

Spanish

STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION FOR SPANISH STUDENTS

The Spanish concentration at the University of Michigan gives you the opportunity to develop language proficiency while expanding your knowledge of Hispanic cultures and literature. Many Spanish concentrators combine their studies with fields such as political science (pre-law), pre-med, public health, American culture, organizational studies, communications, psychology, and economics. In addition, U-M students may once again declare a Spanish minor. This revised undergraduate program provides students a solid understanding of Hispanic literature and culture, as well as the opportunity to improve their skills in speaking, listening, and writing at a high linguistic and intellectual level.

Taking advantage of *in situ* language instruction and cultural immersion, Spanish concentrators or minors can continue to make progress towards their U-M degrees while spending part of their U-M academic career studying in another country. The University of Michigan's Office of International Programs (OIP) administers Spanish-language programs in Spain as well as Latin America and the Caribbean.



GETTING STARTED

1.) Plan early: Talk to your Spanish and concentration advisors about your interest in studying abroad.	Department of Romance Languages & Literatures 4108 Modern Languages Building Telephone: (734) 764-5344 Fax: (734) 764-8163 http://www.lsa.umich.edu/rll/concminors/spanish.html
2.) Visit the OIP: Learn about program offerings and attend the OIP study abroad fair and information sessions.	OIP's Study Abroad Fairs: Fall Fair – Mid September Summer Fair – Mid January
3.) Narrow down your program options: Review course offerings and how they can satisfy concentration and distribution requirements.	See OIP's website: http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/oip-study-abroad.htm
4.) Research program costs: Review OIP information on program costs; learn about scholarship options and financial aid for which you may be eligible.	http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/financial.htm
5.) Apply for your program.	Online application: http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/applying.htm

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Timing: While academic year or semester programs require junior standing by time of departure, the OIP summer programs are open to all students who have completed their first year at the U-M—although preference may be given to upperclassmen in the event of a shortage of space.

“Every day is a learning experience, whether it’s a new word or cultural tidbit, you wake up each day ready to explore this new world around you.”

~ Brent M.

Satisfying distribution and general LSA/Spanish requirements with courses taken abroad:

- ◆ **Distribution Credit** – To use a course or courses taken abroad to satisfy Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, or another distribution category, you should meet with your LSA advisor before going abroad. Take detailed course descriptions or as much information as you can gather to the advising appointment. If you are unable to get this information ahead of time, or if your course elections change while abroad, bring back as much course information as you can, so that your advisor can effectively evaluate the course upon return.
- ◆ **Race and Ethnicity** – It is generally advisable to take R & E class on campus. However, if you want to use a course taken abroad to satisfy this requirement, you need to petition the LSA Academic Standards Board upon return. As part of your petition, you need to provide a syllabus for the course and write an argument explaining how you felt the course met the spirit of the requirement. Petition forms with the R & E criteria are available on the web or at the Newnan LSA Advising Center. Keep in mind that you may not be able to get a syllabus for the course, so you should bring back as much course information as you can—e.g. reading lists, coursepacks, papers, etc. If the syllabus and/or course materials are not in English, contact the Academic Standards Board to see if you need to have them translated. Board members can translate Spanish, French, and German.
- ◆ **Quantitative Reasoning** – To use a class taken abroad to satisfy the Quantitative Reasoning requirement, you need to petition the LSA Academic Standards Board upon return. You need to present a course syllabus as well as materials showing the type of work done in the course (homework, quizzes, exams, and textbooks are helpful.)

- ◆ **Upper Level Writing Requirement** – It’s extremely rare for a study abroad course to be approved for Upper-Level Writing. Generally these courses must be taught on campus by U-M faculty. If you want to request an exception, contact the Sweetland Writing Center, but keep in mind that such approvals are not likely granted.

Counting courses taken abroad towards Spanish

Concentration requirements: Most programs through the OIP offer upper-division credit, at both the 300- and 400-level. To determine whether a specific course (or courses) meets the criteria for 400-level credit, or satisfies other concentration credits, meet with one of the study abroad advisors in the Spanish Department. These appointments can be made through the Romance Languages Department (764-5344; 4108 MLB). The Spanish Department maintains a list of updated equivalences which indicates which courses students have taken abroad on U-M programs in the past and how these have been used to satisfy concentration requirements. In some cases, it may not be possible to pre-approve 300- or 400-level credit for specific courses, and students may be asked to provide the advisor with detailed course materials (e.g., syllabi, reading lists, course assignments, and papers) upon return from abroad. A minimum of 15 of the 30 credits must be taken either in residence or through a study abroad program affiliated with U-M.

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minor requirements: As for the major in Spanish, the minor requires a selection of courses at both the 300- and 400-level; students hoping to use courses from abroad to satisfy Spanish minor requirements should meet with a concentration advisor before departure.

Funding study abroad – Spanish majors may apply through the department for funding to study abroad; www.lsa.umich.edu/rll/studyabroad/images/vincenti%20form.pdf . There also are special funds available through OIP which students can research and apply.



ACADEMIC YEAR, TERM-LONG (FALL OR WINTER), SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Office of International Programs offers over 80 study abroad options. Credit from these programs appear on your U-M transcript as in residence credit and can be used to meet any College requirements. It is imperative to discuss your possible programs with your concentration advisor before you select the program right for you.

CHILE

SANTIAGO (FALL, WINTER, ACADEMIC YEAR)

Fifth-semester proficiency is required for the Michigan program at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica (PUC) in Santiago. After an initial intensive-language program, students directly enroll in classes at PUC. The intensive-language courses provide a useful review but do not qualify for concentration credit. Courses at the PUC will count at the 300- or 400-level, depending on content.



COSTA RICA

SAN JOSÉ (FALL & WINTER)

In this ICADS field course in Resource Management and Sustainable Development, students gain research experience in natural and social sciences. Can also be used to satisfy Program in the Environment (PitE) requirements.

MEXICO

GUANAJUATO (SUMMER)

Students participating in the eight-week summer program choose from among courses focusing on Mexican and Latin America literature and culture that count for concentration credit at the 300- or 400-levels, depending on content. Fifth-semester proficiency required.

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GRANADA (WINTER)

Students enroll in courses at the University of Granada and through the Centro Granadí de Español. To be eligible, students must have completed six semesters of college-level Spanish. Both 300- and 400-level courses are available.

MADRID (WINTER)

Students enroll in a combination of regular courses at Madrid's Universidad Complutense and courses taught in the IES program center. It is also possible to do an internship while studying.

"Studying abroad in Spain was a fantastic experience because it enhanced my academic and cultural development. Madrid is a wonderful, cosmopolitan city. I would highly recommend study abroad to other U of M students."

~ Catherine G.

SALAMANCA (SUMMER)

Courses at the 300- and 400- level are offered both through the program and at the University of Salamanca's Cursos Internacionales. To enroll in the upper-division course offerings, students must have achieved sixth-semester proficiency in Spanish (or its equivalent).

SEVILLE (FALL, WINTER, ACADEMIC YEAR)

Direct enrollment at the University of Seville permits students to select courses from among the full range of offerings; in addition, a limited number of courses are offered each semester at the program's own center. To be eligible, students must have completed fifth-semester Spanish at the college level, or its equivalent. Both 300- and 400- level courses are available.

PROGRAMS WHERE YOU CAN EARN PRE-CONCENTRATION CREDIT:

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

JARABACOA (SUMMER)

The eight-week summer program focuses on issues of health and nutrition. In addition to an independent research project in this field, students are enrolled in beginning and intermediate-level Spanish-language courses, for which they receive 3 credits. Students are placed in Dominican homes, thus increasing Spanish language proficiency. Students hoping to receive pre-concentration credit for intermediate-level courses should speak with a concentration advisor before the program begins.

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SALAMANCA (SUMMER)

Spanish 275/6 is offered at the six-week program at the Cursos Internacionales at the University of Salamanca. Students may choose between homestays and residential halls.

NON-U-M STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Students considering non-U-M study abroad programs for Spanish concentration credit should consult internet resources and seek guidance from Romance Languages & Literature to find a suitable non-U-M program. Students should be aware that not all non-U-M programs offer courses for which students may obtain upper-division credit.

