For slightly more than the cost of studying in Provo, you can join us for a semester abroad in Spain! Get in touch with your creativity and critical thinking as you see Spain through the lenses of its culture and society. Spain is one of the world’s most beautiful countries, fascinating for its diverse history, striking architecture, and stunning landscapes, and known for its vibrant creative scene and complex cultural and political mixes. With a professor from BYU and others from Spain, you’ll learn creative writing and literature (for GE credit), as well as religion and the history and language of Spain. Through immersion in the culture, you will experience Spain firsthand, with a depth unavailable to the tourist. Student roommates will live in the charming town of Alcalá de Henares, birthplace of Cervantes, with its many church towers and chocolatiers. Alcalá is just outside of Madrid, where you’ll experience a wide range of cultural activities (the Prado Museum, a professional soccer match, flamenco dancing). In addition, you’ll have weekly excursions to visit the cities of Toledo, Granada, Sevilla, and Barcelona; you’ll roam the beaches and museums of the Basque Country (Bilbao and San Sebastian) and explore the beauty of Salamanca.

Study abroad is a unique opportunity to expand your vision of the world. Many students consider the program the highlight of their college careers.

DATES
14 January–31 March 2019

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

COURSES
Students must register for 12–15 credit hours while abroad. All students will take 6 credits of the following: IAS 201R Madrid Walks (1 credit hour), RELC 350 (2 credit hours), ENGL 306/317R** Travel Writing (3 credit hours), and/or ENGL 230* Spanish Literature in Translation (3 credit hours) AND 6 credit hours of Spanish language courses:

SPAN 105 University Spanish 1 (4 credit hours) and SPAN 111R Spanish Conversation 1 (2 credit hours) OR
SPAN 106 University Spanish 2 (4 credit hours) and SPAN 112R Spanish Conversation 2 (2 credit hours) OR
SPAN 205* University Spanish 3 (4 credit hours) and SPAN 211R Spanish Conversation 3 (2 credit hours)
*Fulfills a university core requirement
**Counts for creative writing minor
Participants may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST
$9,900–10,400

Includes LDS undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-LDS students), housing, meals in Alcalá de Henares, a transportation pass, admissions, excursions, hotels with continental breakfast while away from Alcalá, Spanish course books, and international health insurance.

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

PREPARATION
Students should ideally have at least two years of high school Spanish, or have completed SPAN 101 and 102, or should be placed in SPAN 102 level by a diagnostic test.

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 2018. Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee of about $294 for enrolling in this prep class.

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. The first payment is due upon acceptance. Please refer to the 2019 Payment Information document (see kennedy.byu.edu/isp-forms/ISPpayments2019.pdf).

Deadline: 5 October 2018

FACULTY
Patrick Madden, professor in the English department, will direct the program and will be accompanied by his wife, Karina, a native of Uruguay, and their four youngest children. Professor Madden specializes in creative nonfiction writing, especially travel writing, and has strong interests in Spanish-language literature.

Please feel free to contact him with any questions at madden@byu.edu.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students should plan to be in Spain from January 14–March 31. This will allow them about 10 days for travel in Europe after the program ends.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
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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.