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Program Overview
To travel through Spain is to experience first-hand the centuries-long intermingling of Roman, Visigoth, and Islamic cultures, as well as the religious exchanges that marked both la convivencia (“the living together”) and the Christian Reconquista. The history of Spain will come alive as students visit major cities and small villages, capped by a 119 kilometer hike on the Camino de Santiago, the ancient pilgrimage route of St. James. Through these experiences, students will improve their cultural and historical literacy; they will better understand cultural and religious diversity through the study of art and architecture; and they will develop their own understanding of the experience of pilgrimage. Suitable for any student physically able to backpack the Camino, and highly recommended for any student interested in Spanish, Religious Studies, History, or Art and Art History.

Academics

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Program Facts

Locations: Madrid, Valladolid, Cordoba, Santiago
Program Dates: May 13-June 11, 2019
  On Campus: May 13-16, 2019
  In Spain: May 20-June 11, 2019

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Application & Eligibility

Application Deadline
Summer: February 12

Eligibility
• Are a degree-seeking student
• Have at least sophomore standing
• Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA
• Good judicial standing
Program Fee Includes

- Accommodations
- Travel within Spain
- Most meals
- Tuition for required courses
- Study Abroad Medical Insurance

Additional Costs

(See program website for detailed estimates)

- Personal expenses and some meals
- Passport and Visa
- Round-trip airfare to Madrid
- Immunizations

Financial Aid

Students participating in UNC Asheville’s faculty-led programs may use all types of financial aid for which the student qualifies, including federal, state, and UNC Asheville grants, scholarships, and/or loans. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application; you may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNC Asheville students may also apply for our grants and awards for study abroad to help cover program costs. Visit our website for more information on how to qualify and apply for these awards.

Locations

Our first week will be spent in the cosmopolitan world capital of Madrid, famed for its architecture, beautiful plazas, and cultural attractions including the Prado Museum of Art. From here, we will take day trips to Toledo, the capital of successive Visigoth, Islamic, and Christian empires, where a rich mixture of architectural and artistic styles will reflect this diversity; and to Cordoba, the capital city of the most significant Islamic Caliphate in western Europe and home to the magnificent Mezquita, one of the largest mosques in the world. For our second week we will travel to Valladolid, a former royal capital, by way of Segovia and its famous Roman aqueduct. We will study at the University of Valladolid, enjoying homestays with local families and short excursions to surrounding areas. Finally, we will travel to Sarria where we will begin our adventures on the Camino de Santiago, one of the oldest continuously functioning pilgrimage routes in the world. Along the way we will hike through the small towns and villages of the Galician countryside, staying in hostels and alburges that serve contemporary pilgrims making their way to Santiago de Compostella, our final destination.

Program Activities & Features

Museo del Prado and Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia (Madrid); Museo del Greco and Mueso Sefardi (Toledo); Museo Nacional de Escultura (Valladolid); La Catedral Primada, Cristo de la Luz, Sinagoga of Santa Maria la Blanca, Sinagoga del Transito (Toledo); La Catedral de Santiago de Compostella; Mezquita Catedral de Nuestra Senora de la Asuncion, Sinagoga de Cordoba and Casa de Sefarad (Cordoba).

Estimated Program Fee: $3,841

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