



## ICISP STUDY ABROAD – Seville, Spain

### Semester Study Abroad in Seville, Spain

#### Fall Semester:

September 20, 2017 – December 15, 2017

#### Spring Semester:

January 31, 2018 – May 11, 2018

### Program Summary

The Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP) is pleased to provide a semester-long study abroad program at the International College of Seville (ICS) in Seville, Spain. The program is available in the fall and spring semesters.

Seville, Spain, is the quintessential Andalusian Spanish city, on the banks of the Guadalquivir River. With a population of 700,000, Seville is home to three UNESCO World Heritage sites. Portugal, Morocco, Madrid and Barcelona are all easily accessible by various modes of transportation.

### Admission Requirements

This program is open to serious students who have a strong interest in immersing themselves in Spanish culture and heritage. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older as of the program start date. The minimum age requirement is strictly upheld. All applicants are required to complete an application form. To be considered for admission, students must meet the following minimum admissions requirements:

- completion of at least 12 hours of college-level coursework;
- completion of English Composition or its equivalent with a B or better;
- a cumulative college earned grade point average of 2.75/4.0 or higher; and
- approval and recommendation of applicant's campus ICISP representative.

A personal interview with the program coordinator may be held to determine the participant's maturity and adaptability to a foreign environment. Successful completion of the application process is required for admission to the program. If a participant has special needs, the program will attempt to make reasonable accommodations within the capacity available at ICS. Disability accommodations will vary according to need and what can reasonably be provided by a foreign institution. It may be difficult for those with severe physical disabilities to travel to and within Spain due to differing legal requirements for accommodations in country.



## Academics

Students in this program will enroll as full time students at ICS, earning 12 – 15 semester credits. The cornerstone of the program is Culture and Society of Spain, a course which provides students with an introduction to the history, culture, and people of Spain. This course includes field trips and a forum for inquiry into the country they reside in for the academic term.

Students will also enroll in a sequence of Spanish courses. Placement will be determined by assessment upon arrival. The remaining course options are similar to those students take at their home college, courses such as International Business, Art and Political Science. ICISP representatives have a list of courses offered at ICS each term.



## Cultural Excursions

The foundation of the program is the various cultural excursions included as part of the Culture and Society of Spain course. The program includes trips to Cordoba, Morocco and faculty-led tours of local museums, Alcazar, the cathedral and various Sevilliana neighborhoods.

The cost of transportation and entry fees for all cultural excursions are included in the program cost.



## Housing and Meals

The cost of housing is included in the program fee. Students live with local Sevilliana families, in a single room with shared bathroom. There is a second student in the apartment. Wi-Fi is available in each home but fast bandwidth is not a guarantee. Laundry and linens are included in the program.

Also included in the home-stay is 21 meals per week, including the option to request a “meal to go” when necessary.



## Faculty Liaison

Most spring semesters, a faculty member from an ICISP member institution is on-site in Seville to serve as a faculty liaison to students, the ICS faculty and administration, and ICISP. While this individual

will be a support for students, s/he will also provide service to ICS as a visiting professor or in another mutually agreed upon capacity.



### Pre-Departure Orientation

Participation in a pre-trip orientation is mandatory. The orientation will be held at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL, approximately six to eight weeks prior to departure. Details will be sent upon acceptance. ICS provides an in-country orientation as well.



### Passport and Visa

Students will need to acquire or have a current passport before departure. Applicants should allow at least eight weeks for standard passport processing. An application and information can be acquired at your local post office or at

[travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). Passports must be valid for six months after the program ends. **A visa is necessary in the Spring term only** and it the responsibility of the student to acquire prior to departure.

### Fees and Payment

The cost to participate in this program for the 2017-2018 academic year is \$9,750. A \$500 deposit, taken off the total program cost, is due with the completed application form and subject to the cancellation and refund policy as outlined in the application.

Please submit all payments to the ICISP representative at the applicant's home institution. Final payments must be made to the home institution prior to the orientation date. Payments must be made on schedule or the student risks being dropped from the program.

The application deadline is May 15 for the fall term, and October 15 for the spring term. Applications must be received at the ICISP office by this date. However, the program will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so prospective applicants are encouraged to apply early.

For more information, contact your home college's ICISP representative: