

J-Term 2016
“Spain: Intensive Language Study”
June 04-26, 2016

This course is a J-Term Study Tour to Spain. It comprises 23 days and 22 nights of travel, entirely in Spain, including a one-week stay in Madrid and a two-week stay in Valencia. The class will also spend a day in Toledo (near Madrid) and another in Sagunt (near Valencia). The primary objective of the course is linguistic and cultural immersion. Both of these goals are realized through the mechanism of Spanish family homestays and Spanish language classes in private language academies. Consequently, students in the course will deepen their linguistic and cultural understanding of Spanish and Spain through real-world exposure to the country, its customs, its people, and its language.

Cost:	\$2800
Length:	23 days in Spain in June 2016.
Pre-Reqs:	None. The course is open to all students, and prior knowledge of Spanish is not required.
Housing:	All included. Students are housed in Spanish homes with families.
Meals:	All included. This means all meals, all days (breakfast, lunch, and dinner).
Classes:	All included. Students get 3-4 hours of formal Spanish classes each weekday.
Excursions:	All included. This includes all cultural visits & excursions each weekday afternoon.
Travel:	All included, except airfare. All intra-city travel, and city-to-city travel in Spain is included. Airfare costs for June 2016 are not yet published, and this is the only cost not included.

Both the family homestays and the formal language classes are arranged through our Spanish Language Academy partners in Madrid and Valencia. These schools employ professional teachers in small class settings (6-12 students) designed for providing personal attention to each student. The language academies also help to arrange the cultural activities and excursions taking place each weekday. The cultural excursions will take place each weekday afternoon, including visits to museums, cathedrals, palaces and plazas. Sample excursions in Madrid include: the Palacio Real, La Puerta del Sol, La Plaza Mayor, la Catedral de la Almudena, El Museo del Prado, El Parque del Retiro, and other cultural events and outings. Sample cultural events and excursions in Valencia include a City Tour, a cooking demonstration, a dance class, El Museo del Arroz, El Paseo Marítimo, El Museo de las Ciencias, El Museo Oceanográfico, a traditional Paella dinner, and La Fiesta de San Juan.

Here is the procedure for enrolling in the course:

- 1-Turn in the completed “Application” form to Professor Matt Borden (Lentz 340).
- 2-Schedule an interview with Professor Borden to discuss the course.
- 3-Make your one-time, non-refundable deposit of \$300 in the Carthage Business Office.

The purpose of the interview is simply to make sure each student is fully aware of the nature and challenges of this Study Tour. The \$300 deposit requirement is the same for all J-Term Study Tours. This is a Carthage College policy designed to ensure that each student secures a place in no more than one Study Tour. The \$300 deposit does count toward the course fee of \$2800, leaving a remaining balance of \$2500 to be paid.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- \$300 non-refundable deposit due by May 31st (or upon confirmation of acceptance by Professor Borden).
- \$500 more due by September 1st
- \$1,000 more due by December 1st
- \$1,000 more due by February 1st

All students must also have a valid passport for travel. It usually takes several months to secure a passport so students should apply as soon as they are certain they wish to enroll in the course.

Application for “Spain: Intensive Language Study” for J-Term (June) 2016

Name: _____ Today’s date: _____

E-mail: _____ Current class year: FR SO JR SR

Home address: _____

Best phone number to reach your parents: _____ Your cell #: _____

1. What is the highest level Spanish course you have taken? Where? When?

2. Have you declared a Spanish Major or Minor? Do you intend to pursue either in the future?

3. Do you have any previous experience with study abroad or international travel?

4. Why do you want to enroll in this course?

5. What do you expect to be the most challenging aspect of this experience?

6. Do you have any special food or eating restrictions? Are you allergic to any foods?

7. What specific foods or meals do you commonly eat? What are your favorite things to eat normally?

8. Do you have any non-food allergies? Do you have any phobias or conditions that may restrict travel (e.g. motion sickness, fear of heights, fear of specific animals or insects, panic attacks, etc.)?

9. Please be specific: how do you plan to pay for the \$2800 cost of this course? And the airfare cost?