



Study Abroad in Spain

Apply by November 15, 2014. Program runs May 14 to 27, 2015

Courses Offered:

- RTS356 Contemporary Christian Spirituality (3 credits) Taken Spring Term. Professor Michael Xiarhos
- Fulfills elective in major/ minor for Religious Studies major, the RTS core complement, a GLO elective with approval or a free elective for all other majors.

All course fulfillments are subject to approval by an advisor.



Program Highlights

- Explore the city of Barcelona before setting off on the pilgrimage
- Share the experience pilgrims on the Camino have had since the twelfth century.
- Visit sites of historical significance such as Montserrat, Castillo de los Templarios, Monasterio de Samos
- View the relics of St. James and acquire your own Compestela, your certification as a pilgrim on the Way of St. James



Academic Focus

The Camino is a deeply personal experience and many people walk it alone; however, because our focus is slightly different, a small group is preferable. Following each day's walk, students will take part in discussion groups addressing the cultural, religious, and even secular power of the Camino. Sacred locations, shrines, and Churches will be the focus alongside the Camino itself. The Camino draws people from all faiths and cultural backgrounds and we will explore the reasons why Christians, non-Christians, and atheists are all drawn to it. A secondary focus will also be the "communal living" aspect of the Camino. Pilgrims are expected to care for each

other while on the road, and we will explore this concept as a part of the greater "Camino Experience." Each day, pilgrims walk an average of fifteen miles. Along the way there are numerous cultural and learning opportunities. Because of the nature of the Camino, it is important for each pilgrim to experience the day's walk in his own way. Students will be provided a list of significant places along the Way for each day's walk, but it will be up to them if they wish to investigate or continue the walk. At the end of each day we will meet to discuss and reflect upon our journeys.

Course Expectations

Faculty leaders may schedule pre-departure meetings and assignments as needed prior to program departure. Students must complete required readings prior to program departure. Students will be expected to walk on average 15 miles daily and take part in reflective exercises.

Accommodations

Lodging: Accommodations will be provided in student hostels along the Camino.

Meals: The program fee includes one (1) meal daily. All other meals are at the student's expense.

Eligibility Requirements

- Open to all students
- Minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA
- Availability of academic credits to fulfill degree requirements
- Good disciplinary, financial and academic standing at the time of program departure.
- Participation in mandatory pre-departure orientation sessions on April 16th and 24th.

How to Apply

Complete online application and submit all required supplemental materials to the Office of International Programs by the application deadline. Applications will not be reviewed until all application materials are received. Detailed application instructions available at: <http://salve.edu/study-abroad/short-term-programs>

Program Fee \$3800

Included in this fee:

- Round trip airfare on group international flight departing Boston
- 3 credits Salve Regina tuition (taken during spring term)
- Airport transfers & ground transportation in Spain
- Accommodations in Spain
- One (1) meal daily
- Official excursions and entrance fees
- International travel insurance

Not Included in this fee:

- Transportation to and from group flight
- Passport fee (\$135) - if applicable
- Student visa - if applicable
- Course textbooks - if applicable
- Most meals while in Spain
- Personal expenses (recreation, tips, laundry, snacks, other personal items/services)
- Personal travel in free time/vacations

Payment Schedule

\$1200 Deposit due by Friday, March 6, 2015

Your deposit holds your space in the program. Please be aware that there is a withdrawal and refund policy outlined in your Participation Agreement.

Final Payment due by Friday, May 1, 2015

The Business Office will generate an invoice for the remainder of the program fee in April.

Financial Aid

Consult with your Financial Aid Counselor. Generally, only parent plus loans are applicable to short-term study abroad programs.

Scholarships

Salve Regina study abroad scholarships are reserved for full-time semester and year-long programs. Research your non-Salve Regina scholarship options at: <http://www.salve.edu/study-abroad/study-abroad-scholarships>

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