



University of South Alabama

Summer 2012 Abroad Course Offering -- Department of Foreign Languages

USA USM Spanish - Madrid, Spain

May 17 - June 22, 2012, Madrid, Spain

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As the birthplace of the Spanish language, Spain is the ideal location for students to learn its language, experience its customs, and discover its history and art. The University of South Alabama Summer Session in Madrid will be held in collaboration with the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Madrid Program. Students participating in this program will attend the USM program hosted by ENFOREX Institutes at its center in Madrid. Classes meet in small groups led by highly qualified instructors who specialize in teaching Spanish as a foreign language. Program participants will be assigned to classes based on their academic background in Spanish. Students will reside in homestays throughout Madrid and participate in at least two full weekend excursions: one to Granada and Valencia. All courses emphasize communication skills and oral proficiency. This is a combined USA-USM faculty led program for the 5 week period.

Recommended for all academic disciplines. This program has been designed primarily for students interested in strengthening their Spanish language and culture skills. Students who have taken LG131 (or with equivalent Spanish language skills) needing LG132 and above should apply! Participants may apply courses towards requirements for a minor in Spanish.



Program Fee: (9 sem.cr.hrs (3USA/6 transfer)

\$6,997 (UG resident)*

PLUS personal expenses

Includes: USA tuition UG/resident 3hrs, USM tuition & fees, Housing (double occupancy), Airport pickup and drop-off, 24/7 assistance insurance, 2 meals per day, two weekend excursions, **

Not included: USA non-resident fees, personal expenses, optional excursions, some meals, etc.

Deadlines:

*** see payments policies

COMPLETE Program

Applications due March 2, 2012

***Deposit – December 9, 2011 - \$300

1st payment – February 3, 2012 – 50% of payment

***Final: March 2, 2012 – total balance due

All payments due as noted regardless of eligibility for financial aid, scholarships or awards. Contact Ms. Ana Burgamy aburgamy@usouthal.edu for information on how financial aid, scholarships and awards do apply towards study abroad.

Applicants must be 19 years of age or older by date of departure and have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until program is full, don't wait to apply. Late payment and applications may be considered on a space available basis. A late/incomplete application and payment fee of \$250 applies after 3/2/2012.

* Advanced level course work available, additional fees may apply. USA reserves the right to modify, re-budget, charge surcharges, and cancel the program based on economic situation. Fee is based on enrollment of at least 10 USA students.

**Additional fees may be required for optional activities and other services.

*** All payments are non-refundable. Any requests for consideration of refunds based on extenuating circumstances (medical, etc...) must be made in writing no later than the departure date for the program and will be considered on a case by case basis no sooner than 30 days following completion of the program based on recoverable expenses. If eligible, refunds are based on recoverable expenses.

For more information please contact the Office of International Education or Dept. of Foreign Languages:

- For application information go to USA OIE AHE 320 intledu@usouthal.edu
<http://www.southalabama.edu/oie/contact.html>

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University of South Alabama USM Madrid Spain Spanish Program Summer 2011



Background: Madrid is located in the heart of Spain. Because it is the capital and the largest city, Madrid is also the economic, cultural, gastronomic, and artistic center of the country. Although comparable to Paris or London, Madrid has a style all its own. Here centuries old places, cathedrals, museums, monasteries, and other historic landmarks coexist gracefully with contemporary technology and infrastructure. The USA Southern Miss Spanish program will be hosted by ENFOREX Institutes at its center in Madrid. This center offers e-mail and internet access to students free of charge. Students may also borrow books, videos or music CD's from the library. Classes meet in small groups led by highly qualified instructors who specialize in teaching Spanish as a foreign language.



What to do in Spain? The program offers afternoon excursions to world famous museums such as El Prado, the Museo Nacional de Arte Reina Sofia, the Thyssen-Bornemisza and the Museo de America, and walking tours to explore such historic sites as the Palacio Real, the Plaza Mayor, the Hapsburg and the Bourbon neighborhoods and the Retiro Park. More informally, students will enjoy spending their afternoons and evenings chatting in sidewalk cafes, sampling "tapas" (Spanish appetizers) and shopping in the fashion district, at malls, or at the famous flea market, El Rastro.

Academics: All students must DEPART THE US on MAY 17th to begin the program. Either prior to departure or on the first day of class May 21st all participants will undergo placement exams to determine their appropriate course level, course registrations may be adjusted as appropriate prior to the beginning of each session based on your placement assessments. In this program you may choose from courses offered by USM for a total 6 USM credits. All USA students take USA LG 333 (3 USA credit hours taught in Spanish by USA faculty) and select from the following offerings by USM. (Course ID and number may change, this is a preliminary list):

- USM BEGIN/INTERM.** (6 sem.cr.hrs transfer) 2 of the following: USM Spanish 182, 281 282
 USM ADVANCED Spanish (6 sem.cr.hrs transfer) 2 of the following: USM Spanish 381, 382, 481, 482

Contact your academic advisor and/or the Spanish advisors for completion of the USA transient credit approval form found at (note these choices may be adjusted on arrival to match your placement exam): <http://www.southalabama.edu/academicaffairs/forms/transientform.pdf>

Orientations and policies: USA will schedule required pre-departure orientation sessions and upon arrival you will participate in a required intensive onsite orientation program. All USA students are subject to the USA Student conduct and academic policies while on this program. Additionally participants are subject to all USM and Enforex policies and procedures. All participants are also subject to all laws and regulations of SPAIN. For detailed Spain country information please go to the US Department of State information at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1024.html and for international travel guides for students: <http://studentsabroad.state.gov/>

Travel Arrangements: The program fee DOES include group flight arrangements from NEW ORLEANS, contact USM for optional arrangements (added fees may apply). Arrivals may only take place on MAY 18th. Departures should take place on JUNE 22nd, 2012 or later. In order to take advantage of the airport pickup travel with the group or provide USA OIE and USM with a copy of your flight itinerary. Early arrivals prior to May 18 and late departures after June 22nd will require that you make hotel arrangements at participant expense.

Travel Health and Insurance Requirements: Spain is on the European continent and weather can vary throughout the country, May and June are typically hot and moving from the wet early May period to dryer summer season. For specific travel health conditions that may affect you please check with your health care provider or go to the USA Student Health Center for travel immunizations and advising. To have the most benefit, see a health-care provider at least 4-6 weeks before your trip! Additionally, review the US CDC country specific information at: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/spain.aspx>. All USA study abroad students are required to carry their own personal major medical health insurance that is valid throughout the program. If you do not have a health plan please go to the USA student health center for more information on a policy that also covers some travel immunizations. All students participating on USA study abroad programs are also covered by the USA 24/7 emergency assistance and security plan.

US Embassy Registration: The U.S. State Department provides a free travel registration service to U.S. citizens who are traveling to another country, this may be done online well prior to departure! Registration allows a traveler to record information about his or her upcoming trip abroad that the Department of State can use to assist in case of an emergency.

To complete your registration go to: <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

FINANCIAL AID AND FUNDING INFORMATION: All USA students on financial aid or other scholarships should contact their USA financial aid advisors to discuss their financial aid eligibility and how any available aid may be applied towards participation in this program. PLAN AHEAD—THIS IS A SUMMER PROGRAM AND YOU SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR SUMMER PLANS IN YOUR FALL AND SPRING TERM DISCUSSIONS WITH THE USA FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE, PARENTS AND FINANCIAL PLANNING. Contact the USA Department of Foreign Languages for departmental awards information. Honors students contact your honors advisor for award information. Need help with paying your program fees? Check out the USA Federal Credit Union tuition payment plan at: <http://www.southalabama.edu/usafedcu/tuition.shtml>

For more information please contact the USA Office of International Education:
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