Experience

A chance to study abroad is a rewarding experience for any student with a sense of adventure and the desire to gain an international perspective. Through OSU’s Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, students have the opportunity to explore Spain’s majestic northern coast in the region of Cantabria, while perfecting their Spanish. The program, hosted by the Universidad de Cantabria, offers students OSU credit for a program of intensive Spanish language and culture.

Registration

Application packets can be picked up at:
Foreign languages and Literatures
210 Kidder Hall
Office of International Education
444 Snell Hall
Program Director
113N Kidder Hall

Application Deadlines:
Spring: November 14
Fall: February 16

Students are encouraged to apply early. Once the application, required documentation, and the $50 application fee have been submitted, students will have an interview. Students selected for the program will need to confirm their participation with a $200 deposit at the end of January for the Spring program, and at the end of April for the Fall Program.

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University of Cantabria’s web page address:
http://www.unican.es

Information on Spain
http://www.spaintour.com/indexe.html

SANTANDER 2009

Intensive Language Program

University of Cantabria
Santander, Spain

16 credits

Spring: March 30-June 4, 2009
Fall: Sept. 28—Dec. 3, 2009

Informational Meeting: TBA

An Academic Program sponsored by
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La Universidad de Cantabria

The University of Cantabria is a young public university, formally established in 1972. Today it includes nearly 15,000 students in eight faculties and 31 departments. Students in this program will take classes at the Center for Languages at the University, an independent affiliate charged with the teaching of Spanish language to foreigners.

Santander, Spain

The University of Cantabria is located in the city of Santander, a port and resort town on the northern coast of Spain. It is the capital of the Autonomous Region of Cantabria, one of Spain’s “green” provinces. Nestled in the north of the Iberian Peninsula amongst the communities of Castile and Leon, Asturias and the Basque Country, it is located on the Bay of Biscay. Cantabria is well connected by all means of transportation to the rest of Spain and Europe.

Surrounded by beautiful beaches, Santander is also very near the Cantabrian Mountain Range, which include the picturesque “Peaks of Europe.” The location allows for a mild, year round climate for various outdoor activities. Students can take advantage of the mountains while hiking or horseback riding and the sea while wind surfing or canoeing. The city and the region offers diverse cultural sites and activities which creates a well rounded experience abroad.

Eligibility

To meet the minimum requirements for acceptance into the program, you must:
• have at least a 2.75 GPA;
• Spring: have completed SPAN 212 or equivalent;
• Fall: have completed SPAN 213 or equivalent.

Orientation

Students chosen for the program will be required to take a one credit orientation course during the term preceding their departure. This orientation will cover the academic, administrative, financial and cultural information necessary for successful participation in the program.

Program Costs & Other Expenses

Costs for the previous program were $5,500 for resident undergraduates. Final costs for the 2008 programs will be determined in January 2008. Non-resident undergraduates will pay an additional fee. You will need additional funds for airfare, personal travel and miscellaneous personal expenses. Depending on how much traveling you do, your entertainment expenses, etc., your personal budget will probably range from $1,000 to $2,500.

Refunds

Withdrawal from the program must be made in writing to the Program Director. Please note that the $50 application fee is non-refundable as is the $200 deposit. Fees and deposits may not be deferred pending receipt of financial aid awards.

Academic Program

For this intensive language program, students receive 16 credits; 10 for language and 6 for Spanish culture upon successful completion of the course work. Students are enrolled at OSU and credits are granted through the Universidad de Cantabria and OSU. All classes are taught in Spanish and offer study in the areas of grammar, writing, oral skills, reading and culture. As part of the culture class, students will take four field trips.

Each participant should consult with his or her academic advisor to determine how the language and culture credits will integrate with the home campus curriculum requirements.

Classes meet Monday through Thursday. Short trips will be held during the week. Day-long field trips may be conducted during weekends.

Housing

Students live with a Spanish family in order to promote rapid language acquisition during the term abroad. Through the experience of foods, customs, and interacting with their Spanish families, students will gain an understanding of the unique Spanish culture and lifestyle. Costs for room, board and laundry are included in program fees.

Financial Aid & Program Payments

Most forms of financial aid such as loans and grants for which you are eligible at OSU may be applied to the cost of this program. Veteran’s benefits may also be applied. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for specific information. The program fees are due the same time as tuition at OSU.