For a fraction more than the cost of studying in Provo, join me for a semester abroad in Spain, one of the world’s most beautiful countries, fascinating for its diverse history, striking architecture, and stunning landscapes. Informed by courses on the history and language of Spain, you will see Spain’s cultures, past and present, firsthand, at a pace and with a critical eye unfamiliar to the tourist. Student roommates will live with their host families in the charming town of Alcalá with its many church towers and chocolatiers. Alcalá is just outside of Madrid where you will experience a range of cultural activities (the Prado Museum, a Real Madrid soccer match, pre-season bullfights, and flamenco dancing). In addition to visiting the central Spanish cities of Toledo, Salamanca, and Segovia, the last time I led the program, we cycled in Barcelona, swam in Seville, walked the pilgrimage route to Santiago, braved the bonfires of Valencia’s Las Fallas spring festival, and accompanied the Virgin Mary in Alcalá’s streets during Holy Week. Many students consider the program the highlight of their college careers.

DATES
26 January–17 April 2017

HOUSING
In order to provide maximum exposure to Spanish language and culture, students will be housed with local families carefully selected by the university. All families have experience hosting students from other cultures.

COURSES
Students must register for 12 credit hours while abroad.
IAS 201R Madrid Walks (1 cr) AND REL C 350* History of the Church in Spain (2 cr)
HIST 202* World Civ. to 1500 (3 cr) OR HIST 390R The Biographies of Spain (3 cr)

6 credit hours of Spanish language courses selected from the following:
SPAN 105 University Spanish 1 (4 cr) and SPAN 111R Spanish Conversation 1 (2 cr)
SPAN 106 University Spanish 2 (4 cr) and SPAN 112R Spanish Conversation 2 (2 cr)
SPAN 205* University Spanish 3 (4 cr) and SPAN 211R Spanish Conversation 3 (2 cr)

*Fulfills a university core requirement

COST
$8,600–9,100
Includes LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-LDS students), housing, meals with host family, a transportation pass to trains, buses and subway, admissions, excursions, hotels with continental breakfast while away from Alcalá, Spanish course books, cell phone use, and international health insurance.

Not Included: Airfare, meals on excursions or personal expenses.

ELIGIBILITY
I welcome applications from BYU (Provo, Idaho, Hawaii) students, non-BYU students, and non-LDS students.

PREPARATION
Students should ideally have at least two years of high school Spanish, or have completed SPAN 101 and 102, or have a competency level equal to Spanish 102. However, highly motivated students with less formal training may be considered.

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This evening course will be held during the second block of fall semester 2016. Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee of about $270 for enrolling in this prep class. Students outside of Utah may take this course by correspondence.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs.

Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application, and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. They must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid.

Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply
The application requires a $35 fee
Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete
Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program
Deadline: 3 October 2016

FACULTY
Shawn Miller, professor of History, will direct the program, accompanied by his wife Kelly and three daughters. Professor Miller, has directed programs in London and Madrid, specializes in urban history, and was formerly chair of the History Department and the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Family Home and Social Sciences.

Please feel free to contact him with any question at (801) 422-3425, or email at shawn_miller@byu.edu

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students should plan to be in Spain from January 26-April 17.

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.