

Spain: Language & Culture

Summer 2023

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Application Deadline

Early Decision applications accepted until **December 5, 2022**. Apply early decision for study abroad or study abroad *and* scholarships and receive a decision by mid-January 2023. Regular Decision program applications accepted until **February 15, 2023**. Click "[Apply to Study Abroad](#)" to begin your application.

Dates

June 12 - July 17, 2023

Location

This program begins and ends in and around Madrid, with a month in the famous city of Santiago de Compostela in between. In addition to group excursions on the Camino and to Spain's beautiful Galician coastline, students will travel independently to other destinations.

Student Voices

"The best decision I made in my four years at Meredith was studying abroad in Spain. I will forever treasure the memories and time I spent there. I learned a lot about myself and became more confident and independent. I know I will go back one day!" - Sam Litt, Summer 2016

Courses: 7 credits required

SPA 207/307: Intermediate/Advanced Conversation (3 credits, required)

Fulfills Cultural Elective requirement, Oral Communication requirement, Spanish major/minor requirement

A course in conversational Spanish which focuses on increasing a student's oral proficiency at the intermediate/advanced level. Class taught daily in Spanish.

SPA 200: Life and Study Abroad (1 credit, required)

Fulfills Global Perspectives requirement, Cultural Elective requirement, Spanish major course

A course designed to prepare students for and assess their learning in Spain. Consists of a prep course during the second block of spring and weekly journal reflections while abroad, among other things.

SPA 206: Intermediate Spanish II (3 credits)

Fulfills Spanish major/minor requirement

A course designed as a continuation of SPA 205, with an emphasis on the development of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and cultural knowledge at the intermediate level.

SPA 302: Topics in Language and Culture (3 credits)

Fulfills Cultural Elective requirement, Spanish major requirement

A course designed to explore the language and cultures of Spain at a level appropriate to the student's ability. Class taught daily in Spanish.

Program pre-requisite: Successful completion of SPA 205

Faculty

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Program Overview

The program begins in Spain's capital city, Madrid. While there, you will enjoy delicious food, visit museums and other important landmarks, and see an artistic performance, while also adjusting to using Spanish and learning about local customs, traditions, and landscapes. After a number of exhilarating days in and around Madrid, including a day trip to Toledo or Segovia, you will travel by train to Santiago de Compostela, a wonderful city in the northwest of Spain that combines a rich historical past with a lively cultural present.

Based on the results of a placement test you will take on the first day, you will be placed into beginning, intermediate, or advanced language, conversation, and culture courses taught by native speakers. Beyond the four hours you will spend in the classroom each day, the university sponsors a variety of guided tours during the week and excursions to the Galician coast on the weekend. During your second week in Spain, you will have the unique experience of celebrating the Noche de San Juan (i.e., summer solstice), a night you will never forget.

Santiago is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the final destination of the legendary Camino de Santiago. As a center of cultural, artistic, and commercial exchange, Santiago has preserved for centuries its rich legacy in its churches and architecture, its streets and squares, and even in its lifestyle. You will enjoy open-air markets, outdoor cafes, restaurants, beautiful parks, and the famous university campus. What is more, an excursion on the Camino will give you an opportunity to tread the path that pilgrims have walked since the 11th century.

Cost

\$4,700 includes:

- \$100 non-refundable application deposit
- Tuition for 7 credits

- Room and full board (homestay)
- Madrid (room, food, museums, day trips, etc.)
- Weekend excursions
- Travel to and from Santiago
- Cultural activities in Santiago
- On-site support from Meredith faculty
- Pre-departure orientation and resources

Additional expenses include:

- Round-trip airfare: \$1,700
- Passport, if applicable: \$165
- International health insurance: \$100
- International cell phone plan: \$100
- Independent travel and personal spending money: \$1,000-2,000

Note: Estimates are based on previous student reports. Your spending habits may differ.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Additional study abroad funding is available. Register for a Funding Workshop and access the scholarship application at <http://meredith.edu/oip>. **Early Decision scholarship deadline: December 5, 2022 (with study abroad application). Regular Decision scholarship deadline: February 15, 2023.**

COVID-19 Vaccination

All study abroad participants are required to be up to date on vaccinations and boosters against COVID-19. This includes any future recommendations by the CDC and host countries.

Meredith College Office of International Programs reserves the right to make changes to the program itinerary, program capacity limits, schedule, cost, academic program, etc., as necessary.