

Eligibility

Students must have completed SPAN 203 or SPAN 301 prior to the start of the program. We welcome students from any major with an interest in language, culture, literature, the humanities, and the arts.

Application

Students can apply online at:

<http://www.washington.edu/studyabroad>

Search for “**Spanish León: Advanced Spanish.**”

Click on the “Apply Now” button. Application deadline is **April 15, 2019**. Applicants may be interviewed as part of the selection process.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Most types of financial aid can be applied to study abroad fees. Students can also submit a revision request to increase the amount of aid for the quarter you are studying abroad. These additional funds are usually in the form of loans. Consult the UW Study Abroad office to learn more:

<http://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/students/resources/finances/financial-aid/>

Concurrent Enrollment & Pre-Departure Orientation

Students participating in the program must concurrently enroll in the UW during Autumn Quarter 2019. Students will be required to attend a pre-departure meeting(s) in person during Spring Quarter 2019 and complete the UW Study Abroad Mandatory Online Pre-Departure Orientation. Concurrent enrollment will take place online through the UW Study Abroad website. Students will also be required to submit a health screening survey online.

Program Cost and Payment Schedule

The anticipated departmental program fee is \$8250 (includes the \$450 UW Study Abroad fee) and is due October 11, 2019 (to be confirmed). This amount includes tuition, all group excursions, homestay

housing, and three meals a day with your homestay family. It does not include airfare, local transportation (except for the group excursions), textbooks, passport, health insurance, or pocket money. Students will also be required to purchase UW Study Abroad Insurance (\$62 per month).

Upon acceptance to the program, students will be required to sign and submit a payment contract. Fees will then be charged to your UW student account and will be payable to UW Student Fiscal Services.

Refund Schedule

\$350 of the program deposit and the \$450 UW Study Abroad Office Fee are non-refundable. Students withdrawing from a program will be responsible for a percentage of the program fee depending on the date of withdrawal. More details about the withdrawal policy will be included in your payment contract. No part of the program fee is refundable once the program has begun. Notice of withdrawal from the program must be made in writing to both the UW Study Abroad Office and the Department of Spanish & Portuguese Studies.



Questions about the León Program and the UW Spanish curriculum can be addressed to: Samuel Jaffee (Program Director), sjaffee@uw.edu; Tony Geist (Program Founder), tgeist@uw.edu; the UW Department of Spanish & Portuguese Studies, spsuw@uw.edu

Advanced Spanish

Autumn Quarter in LEÓN, SPAIN 2019



Sept. 21-Dec. 7

**Department of Spanish &
Portuguese Studies
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LIVE AND STUDY IN SPAIN

During Autumn Quarter 2019, the UW Department of Spanish & Portuguese Studies will take a group of motivated students to the beguiling city of León, Spain, to live with local families and study Spanish language, conversation, writing, literature, and culture at the 14th-century Palacio del Conde Luna.

León is a diverse, cosmopolitan city of 137,000 located in the northwestern part of Spain, just 2 hours from Madrid by high-speed train. It is known for its 13th century Gothic cathedral and monumental buildings, as well as for its lively street life and *fiestas*. Every year people from around the world visit León to see and participate in its many processions and colorful traditions.

Program participants will be placed individually with local families within walking distance of the Palacio. Three meals per day will be provided. This housing arrangement allows students to be immersed in the local culture and have the opportunity to speak only Spanish for the duration of the program. Students will participate in group excursions and activities to local points of interest, such as the World Heritage Site of Las Médulas, where the Romans mined gold two thousand years ago, and the picturesque town of Astorga, whose history also dates back to Roman times. There may also be an overnight trip to Santiago de Compostela, with optional trekking on foot for the last 8-15 kilometers along the centuries-old Way of Saint James pilgrimage route. (Exact details on group excursions are forthcoming.)

REQUIREMENTS:

The program has two tracks: The prerequisite for the SPAN 301 & 302 track is completion of SPAN 203 or placement into SPAN 301 before the start of the program. The prerequisite for the SPAN 302 & 303 track is completion of SPAN 301 or placement into SPAN 302 before the start of the program. Students will earn 19 UW credits for successful completion of the program. Credits will be recorded on students' UW transcripts and apply toward the Spanish major and UW graduation requirements.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

Students will enroll in four courses, all taught in Spanish, as well as a service learning practicum:

SPAN 301 & 302 *or* SPAN 302 & 303 (10 credits)
SPAN 321 Intro. to Hispanic Literature (5 credits)
SPAN 394 Spanish Culture, Film & Art (3 credits)
SPAN 392 Service Learning (1 credit)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

SPAN 301: Advanced Spanish Discussion

This is an advanced-level discussion course designed to help develop your Spanish conversation abilities, oral comprehension, reading skills, debate/argument, *tertulia*, and discussion skills. A video-oriented, task-based communicative approach to the Spanish language is used. You will be introduced to level-appropriate vocabulary and grammar, as used in the videos and in related topical readings, and you will improve your listening and speaking skills. Topics: reality vs. fantasy, personality clashes, the media, power dynamics, the mysteries of love, family life.

SPAN 302: Advanced Spanish Writing

This is an advanced-level writing course designed to develop reading, writing, editing, and discussion skills. Topics: narration, description, expository writing, arguments and debate.

SPAN 303: Stylistics and Composition

This course guides students through the process of reading, discussion, and analysis of literary texts. The course goal is the production of formal essays, thesis-based argument, and quoting evidence. You will improve your writing and editing skills.

SPAN 321 Intro. to Hispanic Literature:

This course is an introduction to the methods of literary analysis (the short story, poetry, plays, and the philosophical essay), from Spain and Latin America. We will study a range of personal, ethnic, religious, political, and social identities. *Course goals:* to learn to identify the elements that make up a literary text, recognize characteristics of genre, offer evidence-based interpretations of narrative, poetic,

theatrical, and expository works, improve skill in written Spanish and in dialogue, and make creative connections with other areas of personal or academic interest. These goals will be assessed through essays, projects, presentations, quizzes, and/or tests.

SPAN 394 Spanish Culture, Film & Art:

This course will introduce students to history and literature of the Iberian Peninsula, from medieval times to present day. Through the reading of a selection of poetry, legends, and short stories; the study of art, film, photographs, and other visual texts; and perhaps a field trip to the Prado and Reina Sofia museums in Madrid, students will become familiar with key moments in the history of Spain. The course may also include a community-based learning component, in which students will explore the city of León and make contact with local organizations, service providers, or cultural spaces. Students will use the city as a classroom to learn more about contemporary Spanishness while developing their oral proficiency skills. *Course goals:* to learn to understand and appreciate the cultural richness of the cultural history of Spain and its connection with world and European history; to increase practical and critical capacities for understanding literature of various genres; to hone structured and free-writing abilities, as well as reading and speaking skills; to improve oral and written expression; and to expand students' vocabulary in Spanish. These goals will be assessed through essays, projects, presentations, quizzes, and/or tests.

SPAN 392 Service Learning:

In this service learning experience, students will assist English teachers in local schools in Leon and help them teach English to children and teenagers. Students will keep a journal during the experience, and must turn it in at the end of the program to get credit. The class is graded on a CR/NC basis. *Course goals:* to learn about the educational system in Spain, and to become more integrated into life in Leon. These goals will be assessed by reading students' written contributions to a reflection journal.