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A Message from the Director of Academic Affairs

Welcome to Spanish Studies Abroad

Discovering another culture, another way of living, another way of thinking is one of the most challenging adventures a person can experience. You learn to be patient and flexible, to share and to listen. Living and studying in another culture will help build these important skills as you discover your own boundaries.

By choosing to study abroad, you have made one of the most important decisions of your life. You will discover that the decisions that move us away from our comfort zone help us build character and turn out to be the most rewarding, precisely because they teach us to be both humble and courageous at once.

While you will face challenges, you are not alone in this journey. Spanish Studies Abroad has carefully chosen Resident Directors for each program site. These unique individuals have the patience, wisdom, and energy to keep you focused and enthusiastic.

The following pages are full of eye-opening opportunities to experience what it's like to be Spanish, to be Argentine, to be Cuban, to be Puerto Rican. Open your mind, open your heart, and let us guide you through this journey of self-discovery and cultural immersion.

¡Bienvenidos!

Michelle Durán Ruiz, Ph.D.
Director of Academic Affairs
Spanish Studies Abroad
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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Spanish Studies Abroad has provided unique learning experiences for students since 1969. As a pioneer in study abroad, Spanish Studies knows how to make your experience academically, culturally and personally rewarding. We are unique among study abroad programs in that we offer location-appropriate program models, each of which emphasizes cultural and linguistic immersion and a deeper understanding of the study abroad experience. With a strong dedication to academic integrity and cultural authenticity, Spanish Studies programs use the following tools to cultivate your cultural, linguistic and personal growth:

Intensive Language & Culture

An essential component of most semester programs, students begin the semester with a three-week intensive Spanish Language and Culture course designed to help adjust to daily life in the host culture.

Guided Cross-Cultural Reflection

Spanish Studies Abroad programs are grounded in our philosophy of cross-cultural study. We encourage you to venture outside one cultural identity to find a comfortable place inside another. All Spanish Studies Abroad semester programs guide you through this exciting and sometimes challenging process by offering courses specially designed to help with your cultural adaptation.

Spanish-Only Policy

The Spanish-Only Policy is a tool that promotes cultural integration and reflects the commitment you make while immersing yourself in the new culture. This commitment allows you to gain a profound awareness of the local culture and to experience a greater feeling of engagement. To help you get the most out of your experience, all your fellow students attending programs with Spanish Studies Abroad (except International Studies Program students) are required to adhere to the Spanish-Only Policy.

Program Terms

- Academic Year
- Fall and Spring Semesters
- Quarter Terms
- January Term
- May Term
- Summer Terms



The mission of Spanish Studies Abroad is to promote our students' in-depth understanding of Spanish-speaking countries through specifically designed and academically rigorous university-level and cultural travel programs. All of our students cross cultural boundaries to live as members of another culture and thus to learn about others as they learn about themselves.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Resident Director and Support Staff

Spanish Studies Abroad has over 50 years of experience in education abroad, guiding students through the culture and providing the necessary support to make your intercultural integration rewarding. All Spanish Studies Abroad programs use the guidance of a Resident Director as an essential element to the successful transition of a student abroad. Our onsite support staff is the key to your success abroad.

Resident Directors, Assistant Resident Directors, Student Services personnel, and Program Interns are available to help as you gain confidence living in the local culture. Our Resident Directors (RDs) play a vital role in helping you adapt to, enjoy, and make the most of your study abroad experience. Your RD is the go-to person in your new city, your guardian and guide. Available 24/7 and dedicated to ensuring you have the best experience possible, your RD will help you in multiple ways: giving advice on academic matters and school related issues, organizing and leading you on study visits, lending a sympathetic ear, helping you with technical challenges such as new phone systems or accessing funds.

Registration

Spanish Studies Abroad will ensure that your registration process is as seamless and simple as registering at home, providing course descriptions and syllabi, working to make sure you have a seat in your desired class. Whether you are enrolling at *Universidad de La Habana*, *Universidad Pablo de Olavide*, or another of our partner institutions, our staff abroad will simplify registration.

Transcripts

Spanish Studies Abroad issues transcripts detailing course numbers, titles, number of hours, and grades for all coursework undertaken on a Spanish Studies Abroad program. Grades and credits are reported according to the semester-hour system. Students completing coursework at a local university receive an official transcript from the host university, along with a translation into the U.S. credit and grading system. The Spanish Studies Abroad schools of record are Heidelberg University (OH) & Russell Sage College (NY)



SPANISH STUDIES ABROAD PROGRAMS

SEMESTER AND ACADEMIC YEAR

Spanish Studies Program (in Spanish)

Take courses in Spanish specifically designed for study abroad students. Attend classes with other international students studying Spanish language, culture, history, business, education, social sciences, and more. Spanish Studies Abroad on-site Resident Directors and local professors teach a cultural reflection course to help you understand and integrate.

Integrated Studies Program (advanced Spanish)

Add one or more regular courses in Spanish at the host university to complement the Spanish Studies Program curriculum. Sit side-by-side with local students. We provide you with all the benefits of direct enrollment, including access to campus resources and integration into the university. On-site Resident Directors assist each student individually with course selection and registration, and select a tutor for academic support.

Internship & Service Learning (in Spanish)

Add a hands-on experience side-by-side with local workers and volunteers, while earning credit and learning Spanish through the Spanish Studies Program. Learn through experience and reflection. Spanish Studies Abroad works with each student individually to find the most appropriate placement.

International Studies Program (in English and Spanish)

Take coursework through the local university, in English, with Spanish and international students. Most courses are in English, while some courses are offered in Spanish for those with more advanced skills. Take a Spanish language course and electives in English. Benefit from cultural activities, study tours, and support from our Resident Director. A variety of courses include humanities, business, STEM and more.

SHORT-TERM

January, May and Summer Programs (in English and Spanish)

If you can't get away for a full semester, short-term programs are the best option. Courses offered at all levels of Spanish, and in most disciplines: general Spanish language, Spanish for the professions, literature and history, business and economics, education and health sciences, social sciences, etc. January, May, and Summer terms. Internship and Service Learning options available on Summer programs. Take advantage of a January Term program as a head-start for your Spring Semester and to earn more credits.

PROGRAMS BY MAJOR/MINOR

Spanish Studies Abroad programs offer a wide range of course options to suit many majors. Courses are offered for majors and minors in STEM, Business, Social Studies, International Studies, Fine or Applied Arts and, of course, Spanish Language. Visit our website www.spanishstudies.org for a complete list of course options, or contact our Admissions Advisors for guidance: info@spanishstudies.org

Spanish Language and Culture Studies

Language, Literature, Conversation, Culture, Foreign Languages, Translation

Business & Economics

International Business, Business Administration, Finance, Economics, Law, Marketing, Human Resources, Fashion Design

Education

Language Instruction, Teaching Methodology, Educational Psychology, Practicum in Education

Liberal Arts & Humanities

History, Literature, Civilization, Art History, Cinema, Latin American Studies, Communications and Media Studies, Geography, Hispanic and European Studies

STEM

Health Science, Environmental Science, Marine Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Electrical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Sports Science, etc.

Social Sciences

Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, Legal Studies, Political Science, International Relations

Independent Research Project

Define an area in line with your academic needs and professional interests to design your own program of study, in collaboration with our Academic Department.

Our Spanish-Only Policy is a tool that promotes student integration and reflects the commitment that Spanish Studies students make to immersing themselves in a new culture. The benefits of complying with the Spanish-Only Policy, no matter the initial language level, are invaluable:

- Students improve their ability to express themselves and to understand spoken Spanish.
- Students gain a greater awareness of the local culture as they develop relationships with their host families, professors, and friends.
- Students experience a greater feeling of accomplishment in their integration, while demonstrating a higher level of respect towards the local culture.
- This policy is highly recommended, but not required of students enrolled in the International Studies Program in English.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FOR CREDIT

Spanish Studies Abroad programs offer numerous opportunities to maximize your experience. Take advantage of the Experiential Learning opportunities available to earn credit as you learn through experience and formal reflection.

Internship or Service Learning Abroad (3-8 credits)

Students with advanced language skills may undertake an internship or service learning project in addition to other courses. By accepting this unique challenge, you will gain valuable work experience in another country and explore a particular field in its cultural context. Service learning projects allow you unique access to the every day lives of the local community by working in a non-profit organization. Regular meetings with the Resident Director and guided reflection strengthen the experience.

Recent Placements

- The Arts
- Athletics
- Business/Marketing
- Communications
- Ecology
- Education
- Health
- International Business
- International Relations
- Law
- NGOs
- Political Science
- Social Work
- Sports Sciences
- Tourism

Independent Research Projects (1-3 credits)

Spanish Studies Abroad offers a unique opportunity to investigate topics of personal and academic interest. An Independent Research Project (IRP) allows you to personalize your program with a project designed to meet your needs and the requirements of your home institution. In recent semesters, students have undertaken projects in music, theater arts, business, sociology, religion and more.

Recent topics:

- Federico García Lorca
- Contemporary Spanish Women Writers and Feminism
- Stencil Graffiti of Seville
- European Tax Strategies

Living the Culture (1 credit)

In addition to our core academic courses, you have the opportunity to participate in "Living the Culture" courses and activities for an extra fee. Courses carry up to 3 credits and include:

- Spanish cuisine
- Dance courses
- Theater
- Windsurfing
- Paddle Surf
- Service Learning

CULTURAL INTEGRATION FOR ALL

All our programs share a common goal: for you to gain a better understanding of the culture and language abroad. Cultural integration is achieved as you learn through experience. Spanish Studies Abroad has embedded experiential learning and reflection into all programs. Coursework, native professors, homestays, residences, cultural visits, volunteer opportunities, campus events, etc. help you move toward this goal.

Volunteer Opportunities

Spanish Studies Abroad students have the opportunity to participate in rewarding volunteer projects. These can be more flexible than a service learning project, though your commitment is required. Through volunteer work, you experience a different facet of life abroad and become part of the local community. For more information, visit: www.spanishstudies.org/volunteer

Tutoring Local Students in English

Spanish Studies Abroad students have the option to participate in an English Tutoring Program to assist local students who are learning English. This is a great opportunity to both teach about American culture and learn about the local culture from a new perspective.

Speaking Partners

Spanish Studies Abroad provides a natural environment for Speaking Partners (intercambios)—conversational exchanges that encourage language practice and friendships between U.S. and local students. Each partnership is based on mutual interests and presents an opening to share cultural perspectives. Spanish Studies Abroad also promotes regular interaction of local and U.S. students by organizing social and cultural activities to enhance your experience abroad.

Access to Campus Events & Clubs

Through our partner universities, students get involved in university life. You have access to campus resources and activities at your local host institution. Your Resident Director will help you identify opportunities suitable to your specific interests.

Study Tours and Excursions

Programs feature all-inclusive faculty-led study visits complete with accommodations, meals and entrance fees. These trips are designed to enhance your class studies and are designed to expand your understanding of local history, art and culture.

Local Housing Options

Choose a homestay or a student residence. Either way, your home or *residencia* abroad will be the focal point of your social experience, where you will sleep, eat, study and relax. A homestay gives you unique insight into a foreign culture by allowing you to become part of a family while a *residencia* will allow you to live with your peers.

HOMESTAYS AND STUDENT RESIDENCES

Cross-Cultural learning – seeing the world as others see it – begins with life outside the classroom. Spanish Studies Abroad offers students the opportunity to live in a Spanish home or student residence during their program. This will be the focal point of your social experience, and will help you gain an understanding of daily life and local customs, as you begin to learn the “unspoken language”.

Homestays: A homestay offers you a unique insight into Spanish culture by allowing you to become part of a Spanish family. Your homestay includes room and board, laundry and cleaning. To ensure that your home will provide a warm and tranquil atmosphere, Spanish Studies Abroad staff chooses housing placements very carefully and regularly inspects the homes. Special dietary accommodations can be made.

Student Residences: (Seville and San Juan): Spanish Studies Abroad students on semester programs also have the option of living in a student residence alongside local university students. This is a unique opportunity for Americans to live and make friends with Spanish-speakers their own age. Students generally share double rooms and bathrooms. Each student is provided with a bed, a desk, a lamp, and storage for your clothes.



PROGRAM FEATURES

- Programs for all levels of Spanish, including beginners
- Homestay and student residence options
- Pre-departure support
- Study visits
- Cultural activities and excursions
- Speaking partners
- Scholarships
- Medical insurance
- Intensive language instruction
- Integration at local universities
- Resident Director & 24/7 support staff
- Tutoring
- Computer labs
- Transcript
- Courses to suit most majors and minors
- Living the Culture courses
- Internship and service learning options
- Summer intensive programs
- Focused language programs
- Immersion through experiential learning

OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



SEVILLE: UNIVERSIDAD DE SEVILLA & UNIVERSIDAD PABLO DE OLAVIDE

Study alongside local Spanish students at either of two well-known universities in Seville-*Universidad de Sevilla* and *Universidad Pablo de Olavide*. Students at USEV will experience a more classic Spanish environment, while UPO offers cutting edge modernity and the latest courses in sciences and tech.



ALICANTE: UNIVERSIDAD DE ALICANTE

Spanish Studies Abroad students in Alicante study onsite at *Universidad de Alicante* (UA). Established in 1979, UA was founded to carry on the traditions of the University of Orihuela (1545-1834). It is the fastest-growing university in Spain, with an enrollment of 33,000 students.



BARCELONA: UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA & UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) and *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona* (UAB) are centrally located. Our Barcelona partners offer courses in social sciences, humanities, communication and IT, as well as specific business, design, and STEM programs.



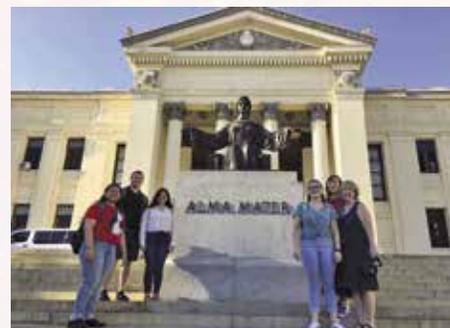
CÓRDOBA: UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE CÓRDOBA

The *Universidad Nacional de Córdoba* (UNC) was founded in 1613 and is central to the history of the city. Its prestige attracts 110,000 students in 250 degree programs of 13 colleges. Spanish Studies Abroad programs have been designed in close cooperation with UNC staff and faculty to help build your Spanish language and intercultural skills.



SAN JUAN: UNIVERSIDAD DEL SAGRADO CORAZÓN

The *Universidad del Sagrado Corazón* (USC) is the oldest private educational institution in Puerto Rico. Three of its buildings, the Main Administration Building, the Pórtico, and the Chapel, have also been listed in the National Register of Historic Sites. Located on 32 acres in the heart of Santurce, the university has both a distinctive campus and an urban environment.



HAVANA: UNIVERSIDAD DE LA HABANA

Universidad de La Habana (UH), affords you the best opportunity to interact with Cuban peers and faculty. In the relatively small UH, virtually all students and professors know each other and enjoy a relaxed and comfortable learning atmosphere with ample opportunity for contact with Cuban students.

Seville, SPAIN



since 1969

“Located in the southwest of Spain, Seville offers you a world of possibilities that will charm you and will make you feel at home from the very first moment. Characterised by the warming personality of its people, Seville will captivate you and will offer you the opportunity to admire its monuments, learning about its history and traditions, getting immersed in its culture, and, in the end, being a real Sevillano. Each of the aspects of this magical city will make your stay here a unique experience.

The most rewarding part of my job is seeing the students getting immersed in the culture, learning and enjoying their experience. As Resident Director, I can observe their linguistic progress and their cross-cultural development, becoming members of the Sevillana community. Likewise, I always guide them and help them overcome any obstacle, personal or academic, that they encounter while abroad. Having been an exchange student in a foreign country myself, I know how this experience of getting immersed in another culture will enrich them. That is why I encourage all the students to participate in this experience that will make them grow as persons. Without any doubt, the program in Seville, with all the activities and opportunities, will contribute to this growing.”



—Michelle Duran
Resident Director – Seville, Spain

ABOUT SEVILLE

Seville is the centerpiece of your experience, a beautiful and ancient city with a temperate climate and a rich cultural life. The setting of operas Don Giovanni, The Marriage of Figaro, and Carmen; birthplace of painters Velázquez and Murillo; Moorish palaces and Renaissance gardens; paintings, statues, and world-famous ceramic tiles. At the same time, Seville is very cosmopolitan. The bustling commercial center is filled with traditional business and trade activities. An efficient public transportation system links the various neighborhoods and attractions. The Sevillanos are a gracious and social people – welcoming to visitors and eager to introduce them to the life and culture of their city.



YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The Center for Cross-Cultural Study is housed in two adjacent classical mansions, surrounded by historic and artistic monuments in the heart of the city center. Sun-washed patios and staircases lined with antique ceramic tiles, wrought iron balconies, carved wooden doors are the setting for modern classrooms, offices, library, and computer lounges. Spanish and American students mingle and interact, offering you the opportunity to learn firsthand about the culture and language of Spain. The Center's philosophy encourages students to set aside American friendships temporarily and develop Spanish ones, in order to become more a part of the culture of Seville. Study options at local universities are also available.

Cultural activities, study visits and speaking partners (*intercambios*) are included in every program.

HOUSING IN SEVILLE

You will spend a large part of your time at your homestay or student residence, which will be a key to cultural integration and language development.

Homestay

- Two students per home
- Three meals per day, seven days per week
- Weekly laundry
- Internet connection

Student Residencias

- Double or triple occupancy rooms
- Three meals per day, six days per week, picnic style meals offered the other days
- Internet connection
- Laundry facilities, television room and study room

“The people here are so friendly. From my host family, to the professors at the Center, to the students at the university, and the people I met while out and about, everyone is so kind and willing to strike up a conversation.”

— Susanna Guerrero,
Saint Mary's College

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

Spanish Studies Abroad has been offering strong academic programs tailored for U.S. students in Seville since 1969. Programs begin with orientation, an intensive language course, and a language module. Language modules focus on the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students take one module during the Intensive Period, and a second one during the remainder of the semester. An optional cross-cultural reflection course will guide you through the immersion experience. Through the Integrated Studies Program, qualified students in Seville have the unique opportunity to benefit from direct enrollment with Spanish students at local universities. Through the International Studies Program, you are able to take courses in English.

SPANISH STUDIES PROGRAM

- All courses taught in Spanish at our Center
- Average class size: 10-12 students
- 12-18 credits per semester
- Classes generally meet Monday-Thursday
- Curriculum seeks to develop your proficiency in Spanish by emphasizing writing and discussion in all classes and at all levels

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. Successful completion of 1 semester of intermediate college Spanish or heritage speaker.

Fall: Early September – mid-December

Spring: Early February – mid-May

INTEGRATED STUDIES PROGRAM

- Combine courses at the Center in Seville with courses with Spanish students at *Universidad de Sevilla* or *Universidad Pablo de Olavide*
- Average class size: 10-12 students
- 12-18 credits per semester
- Support and resources from our Center
- Tutoring sessions

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA Spanish coursework. Successful completion of 2 semesters of advanced college-level Spanish or native/near native speaker.

Fall: Early September – late December

Spring: Late January – early June

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM in English

- Take courses designed for international students at the *Universidad de Sevilla* or *Universidad Pablo de Olavide*
- Content courses offered in both English and Spanish
- 13-16 credits per semester
- Choose one Spanish language course at either university (all levels offered), and take a 1-credit *Cultural Realities of Spain* course, taught in English by a Spanish Studies Abroad professor

Eligibility: 2.75 GPA for USEV, 2.9 for UPO. No language prerequisite.

Fall: Early September – mid-December

Spring: Late January – mid-May

INTERNSHIP/SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

- Gain hands-on international work experience side-by-side with local workers and volunteers while earning credit and learning Spanish
- Up to 8 credits/300 hours of field work
- 13-18 credits per semester
- Optional courses from the Spanish Studies Program
- Build professional relationships
- Write an internship or service learning blog

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. Successful completion of 1 semester of advanced college Spanish or heritage speaker.

Fall: Early September – mid-December

Spring: Early February – mid-May

LANGUAGE MODULES

All Seville semester and academic year students receive enhanced language support through intensive Spanish courses, as well as language modules to support the areas of their language learning that need the most attention. Students take one language module during the initial Intensive Period, and a second language module during their semester coursework. Language modules focus on the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.



SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

Short-term programs with Spanish Studies Abroad are an excellent opportunity to develop your Spanish skills as you experience the culture and beauty of this charming and historic Spanish city. January, May and Summer terms are ideal for students who can't fit study abroad into the regular academic year or for those looking to gain language skills or take a course in Spanish culture over a shorter period of time. Choose from a wide variety of language and content courses in liberal arts, business, education and more. Live in a Spanish home and participate in a full array of study tours, cultural events and social activities.

JANUARY TERM

- All courses taught in Spanish at our center
- Earn 4 credits in a 3½-week term
- Small class size
- Language, culture, and history courses
- Live with a host family
- Afternoons offer study visits within Seville, movies, theater and musical performances
- January Term can be a head-start for Spring Semester

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. Two semesters beginner college Spanish or the equivalent.

Dates: January

MAY AND SUMMER TERMS

- Most courses taught in Spanish at our center
- Earn 3-15 credits
- May Term, Summer Term 1, Summer Term 2; attend all three terms, or select just one or two
- Spanish courses for all levels
- Variety of courses in liberal arts, business, education, Spanish and more

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA overall. Prerequisites apply to certain courses.

Dates: May, June, July

SUMMER PRACTICUM IN EDUCATION

- Teach and gain valuable professional experience during the summer in this 4-credit internship over 5 weeks
- Work as a teacher's assistant in our Center's bilingual Playschool or Teenschool
- Combine the study of language-acquisition theory with teaching
- Boost your language skills and cultural integration by beginning with an intensive Spanish class during our summer term I and/or May term

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA overall. Experience working with children. Skills in leadership, communication, organization and problem-solving.

Dates: Late June - late July

SUMMER INTERNSHIP/ SERVICE LEARNING

- 8-week summer program
- 187-hour internship or service learning for 5 credits
- 1-credit language training course
- Weekly reflection meeting with Resident Director
- Write an internship blog
- Study tours and cultural events
- Develop linguistic tools for international and cross-cultural work

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. Successful completion of 2 semesters of college Spanish or the equivalent, or heritage speaker.

Dates: Late May - late July

QUARTER PROGRAMS

Spanish Studies Abroad offers program options in Seville for those students that are on the Quarter/Trimester system.

LANGUAGE AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Students enroll in one intensive language course and gain valuable work experience pursuing an internship in the field of their choice. Internship opportunities allow you access to the work culture and daily life of local citizens, often hidden to students studying abroad, and to more fully integrate into the local culture.

LANGUAGE AND INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Students enroll in two intensive language courses and complement their studies by pursuing an Independent Research Project (IRP). Courses are taught at our Center's historic mansion in downtown Seville, and includes numerous cultural activities, day trips and excursions.

Alicante,

SPAIN

since 2007



“My role is to provide you with the necessary resources with which to maximize your experience in Alicante. You will choose courses to satisfy your intellectual and academic requirements. Extracurricular activities supplement your coursework, allowing you to live the culture as you further your own interests. These activities include dance, theater, sports, cooking, volunteering, tutoring in English, etc. The key is to find a good combination of study and leisure so that you may achieve your individual objectives and benefit each day from this unique experience.”

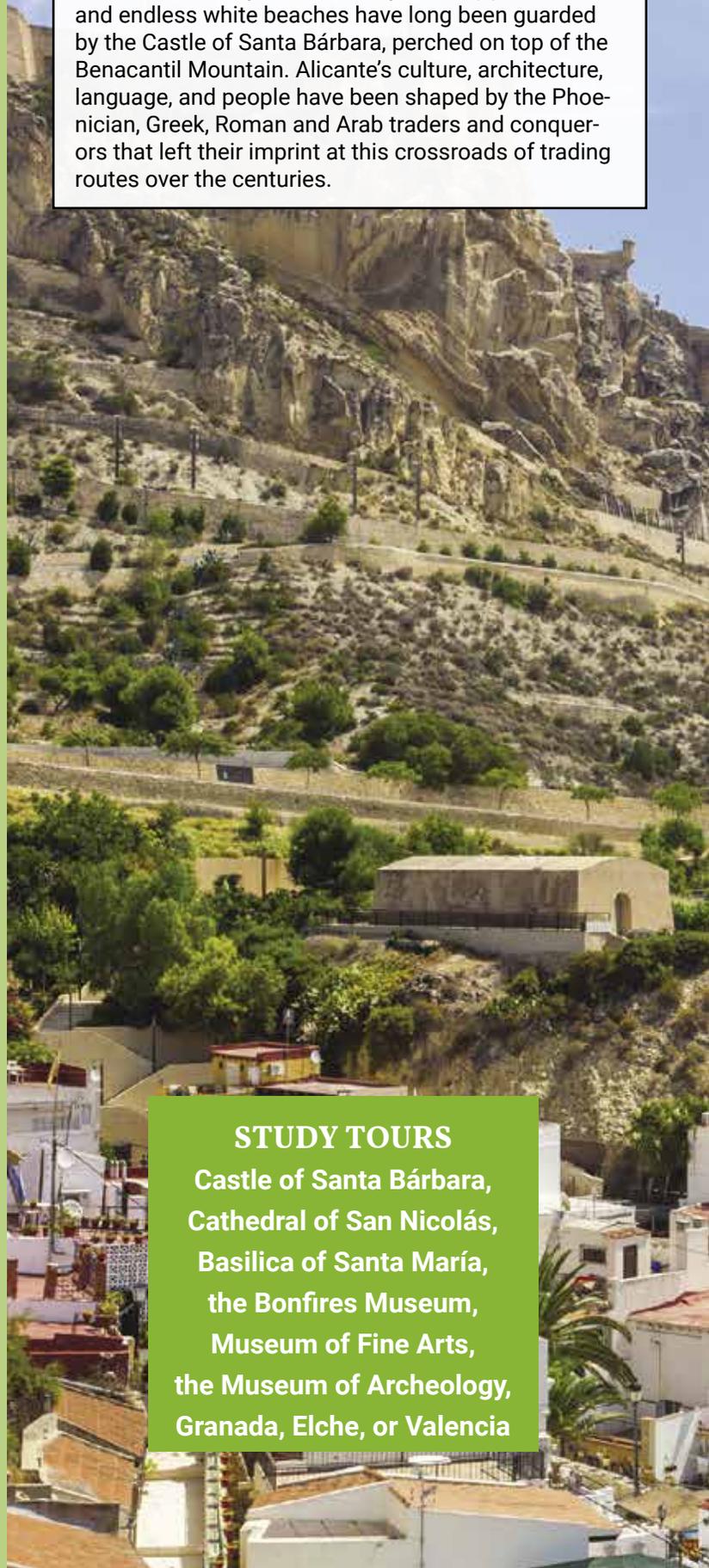
The Alicante program site is undoubtedly unique. The university is housed on one of the most beautifully landscaped campuses in Europe, just a short tram ride outside of the city. Alicante itself, on the shores of the Mediterranean, is appealing for the calm rhythm of day-to-day life. Alicante allows students to immerse themselves into the culture, to blend into the everyday life of the city and inadvertently become an alicantino.”



—Pepa Vives
Resident Director in Alicante

ABOUT ALICANTE

Alicante, the jewel of the *Costa Blanca*, is a Mediterranean harbor city rich in history. Its long promenades and endless white beaches have long been guarded by the Castle of Santa Bárbara, perched on top of the Benacantil Mountain. Alicante’s culture, architecture, language, and people have been shaped by the Phoenician, Greek, Roman and Arab traders and conquerors that left their imprint at this crossroads of trading routes over the centuries.



STUDY TOURS

Castle of Santa Bárbara,
Cathedral of San Nicolás,
Basilica of Santa María,
the Bonfires Museum,
Museum of Fine Arts,
the Museum of Archeology,
Granada, Elche, or Valencia

YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Located a short distance outside the city's center and minutes from the coast, the *Universidad de Alicante* (UA) has one of the most beautiful campuses in Spain. You will enjoy the convenience of modern classrooms, sports fields, and other facilities on a campus of green lawns and Mediterranean gardens. Through multiple cross-cultural opportunities, you will find yourself immersed and integrated into life in Alicante.

Cultural activities, study visits and speaking partners (*intercambios*) are included in every program.

HOUSING IN ALICANTE

All students live with a local host family

A homestay gives you unique insight into Spanish culture by allowing you to become part of a Spanish family. To ensure that your home will provide a warm and tranquil atmosphere conducive to learning, Spanish Studies Abroad staff discusses norms and policies with hosts and regularly inspects the homes.

- 1 - 2 students per home
- Three meals per day, 7 days a week
- Weekly laundry
- Internet Connection Included

"Alicante is the absolute hidden gem of Spain. It's a Mediterranean city on the Eastern coast of Spain. The people are up-beat, the food is delicious and there are 11 warm months out the 12."

—Cira Buffington,
Berry College

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

Study at the *Universidad de Alicante* (UA) and their *Centro Superior de Idiomas* (CSI). UA prides itself on its beautiful modern campus of innovative architecture and wide green spaces. UA offers a wide variety of courses, including Spanish language, business, economics, natural sciences, social sciences, communications and literature.

SPANISH STUDIES PROGRAM

- All courses taught at *Centro Superior de Idiomas* with international students studying at the same level of Spanish
- 12-18 credits per semester
- Begin with an intensive Language and Culture course
- Full access to *Universidad de Alicante* facilities

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA Spanish coursework. Successful completion of a minimum of 1 year of elementary college Spanish or the equivalent, or heritage speaker.

Fall: Late August - late November

Spring: Early January - late April

INTEGRATED STUDIES PROGRAM

- Combine courses from *Centro Superior de Idiomas* and *Universidad de Alicante*
- Classes with international students studying at the same level of Spanish
- Regular classes at UA alongside Spaniards
- 12-18 credits per semester
- Full access to *Universidad de Alicante* facilities

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA Spanish coursework. Successful completion of 2 semesters of advanced college Spanish or the equivalent, or heritage speaker.

Fall: Late August - mid-December

Spring: Early January - late May

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN ENGLISH

- Combine courses from *Centro Superior de Idiomas* and *Universidad de Alicante*
- Begin with an intensive Language and Culture course
- Classes with international students at your same level
- Courses in both English and Spanish
- 12 – 18 credits per semester
- Full access to *Universidad de Alicante* facilities

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA. No language requirement.

Fall: Late August - mid-December

Spring: Early January - late May

INTERNSHIP/SERVICE LEARNING

- 4-week intensive language and culture period
- 8 credits/300 clock hours
- Earn 15-18 credits per semester
- Build professional relationships and gain international work experience
- Write an internship or service learning blog
- Optional coursework at *Centro Superior de Idiomas*
- Regular reflection meetings with the Resident Director

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. Successful completion of 2 semesters of advanced college Spanish or the equivalent, or heritage speaker. Approval by home institution.

Fall: Late August- mid-November

Spring: Early January - late April

QUARTER PROGRAMS

Spanish Studies Abroad offers program options in Seville for those students that are on the Quarter/Trimester system.

LANGUAGE AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Students enroll in one intensive language course and gain valuable work experience pursuing an internship in the field of their choice. Internship opportunities allow you access to the work culture and daily life of local citizens, often hidden to students studying abroad, and to more fully integrate into the local culture.

LANGUAGE AND INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Students enroll in two intensive language courses and complement their studies by pursuing an Independent Research Project (IRP). Courses are taught at the *Universidad de Alicante* (UA) and include numerous cultural activities, day trips, and excursions. In addition to living in a Spanish home, cultural events and social activities enhance the cultural element of your experience.

SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

Short-term programs in Alicante offer an excellent opportunity to develop your Spanish skills while you enjoy the benefits that a city by the sea offers: downtown beaches, water sports and a temperature climate. Choose from January Term, May Term, Summer Term 1 & 2 options.

JANUARY TERM

- All courses taught at *Centro Superior de Idiomas*
- Earn up to six credits in 4 weeks
- Enroll in one 4-credit language course, plus up to two 1-credit courses in conversation, art, cinema and business

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework.

Dates: January

MAY AND SUMMER TERMS 1 & 2

- All courses taught at *Centro Superior de Idiomas*
- Enroll in one, two or all three terms
- Earn up to 6 credits per 4-week term
- Spanish language plus conversation, literature, culture, cinema, art, tourism, Spanish for Business and Living the Culture course options
- Beginner to advanced courses

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA overall.

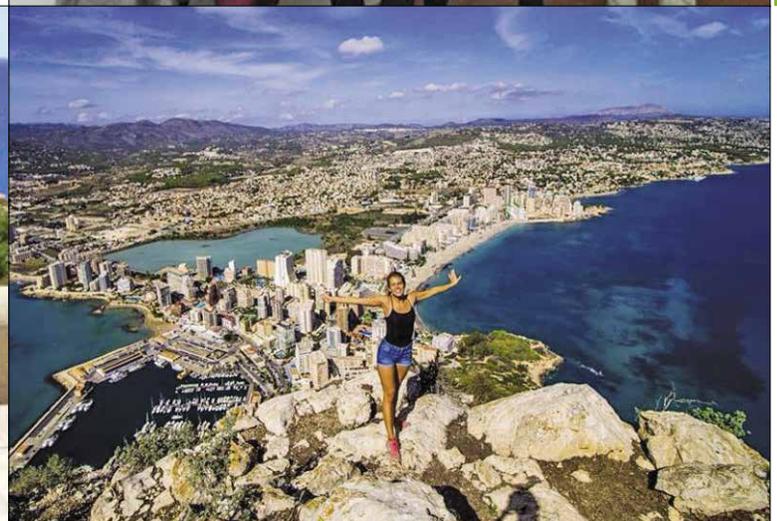
Dates: Early May - late July

SUMMER INTERNSHIP/ SERVICE LEARNING

- A full 8-week summer program
- Regular meetings to review your blog and reflect on cultural integration with the Spanish Studies Abroad tutor
- 187-hour unpaid internship in a field of your choice for 5 credits
- 1-credit business language training course taught at *Centro Superior de Idiomas*

Eligibility: Two semesters of advanced college Spanish or the equivalent. Home institution approval. 3.0 GPA in Spanish

Dates: Late May - late July



Barcelona, SPAIN

since 2013



“Barcelona, Spain’s most cosmopolitan city, offers many different lifestyles and a rich culture. Stroll down La Rambla, walk the narrow streets of the Barrio Gótico and the Borne, visit the local beaches, explore the near-by coastal towns, feed the pigeons at Plaza de Cataluña, sit down for a “torrada amb tomaca” while enjoying a magical sunset.

Catalan people are known to be reserved at first, but they will be friends for life once they get to know you. Start the day with a “Bon día” and you will be part way there!

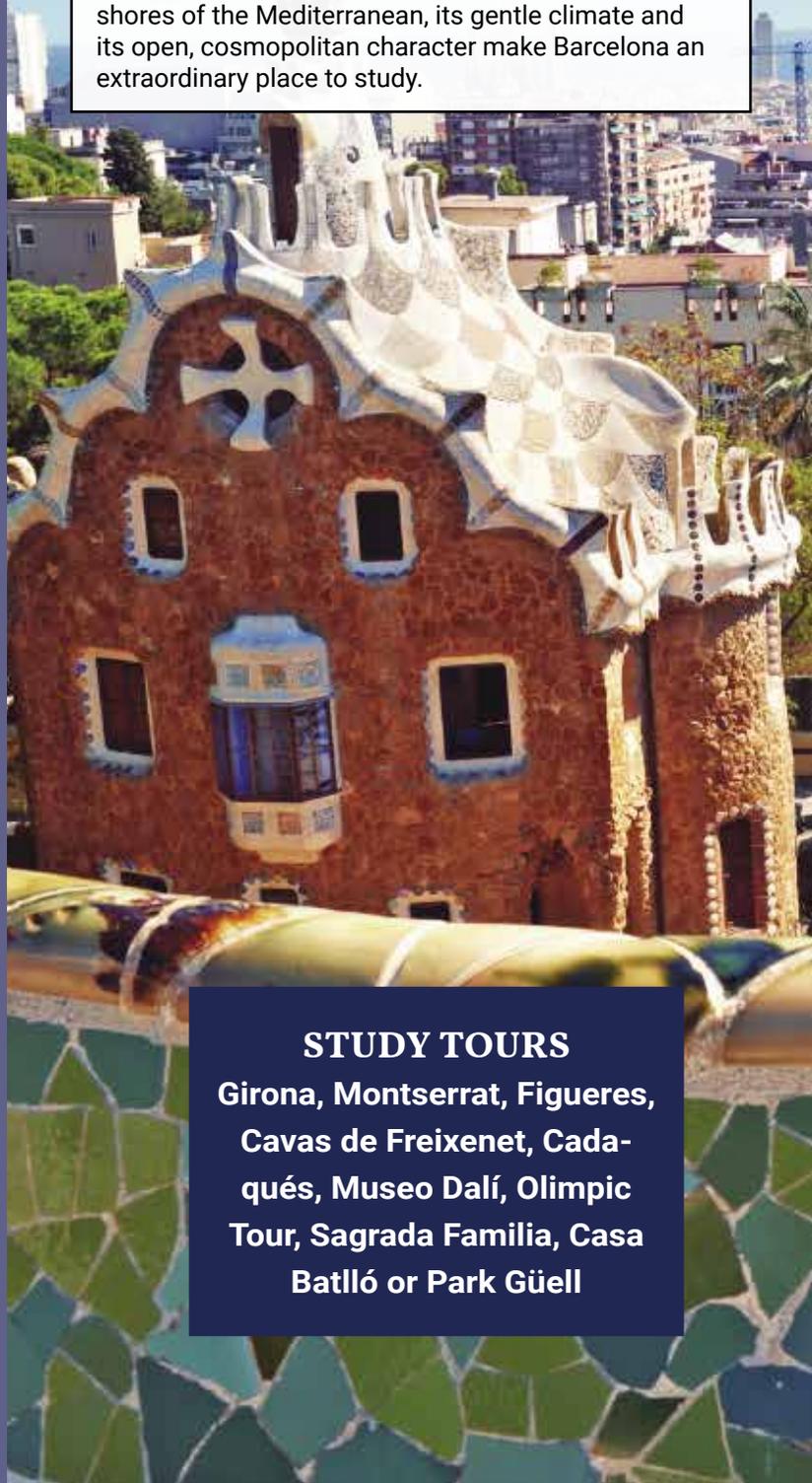
I will work with you from the moment you apply to the Barcelona Program. Throughout your stay in Barcelona and until your departure I will help you, guide you, hug you when you need it, and be a part of this amazing experience that will change your life. I love interacting with students and making sure you feel secure and satisfied. Don’t hesitate to participate in this life changing experience. We are waiting for you!”



—Adriana Pajares
Resident Director – Barcelona, Spain

ABOUT BARCELONA

Spain’s second largest city, Barcelona embodies every quality of a European city and stands out in the spheres of culture, finance, business and tourism. Barcelona integrates tradition and modernity as its Roman and Medieval past combine with modernist and contemporary architecture. The city hosts one of the largest university communities in Europe: 200,000 students and more than 15,000 professors. Design, music, fashion, art and cinema professionals are part and parcel of this dynamic city, where a broad offer in culture, sports, leisure and nature activities rounds out the spectrum of opportunities. Its location on the shores of the Mediterranean, its gentle climate and its open, cosmopolitan character make Barcelona an extraordinary place to study.



STUDY TOURS

Girona, Montserrat, Figueres,
Cavas de Freixenet, Cada-
qués, Museo Dalí, Olympic
Tour, Sagrada Familia, Casa
Batlló or Park Güell

YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) are both centrally located. Spanish and English language courses are available. Our Barcelona partners offer a wide array of immersion opportunities, including courses in social sciences, humanities, communication and information technologies, as well as specific business, design, and STEM programs.

*Cultural activities, study visits and speaking partners (*intercambios*) are included in every program.*

HOUSING IN BARCELONA

All students live with a local host family

All Spanish Studies Abroad students studying in Barcelona live with a local family. Homes are carefully selected by your Resident Director. This immersion in Spanish culture and Spanish language will help you gain an understanding of daily life and customs in Barcelona.

- 2 students per home maximum
- Full room and board
- Internet connection at all homes
- Weekly laundry

“My experience with Spanish Studies Abroad was so perfect for me because of the intimate size of the group. It really let us get to know each other on a personal level and helped us become so close with our program director who would help us with anything: restaurant recommendations, doctors appointments, and informing us of events in Barcelona that we would not have come across otherwise.”

— Alexis Morillo,
Ithaca College

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

BARCELONA

STEM OR BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES • BUSINESS • SPANISH AND CULTURE ECONOMICS AND LIBERAL ARTS • DESIGN AND VISUAL ARTS

Barcelona has become an international study destination, with students from around the world seeking to live and study in this fashionable metropolis. We are pleased to offer university-level courses in many areas of study, beyond the Spanish language through partnerships with local universities.

We offer programs at *Elisava School of Design and Engineering*, *Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)* and *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)*. All of these study abroad locations are centrally located and our students move throughout the city easily on Barcelona's excellent public transportation.

Students can receive credits for classes taken in English or Spanish. For students with no background in Spanish language, it is possible to take all coursework in English. Each program includes cultural activities and excursions, study visits and the opportunity to have a speaking partner. At each location, students can choose to enroll in Spanish language classes.

ELISAVA SCHOOL OF DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

Elisava is a prestigious design school located right on Barcelona's famous Passeig de Gracia, which offers 9 undergraduate courses for students in areas such as Art History, Design for Retail, Product Design and Graphic Design.

Barcelona's history, aesthetic beauty and fame as a city of design create the perfect location for Elisava's students. Many classes take place around the city and not just at Elisava to take advantage of the design environment.

All classes for international students at Elisava are in English but our students can enroll in a Spanish course.

Program Information

- Design courses in English customized for students
- 12-18 credits per semester
- Optional Spanish Course
- **No prior design experience required**

Eligibility: 2.75 GPA and college junior or senior status



More Semester Programs in Barcelona:

- Spanish Studies Program
- International Studies Program
- STEM (ICT) Abroad Program
- Integrated Studies Program

SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

Spanish Studies Abroad's short-term programs in the summer allow students to experience the thriving cultural landscape of Barcelona while completing coursework in Spanish and English. Choose from a large selection of courses and study alongside other international students. As in all our programs, your on-site 24/7 Resident Director will help you navigate your study abroad experience and ensure that you have a rewarding experience.

MAY TERM

The May Term with Spanish Studies in Barcelona is an excellent opportunity to experience the culture and beauty of Catalonia. This term is ideal for beginner students of Spanish, that do not have the necessary language level to take content courses in Spanish, but want to have a rigorous academic experience abroad in a prestigious local university with international students.

- Courses at *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona* taught in English
- Classes meet Monday through Friday
- 3 semester credits

Eligibility: Overall 2.75 GPA

Dates: May

SUMMER TERM

Choose two or three classes from the Hispanic and European Studies Program. Earn up to nine credits. Courses offered in Spanish and English. Areas of study include Spanish Language, European Studies, Political Science, History, Communications, and Literature.

- Courses at *Universitat Pompeu Fabra* or *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona* taught in Spanish or English
- 6-9 credits total, two or three courses
- Special activities for language courses

Eligibility: Overall 3.0 GPA. One semester of college level elementary Spanish or the equivalent. Individual courses may have specific language prerequisites. Class standing sophomore, junior and senior during program

Dates: Late June - late July



“On any given day, you will find someone reading, walking their dog, or just relaxing in the shade of the inspiring Güell park. It is a nice place to go when some quiet time is needed away from the bustling city.”

—Amanda Albrecht,
St. Ambrose University

Córdoba,



ARGENTINA

since 2005

“Universidad Nacional de Córdoba is where ‘La Reforma Universitaria de 1918’ (The University Reform of 1918) was developed. Our students were the principal actors of the ideals that changed the university system of all Latin America. Join us as we commemorate one hundred years of that student movement, and be a part of the celebration!”

This is a great moment to live an experience that you will keep in your heart, throughout your personal and academic life. I expect that students will open their minds and hearts to other forms of knowledge. While excellent academics is the main reason to study at Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, the richest aspect of your experience will be getting to know another culture - which I’m sure you will fall in love with!”



—Patricia Maqueda
Resident Director – Córdoba, Argentina

ABOUT CÓRDOBA

Córdoba is a bustling educational and commercial center founded at the foothills of the Sierra Chica mountain range, located in the geographical center of Argentina. It is the capital of the province of Córdoba, and Argentina’s second largest metropolitan area. Founded in 1573, Córdoba today is recognized as a center for arts and learning in Argentina with its many universities, theatres, and museums, and is locally known as *La Docta* (“The Learned One”).

STUDY TOURS

Manzana Jesuítica and Iglesia de la Compañía, Estancias Jesuíticas, Salta, Jujuy and Tucumán

YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The *Universidad Nacional de Córdoba* (UNC) was founded in 1613 and continues to preserve its historic roots, central to the history of the city. Its prestige attracts 110,000 students who enroll in 250 degree programs offered by the 13 colleges that make up the institution. Spanish Studies Abroad programs have been designed in close cooperation with UNC staff and faculty to help build your Spanish language and intercultural skills.

Cultural activities, study visits and speaking partners (*intercambios*) are included in every program.

HOUSING IN CÓRDOBA

All students live with a local host family

Cross-cultural learning happens mostly in life outside the classroom. A homestay immersion experience will help you gain an understanding of daily life and customs in Córdoba. Homes provide a warm and comfortable atmosphere, conducive to learning. It is a focal point of your social experience— where you live, eat, study, sleep, and relax.

- 2 students per home maximum
- Room and board. Three daily meals included.
- Internet connection included
- Weekly laundry

“Within the Spanish Studies Abroad program, we are assigned 'Speaking Partners' that are native Spanish speakers from Argentina that want to learn English but will also invite us to do activities with them around the city! I have found a great relationship with one of the Speaking Partners who listens to the same kind of music I enjoy.”

—Grace Zechman
Sewanee: The University of the South

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

Argentina's academic calendar starts in February and ends in December; seasons are opposite those of the U.S. Take advantage of the longer semester programs (about five months) to delve deeper into the culture as you earn more credits. Coursework is offered through the *Universidad Nacional de Córdoba* (UNC) division for international students; the *Programa de Español y Cultura Latinoamericana* (PECLA) offers a broad variety of courses in language, literature, history and culture. Advanced students can enroll in the Integrated Studies Program to take regular courses at UNC, where you share the classroom with Argentine students.

SPANISH STUDIES PROGRAM

- 4-week intensive language and culture period
- Classes meet Monday-Thursday, giving you long weekends for travel
- Courses taught in Spanish by UNC/PECLA faculty
- 14-18 credits per semester
- Choose from a variety of courses related to Spanish Language and Latin American studies, including Literature, Art, Cinema, and Sociology
- Internship or service learning course option

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. Successful completion of one semester of intermediate college Spanish or the equivalent, or heritage speaker.

Fall: Mid-July - early December

Spring: Early Feb - late July

INTEGRATED STUDIES PROGRAM

- Enroll in 2-4 classes designed for international students through UNC/PECLA program and choose 1-2 courses with Argentine students at UNC
- 4-week intensive language and culture period
- Courses taught in Spanish by UNC faculty
- 17-22 credits per semester
- Internship or service learning course option

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. Successful completion of two semesters of advanced college Spanish or heritage speaker, and CELU language exam.

Fall: Mid-July - late December

Spring: Early Feb - late July

INTERNSHIP/SERVICE LEARNING

- Intensive language and culture period at UNC/PECLA
- Placement at a local business or community service organization
- Fall or spring semester
- 8 credits/300 clock hours
- Optional courses from the Spanish Studies curriculum
- 14-19 credits per semester
- Build professional relationships and gain international work experience

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. Successful completion of 2 semesters of advanced college Spanish or equivalent, or heritage speaker. Home institution approval.

Fall: Mid-July - early December

Spring: Mid-February - early July



SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

The Córdoba Summer Term is a four-week Intensive Language and Culture session at *Universidad Nacional de Córdoba* (UNC) during the month of July. Advanced students interested in gaining professional experience may choose to undertake an internship or participate in a service learning program.

SUMMER TERM

- Courses taught in Spanish by UNC/PECLA faculty
- Beginner to advanced language courses
- Liberal Arts and Business courses
- Earn up to six credits

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA. Content courses may have prerequisites.

Dates: Mid-July – mid-August

SUMMER INTERNSHIP / SERVICE LEARNING

- Choose a 3-credit internship as part of your summer term
- Placement in a local organization
- Opportunity to gain professional experience
- Courses taught in Spanish by UNC faculty
- On-site Resident Director & activities coordinator

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework required. Familiarity with conversational Spanish. One semester of advanced college Spanish or the equivalent, or heritage speaker.

Dates: Mid-July - mid-August



"I learned a ton of Spanish, I became more independent, I am less self-conscious and my compassion and love for humanity grew greatly."

—Kristina Hughes,
Trinity University

San Juan, PUERTO RICO since 2013



“San Juan offers students a great variety of cultural and natural attractions, along with great opportunities for immersion in Caribbean culture. Puerto Rico is a tropical paradise, steeped in history, lined with beautiful beaches to be enjoyed year-round. Walking the cobblestoned streets of Old San Juan is a trip back in time; Spanish, Taíno, and African heritage are blended into the culture and traditions of the city and its friendly people.”

As Resident Director, I am your go-to person in San Juan. I will help you navigate the Universidad del Sagrado Corazón, point you in the right direction as you develop your intellectual interests, and be there when you need me.

I hope to welcome you and make your visit a rewarding experience, a journey through which you will learn the language while you discover the wonders of Puerto Rico, of the city of San Juan, and of its inhabitants.”



—Gloria Matanzo Vicens,
Resident Director – San Juan, Puerto Rico

ABOUT SAN JUAN

Immerse yourself in the unique culture of San Juan, the second oldest European-established city in the Americas. Stroll along the cobblestone streets of its historic center, enjoy the Caribbean beaches that line its shores, or explore a tropical rainforest just outside the city.



STUDY TOURS

Ponce, El Yunque, Tropical
Rain Forest,
Bioluminescent Bay, Fajardo
Vieques

YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Spanish Studies Abroad offers an excellent opportunity for cross-cultural study at *Universidad del Sagrado Corazón*. The University promotes a participatory and personalized education and emphasizes the humanistic, scientific, technological and professional formation of its students. You develop a strong language competency in Spanish, the capacity for team-work and the ability to recognize, distinguish and practice ethical values. The curriculum assures the development of critical and creative thinking skills, a multicultural perspective and the integration of theory and practice through service learning.

As a selective, liberal arts institution, USC's main focus is to educate individuals through an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary educational experience. In the classroom and on campus, students will have the opportunity to interact with their peers and to experience the culture of the university.

Cultural activities, study visits and speaking partners (*intercambios*) are included in every program.

HOUSING IN SAN JUAN

All students live in a *residencia*

All Spanish Studies Abroad students studying in San Juan live in the *residencias*, on-campus dormitories.

Dormitories include:

- Single-sex dorms with laundry facilities
- Double rooms with fridge and phone
- Shared kitchen and bathrooms
- Meals on own (use kitchen or USC cafeteria)
- Internet connection and computer center
- Common area to study, lounge, watch TV
- Access to sports facilities including pool

“My experience abroad was truly life changing and inspirational. The memories and friends that I made will stay with me for the rest of my life. I want to thank everyone who helped me from Spanish Studies Abroad for being instrumental in making my study abroad experience so memorable and incredible!”

—Emily Bork,
Niagara University

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

Universidad del Sagrado Corazón (USC) is a perfect setting for your semester with Spanish Studies Abroad. Take one Spanish language class and choose the rest from the regular USC offerings in humanities and social sciences, health sciences, business, etc. Live in the on-campus dorms, share a room with a local student, enjoy full access to campus resources and integrate into the university community. The Spanish Studies Resident Director and staff guide you through this process of discovery by regular contact with local students and organizing exciting outdoor activities and study visits to get to know the culture and people.

INTEGRATED STUDIES PROGRAM

- 12-18 credits per semester
- Classes meet Monday-Thursday, giving you long weekends for travel
- One language class required as part of cultural immersion
- Choose 2-4 courses from regular course offering with local students
- Optional Internship or Service Learning course

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. One semester of advanced college Spanish or near native/heritage speaker. Applicants must be at least 18 years old before program begins.

Fall: Mid August - late December

Spring: Late January - late May

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN ENGLISH

- All courses taught by USC professors
- 12-15 credits per semester
- Classes meet Monday-Thursday, giving you long weekends for travel
- Choose 2-4 courses from regular course offering with local students

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA overall plus 1 semester of college level Spanish. Applicants must be at least 18 years old before program begins.

Fall: Early August - mid December

Spring: Late January - late May

HEALTH SCIENCES AND NURSING PROGRAM

- Specifically designed for undergraduate students looking to pursue a career in healthcare through nursing, pharmacology or other related fields
- All courses taught by USC professors
- 12-15 credits per semester
- Choose 2-3 courses from the Nursing Department with local students
- Volunteer opportunities in health clinics

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA overall plus 2 semesters of college level Spanish or equivalent. Applicants must be at least 18 years old before program begins

Fall: Mid August - late December

Spring: Late January - late May

“My professor and classmates have been wonderful and fully willing to help me when needed. I consider it a complete honor to have been taking challenging classes at Universidad del Sagrado Corazón, in Spanish, with native Spanish speakers. Advice to people who are thinking of studying abroad in San Juan, Puerto Rico: be determined and open every step of the way. I also suggest studying Spanish before you come, and to expect to learn a lot about a unique culture.”

— Michael Alston
College of Saint Rose



SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

The short-term programs consist of four-week terms, in June and July. You take intensive language and/or content courses. In the Intensive Language Program, students take one 3-credit language course per term and have the option of taking a history course in English for an additional 3 credits. Advanced students can join the Integrated Studies Program and select one or two courses from a variety of disciplines and may also choose to participate in an internship or service learning opportunity.

INTEGRATED STUDIES SUMMER PROGRAM

- Integrated course options, in Spanish, in a variety of disciplines (Humanities and Social Sciences, Spanish Language, Communication, Education, Natural Sciences, Business Administration, etc.)
- Visit our website for a complete list of courses and course descriptions
- Classes held Monday through Friday

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework, 4 semesters of college Spanish or the equivalent.

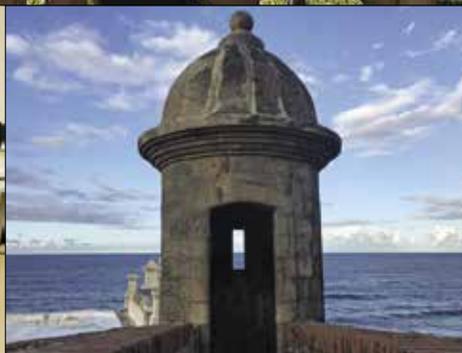
Dates: Early June – late July

INTENSIVE LANGUAGE SUMMER PROGRAM

- Intensive Spanish courses (3 credits each):
 - Beginner Spanish, Level 1 offered in June
 - Beginner Spanish, Level 2 offered in July
- Optional 3-credit History of Puerto Rico course taught in English, in June
- Classes held Monday through Friday

Eligibility: 3.0 overall GPA required, no prior Spanish language experience required

Dates: Early June – late July



SAN JUAN

Havana, CUBA since 1996



ABOUT HAVANA

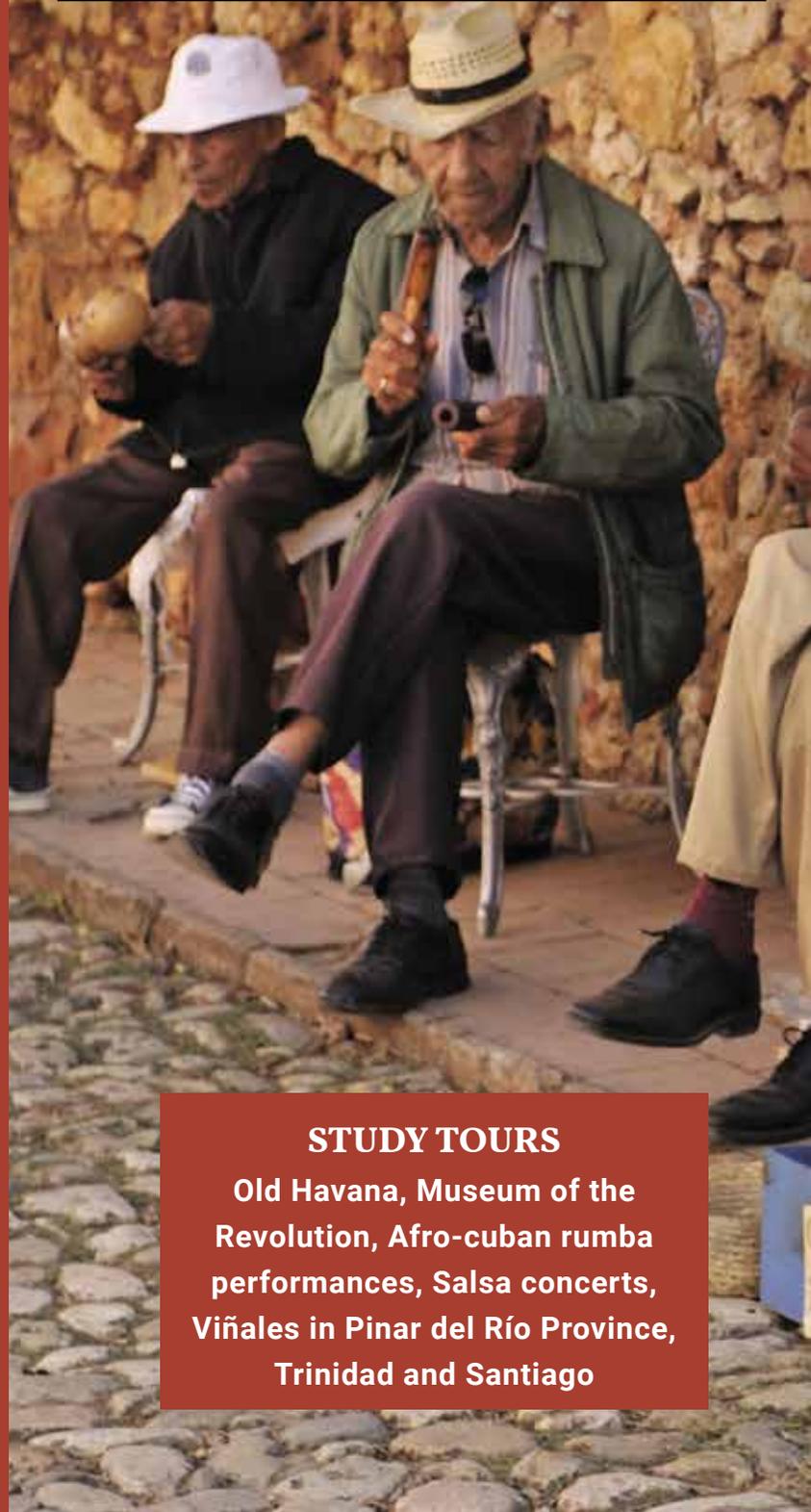
Havana, a beautiful city with historic neighborhoods, a captivating waterfront and a diverse cultural heritage, is the perfect setting for a meaningful cross-cultural learning experience. As you explore the streets of Havana, the rhythms of rumba and the sights and smells will captivate you. Cubans are outgoing, friendly and open to meeting visitors; they take pride in their country and in their diverse cultural and political heritage. Spanish Studies Abroad offers you the opportunity to immerse in Cuba's rich blend of African, European and American cultures, and to experience it from within.

“The best way to know a culture is to live it in first person. When you come to Cuba you will not only have a unique experience, you will have known one of the most extraordinary places in the world. It is a kind of sensory journey, a journey in time through which you will understand the idiosyncrasy and the great creativity of the Cubans. You will be filled with the music and the joy of the streets of Havana; the reddish lands of the tobacco plantations of Pinar del Río; the colonial architecture of Trinidad; the white and crystalline beaches of Varadero; all mixed with African rhythms and a Spanish spark... it is the nuances you will find in dance, language, religion, architecture and above all, in its people.”

The idea of learning while traveling, fascinates me, that's why I enjoy my work so much. I was born in Seville (Spain) and have had the opportunity to know many places in the world, but without a doubt, I will keep the magic of Cuba. A place where you can expect the unexpected.”



—Rocío Haro,
Resident Director – Havana, Cuba



STUDY TOURS

Old Havana, Museum of the Revolution, Afro-cuban rumba performances, Salsa concerts, Viñales in Pinar del Río Province, Trinidad and Santiago

YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Universidad de La Habana (UH), Cuba's principal and oldest institution of higher education, affords you the best opportunity to interact with Cuban peers and faculty. In the relatively small UH, virtually all students and professors know each other and enjoy a relaxed and comfortable learning atmosphere. This maximizes the opportunity for contact between Cuban and international students. Along with the regular courses offered at UH, Spanish Studies Abroad has designed a selection of courses in Spanish language and Cuban studies, including literature, history, and cultural studies.

Cultural activities, study visits and speaking partners (*intercambios*) are included in every program.

HOUSING IN HAVANA

All students live in homestays

You will live with a family in a *casa particular*, where you will have breakfast and dinner. Homestays are generally located within a 25-minute walk from *Universidad de La Habana*, where your classes take place. Lodging is in double rooms with private bath and air conditioning. You will find that your Cuban family will become like another family for you and that they are there to support you in your Havana experience.

- One to two students per homestay
- Two meals per day, seven days a week (lunch on own)
- Weekly laundry service

“Cuba continues to surprise me, in ways that I could never have anticipated. There is something both whimsical and antique about the island itself, where history seems to be stuck in a certain period, yet the timeline of humankind continues. I am grateful for the moments of self-discovery that reveal themselves unexpectedly, for the challenges that seem trivial in light of my American privilege.”

—Amy Cheng,
Whitworth University

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

Take courses in Spanish specifically designed for study abroad students at *Universidad de La Habana* (UH). Take courses with Cuban and/or international students, along with a cultural adaptation course taught by UH professors. Advanced students enroll in up to four courses at UH. Your on-site Resident Director assists each student individually with course selection, registration and access to tutoring.

SPANISH STUDIES PROGRAM

- 16 credits per semester
- 1 mandatory Spanish language course
- Mandatory 4-credit course, *Cultural Realities of Cuba*
- Specially designed courses for international students taught in Spanish
- All courses taught by *Universidad de La Habana* professors with extensive experience in teaching American students
- Classes meet Monday-Friday

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA overall and in Spanish. Successful completion of one semester of intermediate level Spanish or the equivalent, or heritage speaker. All applicants must be at least 18 years old before program begins.

Fall: Late-August - mid December

Spring: Late January - late May

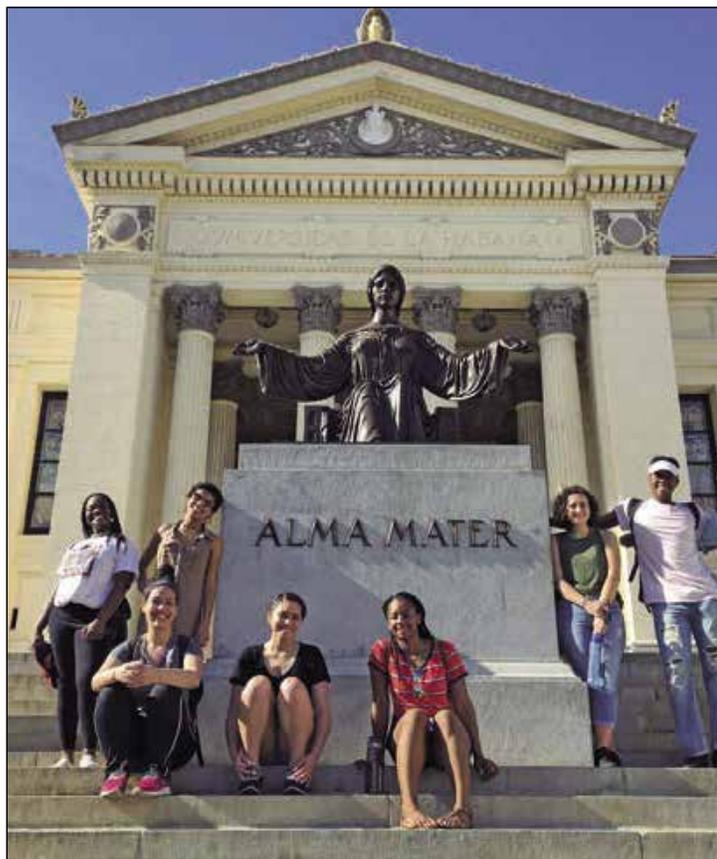
INTEGRATED STUDIES PROGRAM

- 16 credits per semester
- 1 mandatory Spanish language course
- Mandatory 4-credit course, *Cultural Realities of Cuba*
- Choose from a variety of courses offered by UH, with local Cuban students
- All courses taught by *Universidad de La Habana* professors
- Classes meet Monday-Friday

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA overall and in Spanish. Successful completion of two semesters of advanced level Spanish or the equivalent, or heritage speaker. All applicants must be at least 18 years old before program begins.

Fall: Late-August - mid December

Spring: Late January - late May



SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

The Spanish Studies Abroad Short-Term Programs are a special opportunity for students who can't get away for a complete semester to take Cuban culture and Spanish language courses. Summer Term Programs include coursework at *Universidad de La Habana* (UH), along with study visits and cultural activities.

JANUARY AND JUNE TERMS

- Classes in Spanish designed for international students
- Earn up to 4 credits in January and 5 credits in June
- Choose from intensive language, history, culture, and literature courses
- Short term programs include homestay, local study visits and cultural activities

Eligibility: 3.0 GPA in Spanish coursework. (3.0 GPA overall is not required in short-term programs) and completion of elementary Spanish (2 semesters).

Dates: January and June

My favorite part of studying abroad in Havana was learning more about the country through the stories of the people, the stories of the architecture, and the stories of the streets. As a journalist, this forced me to view my experience here in a different way.

Another favorite part of studying abroad in Havana was the people. The people are so warm and welcoming. They were a daily reminder of why I chose to study abroad in Cuba.

— Candace King
Ithaca College



AFFILIATES & RECENT SENDING INSTITUTIONS

ALABAMA

*Birmingham-Southern College
Samford University
University of Alabama

ARKANSAS

Hendrix College

CALIFORNIA

*Chapman University
CSU Long Beach
Menlo College
*Mills College
Saint Mary's College
University of California-
Berkeley, Irvine, San Diego
*Whittier College

COLORADO

Colorado State University
Pueblo Community College
*University of Denver

CONNECTICUT

*Connecticut College
University of Bridgeport
*University of Hartford
Yale University

FLORIDA

University of Florida
University of Miami
University of South Florida
University of Tampa

GEORGIA

*Berry College
Georgia State University
*Mercer University
*Oglethorpe University
*Shorter University
University of Georgia

ILLINOIS

Augustana College
Columbia College
*Lake Forest College
Lewis University
Loyola University-Chicago
Saint Xavier University

INDIANA

*Blackburn College
*Butler University
*Marian University
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
*Saint Mary's College

IOWA

Grand View University
Luther College
*Morningside College
*St. Ambrose University
University of Iowa
*Wartburg College

KANSAS

University of Kansas

KENTUCKY

*Bellarmine University
*Georgetown College

LOUISIANA

*Xavier University of Louisiana

MARYLAND

*Goucher College
*McDaniel College
*Mount Saint Mary's University
Saint Mary's College of Maryland
University of Maryland
- College Park

MASSACHUSETTS

Amherst College
*Bard College at Simon's Rock
Clark University
Harvard University
Mount Holyoke College
Smith College
Springfield College
University of Massachusetts
Wellesley College

Wheaton College

Williams College

*Worcester State University

MICHIGAN

*Albion College
Central Michigan University
Delta College
Eastern Michigan University
*Hillsdale College
Michigan State University
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University

MINNESOTA

Carleton College
Concordia University-St. Paul
*Concordia College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Macalester College
St. Catherine University
*St. Mary's University of MN
University of Northwestern
- St. Paul
*University of Saint Thomas

MISSOURI

*Culver-Stockton College
*Hamline University
*Missouri Baptist University
Missouri State University
*Southeast Missouri State Univ.
Washington University
*Westminster College
William Jewell College
William Woods University

NEBRASKA

*Concordia University
*Doane College
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Keene State College
*Plymouth State University
Saint Anselm College
University of New Hampshire

NEW JERSEY

*Drew University
Georgian Court University
Princeton University
Rutgers University

NEW YORK

*Adelphi University
*College of Saint Rose
Columbia University
Cornell University
*Daemen College
*Hofstra University
*Houghton College
*Ithaca College
*Niagara University
Pace University
*Siena College
*The New School
*The Sage Colleges
*Union College

NORTH CAROLINA

Duke University
Elon University
*Guilford College
High Point University
*UNC Asheville
UNC Chapel Hill
UNC Charlotte
*Wake Forest University
*Western Carolina University

OHIO

*Ashland University
College of Wooster
*Heidelberg University
Kent State University
Oberlin College
Ohio Wesleyan University
*Otterbein University
*University of Findlay

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Baptist University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University
*University of Tulsa

OREGON

Lewis & Clark College
*Linfield College
Pacific University
*Willamette University

PENNSYLVANIA

*Albright College
*Allegheny College
*Chatham University
*Eastern University
Elizabethtown College
*Gannon University
*King's College
*Lafayette College
La Salle University
*Lehigh University
Mercyhurst University
*Moravian College
*Muhlenberg College
Pennsylvania State University
Saint Vincent College
*Susquehanna University
*Temple University
Villanova University

RHODE ISLAND

*Salve Regina University

SOUTH CAROLINA

*Clemson University
*College of Charleston
Francis Marion University
*South Carolina State University
*University of South Carolina,
Columbia
*Winthrop University
Wofford College

TENNESSEE

Christian Brothers University
Lee University
Lipscomb University
*Tennessee Wesleyan College
University of the South
University of Tennessee
at Chattanooga

TEXAS

Abilene Christian University
*Austin College
Southwestern University
Texas A&M University
Trinity University
University of Texas - Dallas
University of Texas - Austin
University of Texas - El Paso

VERMONT

*Bennington College
University of Vermont

VIRGINIA

*Ferrum College
George Mason University
*Hollins University
Regent University
Roanoke College
University of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
*Washington & Lee University

WASHINGTON

Bellevue College
Seattle University
Seattle Pacific University
University of Puget Sound
*Whitworth University
Western Washington University

WASHINGTON, DC

American University
Catholic University of America
George Washington University
Georgetown University

WEST VIRGINIA

*Marshall University

WISCONSIN

Carroll University
Concordia University Wisconsin
*Ripon College
University of Wisconsin
- Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin
- Oshkosh

WYOMING

*University of Wyoming

Spanish Studies Abroad Code of Conduct

Studying abroad requires a significant commitment to personal responsibility. While on a Spanish Studies Abroad program, you are, in effect, a cultural ambassador for your home country, a representative of your home institution, and a member of your adoptive community. As part of the application process, you agree to apply the same standards of conduct and academic integrity while abroad as you would at your home institution. These standards include, but are not limited to:

- Following honest academic standards and maintaining your commitment to academic growth.
- Strict adherence to host country laws and customs.
- Respect for host families and fellow program participants.
- Respect for Spanish Studies Abroad property, professors and staff.
- General personal and academic practices in line with those outlined by your home institution.

Spanish-Only Policy

The Spanish-Only Policy requires students to speak only Spanish during class times, while in homestays, and at all Spanish Studies Abroad-related events. This tool promotes cultural integration and reflects the commitment that Spanish Studies Abroad students make to immersing themselves in a new culture. The benefits of adhering to the Spanish-Only Policy, no matter your initial language level, are great:

- You will improve your ability to understand and express yourself in Spanish.
- As fluency increases, you will gain a greater awareness of the local culture while developing relationships with your host family, professors and friends.
- You will experience a greater feeling of accomplishment in your integration while demonstrating a higher level of respect toward the local culture.

There is no better method for learning a language than immersion supplemented by class work. To help you get the most out of your experience, all your fellow students attending programs with Spanish Studies Abroad are required to adhere to the Spanish-Only Policy.

Transcripts

Spanish Studies Abroad issues transcripts showing course numbers, course titles, number of hours, and grades for all course work undertaken on a Spanish Studies Abroad program. Grades and credits are reported according to the semester-hour system.

Students completing coursework at one of our host universities will receive an official transcript from that host institution, accompanied by a Spanish Studies Abroad translation into the U.S. college credit and grading system. Should your home school require a transcript from a U.S. degree granting institution, the Spanish Studies Abroad school of record is Heidelberg University (Ohio).

As a general rule, you should have all courses, internships and outside studies approved for transfer credit by your home institution before the start of a program. This is normally arranged through your advisor or registrar, and Spanish Studies abroad staff is happy to assist.

Health Insurance

Spanish Studies Abroad provides health insurance for all students. In each program location, a Spanish Studies Abroad staff member is available to accompany the student on medical visits. A copy of the insurance policy is included in students' acceptance folders. This is mandatory for all students.

Refund Policy

Penalties for withdrawal from a Spanish Studies Abroad program are assessed based upon the length of time between notice of your withdrawal and the start of the program. The deposit is always non-refundable.

In addition to the deposit forfeiture, withdrawal from a Spanish Studies Abroad program incurs the following penalties:

- 25% of program fee for withdrawals between final payment due date and 30 days prior to the start of the program.
- 25% of the room and board fee and 100% of the tuition, study tours, general education, and orientation fees for withdrawals between 29 days prior to the start of the program and 1 day prior to program start.

There is no refund for any portion of the program on or after the program start date.

In the case of homestays, Spanish Studies Abroad may change unsatisfactory lodgings but will not refund any portion of room and board fees after a student's arrival at a home. If the student finds his or her housing to be unsatisfactory, he or she should notify the program's Resident Director or staff immediately.



APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

All prospective students complete an application process designed to find their best courses and program options. In addition to each program's specific language prerequisites, Spanish Studies Abroad requires a minimum 2.75 GPA. Exceptions may be made with strong recommendations from faculty.



APPLY ONLINE AT SPANISHSTUDIES.ORG

Start an online application at any moment without compromise or cost. Visit www.SpanishStudies.org

APPLICATION DEADLINES

January Term	Spring Semester + January Term	Spring Semester	May Term	Summer Terms	Fall Semester & Academic Year
October 15	October 15	October 15	April 15	April 15	May 15

Missed a deadline? Contact us: info@SpanishStudies.org • 413.256.0011 • www.SpanishStudies.org

Pre-Departure Support

Preparing yourself to live in a new culture is essential to a rewarding experience. In addition to the friendly Spanish Studies Abroad programs staff and the information in students' acceptance materials, we've created an array of online resources to help you prepare for your adventure:

- **FAQs**

These helpful webpages will answer your questions about what it will be like living abroad in a new culture and how to prepare for your study abroad.

- **Student References**

Many Spanish Studies Abroad alumni have volunteered to answer questions about their program. Contact Spanish Studies Abroad to connect with an alumn from your school.

Financial Aid

Study abroad is not out of your reach. In fact, many students are able to use part, if not all, of their financial aid for study abroad. Contact us for further information and instructions regarding the transfer of financial aid. Your advisor and financial aid officer can also help you through the steps involved in this process.

Scholarship Program

Since 2001, we have awarded over \$265,000 to help our students fund their time abroad through the Spanish Studies Abroad scholarship program. These merit and diversity scholarships are available to students enrolled in Spanish Studies Abroad programs. For more information and specific instructions, visit: www.spanishstudies.org/scholarships

Social Media

Facebook

www.facebook.com/SpanishStudies

Join us on Facebook, where prospective students, current students and alumni all come together. Review our program location pages to get to know other students and learn more about your program before departure.

Instagram

@SpanishStudiesAbroad

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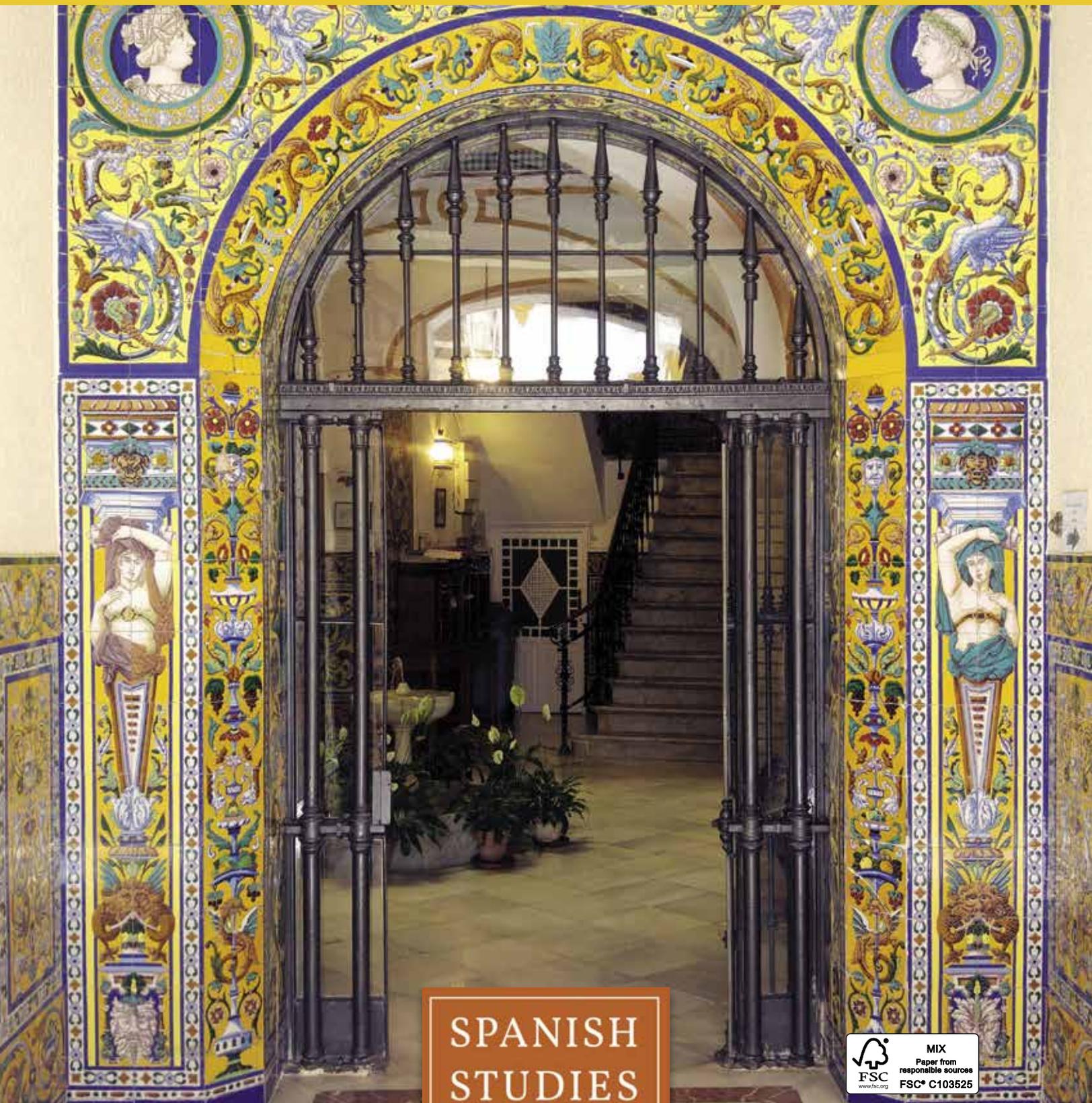
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SPANISH STUDIES ABROAD PROGRAM FINDER

Not sure which program is right for you? We have programs to suit every major, minor, and language level. Take a look at the chart below to find the program(s) that best suits your experience and interests.

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	Semester Programs	May Intensive Term	Summer Terms	January Term	Semester Programs	January, May and Summer Terms	Semester Programs	Summer Term	Semester Programs	Summer Term	Semester Programs	Summer Terms	Semester Programs	January and Summer Terms
Beginner Level Coursework	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Intermediate Level Coursework	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Advanced Level Coursework	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Classes w/ Local Students	✓				✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Classes w/ Spanish Studies Abroad	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Classes w/ International Students	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Courses in Spanish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Courses in English	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓			✓			
Homestay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Student Residence	✓		✓								✓	✓		
Classes at Local University	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Classes at Our Center	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Internship or Service Learning	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Volunteer Opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Trips and Cultural Activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Overnight Excursions	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	

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