Education Abroad Resources: Spain

Whether you have browsed the IDEA website or just know you would like to have an abroad experience in Spain, you should be aware that there are many program options. To help you narrow down your search, set goals and ask yourself what you want out of your abroad experience in Spain. Doing a bit of background research to narrow down the number of programs you’re interested in will not only help your advisor but will make you feel much more prepared and less overwhelmed. Below are several tools to help you explore programs and the many wonderful cities in Spain!

1) Research your program options

Study Abroad Program Website: http://oregonstate.edu/international/studyabroad/students
International Internship Website: http://oregonstate.edu/international/studyabroad/internships

2) Define your goals and ask yourself what you want out of the experience

- Are you looking to learn Spanish while abroad and to what extent? Do you meet the language prerequisites for the program?
- In what language do you want your classes taught in (some programs offer Spanish and English options)?
- Who do you want to take your classes with? Host-country students, US or international students, or a mix?
- What do you prefer for housing: dorm-room, apt, home-stay, etc?
- Do you feel more comfortable in an urban/large city or a smaller town?
- Do you want to attend another university?
- How LONG do you want to go abroad (not all programs are offered every term or for a full year)?
- Do you have a region of Spain in mind (e.g. do you want to be near an ocean, mountains, or in a certain climate)?

3) Research program locations

General Information

- List of museums, etc: www.tuspain.com
- Official website of tourist offices in Spain: www.okspain.org
- Spanish Ministry of Culture (theatre, art festivals, film): www.mcu.es
- List of hostels in Spain: www.madridman.com/madridhostels.html

Newspaper Resources for Spain

- While this is Wikipedia, it has a list of all newspapers distributed in Spain along with their corresponding cities and websites: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_newspapers_in_Spain
Salamanca
- Travel Guide of the City: http://www.aboutsalamanca.com/
- Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/castilla-y-leon/salamanca

Granada
- Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/grenada

Madrid
- Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/madrid
- General Overview: http://www.timeout.com/madrid/
- US Embassy: www.embusa.es
- Prado Museum: http://museoprado.mcu.es/home.html

Oviedo
- Historical (museums, palaces, heritage): http://www.northspain.info/oviedo-spain

Santander
- History: http://www.tourspain.org/santander/history.asp

Barcelona
- Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/barcelona
- University of Pompeu Fabra: http://www.upf.edu
- Youth living in Barcelona: www.bcn.es

Seville
- Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/seville

Segovia
- Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/castilla-y-leon/segovia

Bilbao

• Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/aragon-basque-country-and-navarra/bilbao
• Guggenheim Museum: http://www.guggenheim.org/bilbao

Cádiz

• Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/andalucia/cadiz

Girona

• Jewish Quarter/Historical Sites: http://www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/monuments.php

Castilla y Leon

• Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/castilla-y-leon

Murcia

• Lonely Planet: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/valencia-and-murcia/murcia