SPAN 395.01: Study Abroad Program in Salamanca

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Salamanca is a medieval university town approximately 120 miles northwest of Madrid. It has a current population around 180,000, occupying a square mile of space along the Tormes River. Salamanca offers to students a large variety of interesting sites pointing to its rich artistic tradition. These include the famous university founded in the 13th century; the magnificent Plaza Mayor, social and ceremonial hub of the area; and many others. In fact, the entire town has been declared a national monument, and for the year 2002, “la Capital Europea de la Cultura.”

Students stay in private homes and attend language and culture classes at the Colegio de Espana. After a three-week orientation period at U.M., participants will depart for Spain, spend the rest of February in Madrid and study in Salamanca during March and April. Excursions to important sites around Spain are a standard part of the program. Apart from scheduled trips and activities, there will be opportunities for exploring other places and pursuing individual interests.

Classes in Salamanca are taught by native Spanish instructors. All participants register for a full course load, 14-18 credits, through regular registration procedures at U.M. Course work is supervised by the Director who accompanies the group from The University of Montana, and is credited through the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures as though the classes were taken on campus.

The spring program includes an orientation class: Spanish 355, Topics in Hispanic Literature & Culture: Spain (three credits). This class meets every day on campus during the first three weeks of spring semester, Jan. 28-Feb. 18. It is a general orientation to the experience abroad, including advising about courses, points on language usage and topics on life in contemporary Spain. Spanish 355 will continue to meet in Salamanca on a weekly basis. Other course listings under which the Salamanca classes are to be counted appear in the Spanish section of the U.M. spring schedule, designated as “Taught in Spain.”

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