doctorate

Erasmus Programs: Spain among most highly-demanded countries

Spaniards go most often to: Italy, France and Great Britain



# 3. Educational Centers

There are three kinds of centers:

- ▶ Public
- ▶ Private
- ▶ Charter schools

# 4. Strengths

- ▶ High attendance in primary education
- ▶ Quality of university education
- ▶ The successful integration of immigrants

# 5. Weaknesses

- ▶ The high rate of students who repeat a grade
- ▶ High dropout rate in secondary education
- ▶ Vocational school as second path
- ▶ Big differences between autonomous communities