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Temple University in Spain

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S SPRING SEMESTER PROGRAM IN SPAIN was developed in 2008 in response to the success of its existing summer session in Oviedo. Based at the University of Oviedo, the semester program is designed for students who are committed to furthering their Spanish language skills. Program participants must have successfully completed the third semester of college-level Spanish (Spanish 1003: Intermediate I, or the equivalent), to be eligible for the spring semester program.

The University of Oviedo dates back to its founding in 1575 with teaching activities commencing in 1608. Numerous outstanding figures of Spanish and European culture have been linked to the institution throughout the past four centuries. Today, the University of Oviedo is one of the top universities in Spain, with over 34,000 students enrolled in 35 departments, 12 faculties, three higher technical schools, 17 university schools, and various university institutes and centers. The university has five campuses throughout Oviedo, as well as campuses in the nearby cities of Gijón and Mieres.

Study abroad participants will be enrolled in the Cursos de Lengua y Cultura Españolas para Extranjeros program, which for more than 20 years has offered courses in Spanish language and culture to international students. An integral part of the university, the center offers a broad range of courses, conducted in Spanish, at the intermediate and advanced levels. All program courses are held in Oviedo at the university's humanities campus, El Milán, which has classrooms and administrative offices, as well as a library, video library and language laboratory.

As a complement to academic courses, cultural programming and organized leisure activities offer students the opportunity to acquire in-depth knowledge of various aspects of Spanish and Asturian culture. They also serve to strengthen students' Spanish language proficiency outside of a formal classroom setting. For one week during the program, students participate in a non-credit enrichment workshop which, in the past, has included themes such as dance, short story, photography, cartoons and journalism. Throughout the semester, the university hosts film series, short story and photography competitions, and organizes visits to sites of interest studied in class. Programs which facilitate connections between international and Spanish students, including a language partner conversation exchange, are also offered and organized by the university.

Oviedo and Asturias

The Principality of Asturias, one of the most culturally significant regions in Spain, boasts a population of over 1,100,000 and sits in the far northwest corner of the Iberian Peninsula. Nestled between the Cantabrian Sea to the north, and the Cantabrian mountain chain to the south, Asturias is often called a "natural paradise," with high mountains, inland sierras, valleys, meadows and woodlands, and a rugged coastal area with cliffs, beaches and river estuaries. The climate is basically an Atlantic one, with mild temperatures and abundant rainfall year round. The origins of Asturian culture go back to ancient times, with prehistoric cave paintings, Celtic settlements, and Romanesque and Gothic monuments.



Oviedo, the capital city of Asturias, is situated 21 miles from the coast, at the foot of the Naranco hills. The administrative, commercial and cultural center of the region, Oviedo's active lifestyle includes concerts, operas, conferences, congresses and libraries. In addition, this lively and modern city, with a population of more than 220,000, also boasts an impressive old-town center, museums and significant historic sites. As there are relatively few English-speaking visitors, Oviedo provides an excellent environment for students to improve language skills. Home to the Universidad de Oviedo with more than 34,000 students and 1,600 faculty members, Oviedo is a university town, as it has been for nearly four centuries.

In addition to life in Oviedo, nearby coastal cities such as Gijón and Avilés provide students with further opportunities for exploration. Gijón is the largest city in Asturias, and with a marina, beaches and frequent cultural events and expositions, it is the main tourist destination of the region. Avilés is close to some of the most beautiful beaches in the region, and its medieval quarter has been named a site of historic artistic heritage.

Program Calendar

Program Calendar*	Spring 2010
Departure	January 4
Arrival	January 5
Orientation	January 6-10
Classes Begin	January 11
Classes End	May 21
Last Night in Housing	May 22
Program Concludes	May 23

*Dates are tentative and subject to change.

Academic Program

The Temple in Spain spring semester program is comprised of coursework in Spanish language, literature, translation, history and art. All students enroll in one of two tracks, Intermediate or Advanced, depending on their Spanish language background. Courses are taught by native Spanish-speaking professors of the University of Oviedo, and by Temple University faculty member Dr. Jaime Durán. Students enroll in a total of fifteen credits, choosing five courses from the possibilities offered.

Intermediate Level

Intended for students who have successfully completed the third semester of university-level Spanish (Spanish 1003: Intermediate I), or the equivalent.

Intermediate level students are required to enroll in the following two courses:

Spanish 2001: Conversational Review (3 s.h.)

Spanish 3221: Spanish Culture and Civilization (3 s.h.)

Students choose the remaining three courses from a selection approved for the intermediate level. The following is a sampling of courses that are typically offered at the intermediate level.

Spanish 2002: Hispanic Readings I* (3 s.h.)

Spanish 2096: Composition & Conversation* (3 s.h.)

Spanish 3121: Introduction to Spanish Literature (3 s.h.)

Spanish 3401: Translation Skills I (3 s.h.)

Spanish 4221: The Art of Spain (3 s.h.)

Advanced Level

Intended for students who have, at minimum, successfully completed the fourth semester of university-level Spanish (Spanish 2001: Conversational Review), or the equivalent.

Advanced level students are required to enroll in the following two courses:

Spanish 3001: Advanced Composition & Conversation** (3 s.h.)

Spanish 4183: Directed Readings (historical approach)*** (3 s.h.)

Students choose the remaining three courses from a selection of courses approved for the advanced level. The following is a list of courses that are typically offered at the advanced level.

Spanish 3002: Hispanic Readings II (3 s.h.)

Spanish 3241: Spanish-American Culture and Civilization (3 s.h.)

Spanish 3402: Translation Skills II (3 s.h.)

Spanish 4121: Survey of Spanish Literature (3 s.h.)

Spanish 4221: The Art of Spain (3 s.h.)

Spanish 4301: Spanish Phonetics (3 s.h.)

*This is a recommended course.

**This course requirement does not apply to students who have already completed Spanish 3001.

***Spanish 4183 is a repeatable course and therefore remains a requirement for students who have previously taken this course in any location besides Oviedo.

Notes:

- Depending on enrollment numbers, some courses may not be available every year.
- Temple students who successfully complete the Temple in Spain semester program automatically satisfy the International Studies requirement of the Core Curriculum or the World Society requirement of Gen Ed.
- The prerequisites required for Spanish 2001, 2096 and 3096 do not apply for study abroad in Oviedo.

Program Services

Program Director

Dr. Jaime Durán is a native of Oviedo and studied as an undergraduate at the University of Oviedo. He obtained his PhD in Spanish from Temple University, where he currently teaches. Dr. Durán developed Temple's Spanish Language, Literature and Film summer program in Oviedo, and has directed and taught in the program for the past six years.

Pre-Departure and Orientation Programs

International Programs provides participating students with a series of pre-departure information postings and an orientation in Philadelphia during the semester prior to departure. Upon arrival in Spain, students participate in an in-country orientation in Madrid which helps acquaint them with the basics of Spanish culture, language and social etiquette. In addition, the University of Oviedo hosts a welcome for students upon arrival on campus. During this time, students are introduced to the university campus, faculty and staff.

Accommodations

The Temple in Spain spring semester program offers students housing with a local host family. Students are provided with three meals a day and laundry service. This living arrangement offers the best opportunity to practice the language in a natural setting and have direct access to local lifestyle, gastronomy and social life.

Travel, Passports and Visas

Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from Spain and are required to arrive on time and be present for the duration of the program. Further details are provided in the pre-departure materials.

By law, stays of over ninety days in Spain require a student visa. Students will be required to submit their passports as well as supporting documents to apply for a visa. Students must have a valid passport (valid for at least 90 days beyond the end of the program) by the program application deadline. It will be necessary for students to limit international travel throughout the visa process, which can take up to two months or longer. Detailed visa application instructions are provided to accepted students.



Routine passport processing times vary and can take up to a few months. Please refer to the U. S. Department of State’s web site for more detailed information regarding passports and expedited service: www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Health Insurance and Emergency Services

Students are required to have health insurance with international coverage valid for the duration of the program. For this reason, all Temple study abroad participants are required, at a minimum, to purchase the International Student Identity Card (ISIC), which carries a basic emergency and accident insurance policy. This card is currently available for \$22 from www.myisic.com.

While Temple University requires that all students maintain ISIC coverage at a minimum, the University highly recommends purchasing additional insurance. Furthermore, the Spanish consulate currently requires student visa applicants to have medical coverage of a minimum 30,000 Euros or the equivalent in U.S. dollars (at the time of publication, approximately \$38,000), which exceeds the coverage provided by the ISIC. Therefore, if you are accepted into the program, you will be required to provide proof of insurance with international coverage meeting this amount. More detailed information on insurance is provided to accepted students.

In the event of a medical emergency overseas, all students on a Temple University study abroad program also have access to 24-hour assistance through International SOS. International SOS services help students with medical, personal, travel and security information when away from home.

Financial Matters

Cost and Payment Policies

Temple University will announce 2009-2010 tuition fees during the summer of 2009. As a guideline, the 2008-2009 program costs are listed below.

2009 Tuition and Fees (15 credits)	Pennsylvania Residents	Non-Pennsylvania Residents
Undergraduate	\$5,429	\$9,939
Spain Fee*	\$5,200	\$5,200

*Please note: This fee is an estimate and is subject to change.

Tuition and fees include undergraduate tuition for 15 credits. The estimated Spain fee of \$5,200 includes housing and three meals a day in Oviedo, accommodations and excursions during the orientation week in Madrid, and travel from Madrid to Oviedo.

Students should also budget additional funds for transatlantic and local travel, books, health insurance, the International Student Identity Card (ISIC), visa processing fees, personal expenses, and the return trip from Oviedo to Madrid.

Deposits

Students admitted to the Temple in Spain spring semester program must confirm participation with a non-refundable deposit of \$200 within two weeks of acceptance to the program. This deposit is credited toward the student’s fees. Temple University invoices students for all remaining program charges, at which point final payment must be made. Financial aid vouchers and/or award letters are the only exceptions to this policy. Students who have been awarded financial aid must present evidence of such awards according to the procedure outlined in the “Financial Aid” section.

Refunds

To determine a student’s eligibility for refunds of any charges, International Programs must first receive written notice of withdrawal from the student, by either a signed letter or e-mail. Students may receive a full refund of tuition up to the end of the second week of classes, provided the

proper drop/add form and written notice of withdrawal are received by International Programs. After this time, refunds are not possible.

In some cases, if there are extenuating circumstances, there are provisions for petitioning for a refund of tuition after the end of the second week of classes. For Temple’s full refund policy concerning tuition, please visit www.temple.edu/bulletin/Enrolling/enrolling.shtm (see Tuition and Fees).

Temple makes a commitment to housing partners on behalf of students immediately after the due date of students’ housing forms. If a student withdraws before the start of the program, Temple will attempt to obtain a refund of the housing costs, but a refund may not be possible. If Temple is unable to obtain a refund, students will be billed for the entire costs of housing. By the time students arrive in Spain, Temple has made irrevocable commitments on their behalf. Students leaving their Temple-arranged housing before the end of the semester will receive no refund.

Once charges are posted to student accounts and initial bills are processed, Temple makes commitments on behalf of students for various activities covered by the Spain program fee, such as the Madrid orientation events. If a student withdraws from the program before charges are posted and initial bills are processed (typically mid-November for spring), the program fee is refundable. After bills are processed, Temple will attempt to obtain a full or partial refund of the program fee, but a refund after the initial billing date is not guaranteed.

Financial Aid

Students who intend to finance all or a portion of their overseas study through financial aid funds must follow procedures designed to ensure that required forms are completed prior to departure for Spain.

Temple Students

Temple University students are eligible to apply for financial assistance through regular University channels. Most forms of Temple University financial aid, Veterans’ benefits, and awards from government and private sources are applicable to the Temple in Spain spring semester program. Although the general pattern of financial assistance the student would have received on the Philadelphia campus is maintained, the dollar amount awarded will sometimes be greater, since Student Financial Services takes into account the increased cost of foreign study.

Temple University students are required to submit proof of their financial aid. All awards must be documented through a photocopy of the award letter from the official granting institution or agency, and it must also include the name, address, and phone number of the individual who administers the award.

Other Students

Students from other institutions should consult with financial aid officers on their own campuses to determine what sources of aid are available to them. Students must apply for financial aid through their own institutions. Federal awards and a number of state awards are transferable to the Temple in Spain program.

Students from other institutions must document their awards by providing:

1. copies of the official notification letter(s). Such letters should state the amount, source and date of availability of the awards.
2. the name, title, address and phone number of the person or persons responsible for the administration of each of the grants, loans or scholarships submitted. The name and address of the financial aid office at the student’s home institution should also be included.

Scholarships

Scholarship assistance is available to selected Temple students and is awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial need. Temple students who meet the following eligibility requirements will be considered for a scholarship and may apply by completing the Temple University in Spain Scholarship application, available within the online program application.



Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible for this award, students must:

- be enrolled as a full-time, matriculated, Temple University student
- have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0
- have demonstrated financial need
- have completed a least three undergraduate semesters by the time of anticipated enrollment in the Spain spring semester program
- enroll as a full-time student in the Spain spring semester program
- be a United States citizen or Permanent Resident

Gilman Scholarships provide awards for study abroad for U.S. citizens who are receiving Pell Grants. Selected recipients are awarded up to \$5,000 to defray the costs associated with studying abroad. For more information about these scholarships, visit the web site at www.iie.org/gilman.

For additional scholarship resources, visit the Scholarships section of the International Programs web site at www.temple.edu/studyabroad/scholarships.html.

Program Eligibility

- Students must be at least 19 years old by the start date of their study in Spain.
- Students must be currently matriculated as full-time undergraduate students who will have completed at least three semesters of college-level study with a satisfactory scholastic average (minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale from all colleges/universities attended).
- Students must have successfully completed Spanish 1001, 1002, and 1003, or the equivalent.
- Students on academic and/or disciplinary probation or warning may not participate.
- All participants must undertake a full-time course load of 5 courses for 15 semester hours.

Application Requirements and Procedures

Further details about application procedures are available on our web site.

Online Application

Go to the Spain Semester/Year page within the Programs section on our web site: www.temple.edu/studyabroad. Click on the "Apply Now" link found on the right side of the page to begin your application. Temple students may log in using their Temple Accessnet username and password. Non-Temple students will be prompted to create an account. Non-Temple students should confirm study abroad procedures with their home institution before beginning an application.

Submissions

All application requirements will appear on your Program Home Page within the online application system. Please note that the following submissions will be required.

Submissions for All Applicants:

Two academic recommendations.

Additional Submissions for Non-Temple Students:

- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended to date.
- Home College/University Approval Form indicating you have received approval from your home institution to participate in the Temple University in Spain program.
- \$50 non-refundable application fee made payable to Temple University.

All materials must be received by the deadline but may be submitted under separate cover. Applications are not reviewed until all supporting submissions have been received. All correspondence regarding a student's application, including the decision letter, will be sent by email.

Application Deadlines

Completed applications, including all supporting documents, must be received by September 22nd for the 2010 spring semester program. Completed applications are reviewed on a rolling-admissions basis; students are encouraged to apply in advance of the deadline.

The completed application form and supporting documents should be sent to Temple University as follows:

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200 Tuttleman Learning Center
1809 N. 13th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Accreditation

Temple in Spain, as an integral part of Temple University, is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Enrollment is open to qualified applicants from other colleges, universities and professional schools, subject to the admission criteria outlined.

Transfer of Credits

Students are advised to discuss their academic plans, the selection of courses, applicability of financial aid and ultimate transfer of credit with their home institution prior to departure to Spain. Credits earned at Temple University in Spain are recorded on standard Temple University transcripts and may be readily transferred to other institutions. Non-Temple students may arrange to have an official transcript sent to their home institution free of charge by signing the transcript release authorization on the Home College Approval Form. Additional transcripts are available at a cost of \$6 per transcript from Academic Records: www.temple.edu/registrar.



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