

# SPAIN

## STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2024



For thousands of years, Spain has been at the crossroads where diverse cultures and civilizations have met. Basques, Romans, Visigoths, Arabs, and many other peoples have found a home on the Iberian Peninsula. For the last five centuries, the history of Spain has been marked by an ambitious attempt to forge diverse ethnic and linguistic groups into a single, unified nation, but Spain remains an intricate mosaic of cultures. We will explore something of Spain's heritage as we walk the medieval streets of Toledo, take in the beauty of Córdoba's mosque, and contemplate the engineering marvels of Segovia's Roman aqueduct. We will study the works of artists such as Velázquez, Goya, Picasso, and Dalí. And we will walk in the footsteps of Spain's greatest authors, Cervantes, Galdós, and Unamuno, and see the places that inspired their works.

The program is based in Alcalá de Henares, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Alcalá is a safe and inviting city close to Madrid where students can become intimately familiar with some incredible landmarks, including the Prado Museum, the Parque del Buen Retiro, and the Puerta del Sol. Alcalá is home to one of the oldest universities in all of Europe and was the birthplace of Miguel de Cervantes.

### **DATES**

30 April–20 June 2024 (approx.)

### **HOUSING**

Students will live in the university housing at *Residencia Lope de Vega* and in hotels for program excursions. The university residence is centrally located, and students will interact with other university students from Europe and Latin America.

### **COURSES**

Students must register for 1 credit of SPAN 395R and 6–7 credit hours from among the following classes:

- SPAN 311R—Spanish Conversation 5 (2 credit hours)
- SPAN 330—Intro to Hispanic Literature (3 credit hours)
- SPAN 341—Survey of Literature of Spain (3 credit hours)
- SPAN 345—Iberian Civilization (3 credit hours)
- SPAN 480R—Directed Research in Spanish (3 credit hours)

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

**COST**

\$6,800–7,300

Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non- Latter-day Saint students), housing, meals at the student residence, a transportation pass for greater Madrid, museums and other admissions, excursions, hotels with continental breakfast while away from Alcalá, and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare, meals on excursions, and personal expenses.

**TRAVEL**

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airline reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at 280 HRCB, (801) 422-6293, [travel@byu.edu](mailto:travel@byu.edu).

**PREPARATION**

Students must have completed SPAN 321 or demonstrate equivalent proficiency.

All students who are accepted into the program 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 winter semester 2024. Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in the prep class.

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

**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. The College of Humanities will offer program discounts of up to \$3,000, based on financial need, to majors within the College as well as up to \$1500 for minors in the College.

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](http://kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships)).

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate.

Complete the online application at [kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply](http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply). A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required.

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 2024 Payment Information page.

**Deadline: 13 November 2023**

**FACULTY**

Erik Larson is the faculty director for the program. He is an associate professor of Spanish literature and culture in the department of Spanish and Portuguese. He will be accompanied by his wife Katy and their three children.

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**SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

The program is tentatively scheduled to begin on 30 April, with students completing the program on 20 June. More specific recommendations regarding travel will be provided to program participants in the preparation course.

**INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

International Study Programs

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**PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS**

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU Financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.