

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program

Summer Session

May 26 - June 23, 2012

## Course Name: Intensive Spanish Study Program to Spain

Course Number: IDS 250

# Credit hours: 2-3 IDS 250 + 6 Lingua Globe

Students choose whether to enroll in the 2- or 3-hour IDS 250 course, which begins with a series of five pre-travel orientation sessions during the Spring 2012 semester at Missouri State. Students also receive 6 hours of transfer credit from the intensive 4-week Summer program at Lingua Globe Spanish language school in Salamanca, Spain.

### Course Overview & Highlights:

This program, sponsored by the Modern & Classical Languages Department, immerses students in Spanish language and culture through pre-travel course-work at Missouri State and an intensive study experience in Spain. This combined approach provides students with the opportunity to:

- Gain proficiency in written and conversational Spanish
- Live with native families and experience Spanish culture first-hand
- Visit many of Spain's most significant cities, rural sites and monuments
- Increase understanding of the history, religion, arts, architecture, geography, politics and other aspects of life in Spain

## Estimated Cost: \$5,250

**Includes:** airfare, ground transportation, room and board, laundry service, Lingua Globe program fees and books, all excursion expenses, tips, Study Away student fee. **Separated costs not available.** 

**Excludes:** MSU tuition for 2 or 3 hours of undergraduate credit; passport, weekend meals, tips for personal services, airport departure taxes, misc. personal expenses.

Applications are due by Feb. 7, 2012. A \$500 non-refundable deposit will be billed to your student account. Additional billing will occur in February and/or March and final billing will be April 6, 2012. <u>All program fees must be paid in</u> full before the program departs, or students must show proof of financial aid to cover the cost. Applications available in Dr. Dowdy's office (Siceluff 142), the MCL Dept. office (Siceluff 223) and the Study Away office (Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403).

#### **Voucher Eligibility & Financial Aid**

If you entered MSU as a freshman in 2009 or 2010, you may use the **Study Away \*500 voucher**. Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at **836-5262** for more information.



REQUIRED Pre-travel Orientation Classes: 4:00-7:00 p.m. Sundays March 4 & 11; April 1, 15 & 29, 2012 Siceluff Hall #127

Depart Springfield for Madrid, Spain: Sat., May 26, 2012 (arrive on Sunday, May 27)

Depart Madrid for Springfield: Sat., June 23, 2012

Post-travel Assignments Due: Mon. July 2, 2012

# **Interested in going?**

Contact Program Director Dr. Roger Dowdy, Professor of Modern & Classical Languages: DRDowdy@missouristate.edu or 836-5579 for more information. Early application is strongly advised.



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#### **Course Objectives & Activities**

Preparation for the Summer 2012 Intensive Spanish Study Program at Lingua Globe in Spain begins with a series of five 3-hour orientation sessions during the Spring semester at Missouri State. These IDS 250 sessions will focus on Spanish culture, history, geography, and preparation for travel and life in Spain. Each session will incorporate intensive review of Spanish language, including vocabulary, numbers, verbs, conversational expressions and clichés.

The IDS 250 course also includes field experience that is integrated with Lingua Globe's four-week intensive program in Spain. Students will be given a placement exam on arrival and assigned to small classes (max. five students per class), based on level of Spanish ability. MSU students may be in class with students from other parts of the world, allowing them to gain exposure to many cultures.

Classes at Lingua Globe meet from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm each weekday. The all-Spanish classes cover grammar, vocabulary, composition (reading and writing), conversation and culture. Students will be given weekly examinations in each class.

In the afternoons, students will tour cultural sites with their MSU Program Director. These outings will give students the opportunity to practice language skills while visiting museums, government buildings, monuments, and religious sites such as the beautiful 17th Century baroque churches and monasteries in the Salamanca area. Students will write short reports on each site.

Overnight cultural tours are planned for each of the three weekends in Spain. The group will visit historical and cultural sites by private bus. The goals of these excursions are to enrich students' knowledge of the country, hear various dialects of spoken Spanish, and practice what has been learned in the classroom.

During their four weeks in Spain, students will live with Spanish host families who speak little or no English. Accommodations include a single room (double occupancy) with a private bath. The home stay experience offers unique insights into Spanish life and culture. Lingua Globe also plans parties and events to allow students to socialize and get to know native people and other foreign students on a personal level. Cultural and free time activities include Spanish cooking and dance classes, films, etc.

#### **Course Schedule & Itinerary**

**Fri., Feb. 10, 2012** - Submit a 1- to 1.5-page autobiography, typed (double-spaced) in English to the Program Director.

**Prior to the March 4 orientation session**, submit your passport to the Program Director so that copies can be made for the travel agent.

4:00-7:00 pm Sundays, March 4 & 11; April 1, 15 & 29, MSU Siceluff 127 - Mandatory pre-travel orientation sessions

#### Sat., May 26 - Depart Springfield

Sun., May 27 - Arrive in Madrid, Spain. Travel by private bus to Salamanca, where students will meet their host families.

Mon., May 28 - Lingua Globe placement exams; classes begin

Mon.-Fri., May 28 - June 1; June 4-8; June 11-15 & June 18-22 - Morning classes at Lingua Globe; afternoon tours of cultural sites with MSU Program Director

#### Weekend Excursions:

**Fri.-Sun., June 1-3** - Tour Galicia, including the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral; the Way of St. James, a 9th century Christian pilgrimage route; and the Rias Bajas coastal region.

**Fri.-Sun., June 8-10** - Tour the medieval walled city of Avila; the palaces, museums, plazas and open-air markets of Madrid; the Escorial; and the Valley of the Fallen basilica and monument.

Sat., June 16 - Day trip to Toledo

Sun., June 17 - Day trip to Segovia and the Royal Palace at La Granja

Sat., June 23 - Depart for Springfield

Mon., July 2 - Final assignments due

#### **Course Credit & Requirements**

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive 6 hours of transfer credit from Lingua Globe, as well as 2 or 3 hours\* of MSU credit for IDS 250.

Assessment of learning will be conducted by the MSU Program Director and by Lingua Globe faculty. Grading will be based on:

- Attendance at all IDS 250 pre-travel orientation sessions; completion of all assignments; and participation in all field experiences, excursions and class activities in Spain
- April 29 exam covering material from all orientation sessions
- Weekly exams in Lingua Globe classes
- Evaluation of oral Spanish proficiency (fluency, ability to communicate and willingness to use Spanish) and general interest in learning the language and culture of Spain
- A comprehensive portfolio to be assembled in Spain (details in course syllabus)
- Two written assignments TBA during the last week of class in Spain, which will be due by Mon., July 2.
- \* In addition, students who elect the IDS 250 3 credit-hour course option will be required to read two additional novels and one essay by famous authors from Salamanca, Spain. There will be a separate exam over these works.

**Required texts** - The texts for IDS 250 will be a Spanish guide book and printed online materials prepared by the MSU Program Director. Lingua Globe will provide instructional texts and materials in Spain.

#### Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students who meet Study Away eligibility requirements (30+ credit hours and a 2.5 GPA) and are approved by the Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application. Your application must be approved and you must be admitted to the program before enrolling in IDS 250.

Students will be required to demonstrate Spanish language proficiency equal to the level attained by completion of SPN 201 before admission will be granted. Students currently enrolled in SPN 201 are eligible to apply, pending passage of the course.

A **non-refundable deposit of \$500** will be billed to your student account upon application. Additional billing will occur in February and/or March, and the balance of the program cost will be billed to your account on **April 6, 2012**.

The published program cost is based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. **Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% in the program fee if costs increase before or during travel.** 

#### **Cancellation & Refund Policies:**

- Students who withdraw prior to April 6, 2012, will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$500 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 6, 2012, for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$500 deposit and expenses paid on the student's behalf. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 6, 2012, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.
- Any plans by a participant not to travel and return with the group must also be submitted in writing to the Program Director and the Study Away Office.
- The program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 20 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.