

# SPAIN: CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

## LEARNING ALONG A MEDIEVAL PILGRIMAGE

### STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2025



According to tradition, the Apostle James ("Santiago" in Spanish) evangelized the Iberian Peninsula and was later buried in northwestern Spain at what is now Santiago de Compostela. For more than a thousand years, pilgrims have made their way to this city to venerate the remains of the saint. Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar (el Cid) made the journey, as did St. Francis of Assisi, Isabel and Ferdinand, along with so many others who continue to walk this iconic pilgrimage route that includes stretches of Roman roads, passes through numerous medieval towns, and crosses spectacular landscapes.

Students who participate in this unique study abroad program will walk 470 miles of the Camino Francés (the French Way), the most popular route to reach Saint James's tomb, starting in Roncesvalles along the French border and ending in Santiago de Compostela. Not every day is a walking day, however, and the program will visit amazing sites, including the Prado Museum in Madrid, the historic city of Toledo, the route followed by the running of the bulls in Pamplona, the Benedictine monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, one of the filming locations of Sergio Leone's *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, and the beaches of Fisterra. Along the way, students will learn about and experience more than two millennia of Spanish history and culture.

#### **DATES**

28 April–19 June 2025 (approx.)

#### **HOUSING**

During our initial week just outside Madrid, students will stay in a comfortable residence on the University of Alcalá campus. As we walk the Camino, program participants will stay in modest hotels and hostels.

#### **COURSES**

All students will register for the following two courses that are tailored to deepen the experience of walking one of the world's great religious pilgrimages. Students will learn about over two thousand years of history, religion, art, literature, architecture, and society that have made Spain—past and present—a rich crossroad of cultures.

SPAN 447R—Special Topics in Iberian Culture (3 credit hours)

SPAN 449R—Special Topics in Spanish Literature (3 credit hours)

**NOTE:** Despite being 400-level, these courses, as offered along the Camino de Santiago, will be appropriate for all students accepted into the program, whether advanced speakers or those just completing Span 206. Anyone with questions about their Spanish preparation can speak with the program director.

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

### **COST**

\$6,600–7,000

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduates and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, many meals, excursions and transportation within Spain, admissions, and international health insurance coverage. Does not include airfare, some meals, or 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. BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | [travel@byu.edu](mailto:travel@byu.edu)

### **PREPARATION**

Participants must have completed SPAN 206 or demonstrate equivalent proficiency. They must be in excellent health and be able to withstand the demands of walking 470 miles across northern Spain (32 walking days, averaging 15 miles per day). Those accepted into the program are required to participate in an international cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour) held during the second block of winter semester 2025. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee.

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

International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in international locations that do not have the same level of safety and services in terms of transportation, living conditions, residential accommodations, food, public behavior, and policing that you may be used to on campus. If you have further questions or concerns on this, please see <https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>.

### **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.

Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Limited scholarships are available to majors and minors in the College of Humanities.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see [kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships](https://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](https://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 Payment Information page.

**Application Deadline: 1 November 2024**

### **FACULTY**

Doug Weatherford, Professor of Hispanic Literature and Film in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and a recent co-director of BYU's International Cinema, will lead this program, assisted by his wife, Terri. Professor Weatherford has directed the Camino de Santiago twice already, in 2023 and 2024.

Feel free to contact Professor Weatherford with any questions: 3169 JFSB | (801) 422-4941 | [douglas\\_weatherford@byu.edu](mailto:douglas_weatherford@byu.edu)

### **SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

Students should plan to be with the group in Spain from 28 April and remain with the program until its conclusion on 19 June.

### **INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

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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.