

VENGA, VALE, VAMOS

Study Abroad in Valladolid, Spain



The University of Colorado Denver

June 1st – June 27th 2019

& also scheduled to run June 2020

Venga, vale, vamos is a one-month, **six-credit**, immersion learning experience spent living and studying in Spain. The program is centered for three weeks in the city of Valladolid, whose university (UVA) was founded in the early 13th century by Alfonso VIII, King of Castile. The *Centro de Idiomas* of the university is well known for its summer *Spanish as a Second Language* program for foreign students. In addition to providing intensive practice in all four language skills in Spanish, this program introduces students to the various facets of contemporary life in Spain as a means of gaining a basic understanding of past and present Spanish society.

While in Valladolid, students are housed in double rooms in selected Spanish households. Housing is within walking distance or with easy access to public transportation to classes. The program fee for lodging in a Spanish household includes three meals per day and laundry once a week. Upon arrival, there is a special introduction to the city and to Spanish daily life. The program director is available to meet with and assist students on an individual basis throughout the entire program.

The city offers ample opportunities for dining out, night life, and enjoyment of the countryside. While in Valladolid, the program includes guided weekend excursions to places of historical or scenic interest which include Segovia and Santander, and evening excursions by train or bus to cities such as Burgos and Ávila. In addition, there will be an overnight weekend trip to Madrid. Here we will visit the famous museums, go to a flamenco show, and you will also have free time to explore the city. Following the academic program in Valladolid, there will be a group trip to San Sebastian, which is on the northern coast of Spain.

COURSES WHILE ABROAD:

Each participant is placed at the *Universidad de Valladolid* in one of the various levels of the Spanish as a Foreign Language program. Students devote approximately four hours per day, five days a week to formal study of the Spanish language and its culture. At each level, coursework includes the study of grammar (2

hours), conversation practice (1 hour), and culture (1 hour). These classes will be held for a total of three weeks and be worth 3-credit hours.

The second 3-credit hour course will be a hybrid course with the CU professor. While in Spain, this class will meet 2x per week in the evenings – once with their professor and once to talk with native Spanish conversation partners. Beyond the classroom time, this course will include on-site cross-cultural activities with assignments that compliment these experiences. Students will write blogs in Spanish describing daily activities, cultural visits, and overall impressions of notable differences between the United States and Spanish customs. In addition, each student will meet with the professor once per week for one-on-one oral exams so that their language acquisition can be monitored. Lastly, there will be a final project due upon return to the US.

PREREQUISITES:

To participate in this program, you must have completed SPAN 1020.

If you took Spanish in high school or already speak Spanish, you can take the placement test and then be eligible to participate (contact Amanda for more information).

CREDIT:

The students will receive a total of 6 credit hours for four weeks of study during the month of June

- If you have completed:
 - 1020 - you will get credit for **SPAN 2110** and then 3 credit hours of **SPAN 2995** travel study.
 - 2110 - you will get credit for **SPAN 2120** and then 3 credit hours of **SPAN 3995**.
 - 2120 or anything in the 3000-level - you will get 3 credit hours of **SPAN 3995** and 3 credit hours of **SPAN 3999**
- These 3000-level credits will go towards a minor & major in Spanish
- For majors - 3999 will count as a *Language Skills and Theory* course, and 3995 will count as a *Civilization & Culture* course
- If you are an advanced student, there is also the option to take a Literature course at UVa, and you will receive credit for **SPAN 3101**

Tentative PROGRAM COST: \$4,000

**This price does not include a flight, which will be about \$1,000*

FINANCIAL AID:

This program is through CU Denver and you will pay for the program through your account online. It is considered full-time, so you will be able to use financial aid (scholarships, grants, student loans, etc.). There are also many specific scholarships for study abroad available.

For more information, contact Amanda Ritchie: amanda.ritchie@ucdenver.edu