Course Name: **Intensive Spanish Study Away Program to Spain**

Course Numbers: **IDS 250**

Credit Hours: **2-3** undergraduate, **IDS 250 + 6** Spanish Transfer

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 2014 semester at MSU. Students also receive 6 hours of transfer credit from the intensive four week Summer program at Lingua Globe Spanish language school in Salamanca, Spain.

**Course Overview & Objectives:**

This program, sponsored by the Modern & Classical Languages Department, immerses students in Spanish language and culture through pre-travel coursework 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

**Program Fee:** $5,081

**Program Fee Includes:**
- Round-trip airfare, accommodation, laundry service, Lingua Globe program fees and books, meals, all excursion costs, health insurance and Study Away student fee.

**Program Fee Excludes:**
- Ground transportation in Springfield, passport, some weekend meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs.
- MSU tuition for 2/3 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

**Applications are due by December 6, 2013.** A nonrefundable deposit of $765 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU Students on reverse.

**Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid**

Students may apply for the College of Arts and Letters Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 11, 2014. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information. Some MCL Department scholarships are also available. Check the Department website.

Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director,

**Dr. Roger Dowdy**, Professor of Modern & Classical Languages:

[DRDowdy@MissouriState.edu](mailto:DRDowdy@MissouriState.edu) or 417-836-5579 for more information. Early application is strongly advised.
Course Schedule & Itinerary
Preparation for the Summer 2014 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.

February 7, 2014: Submit a 1- to 1.5-page autobiography, typed (double-spaced) in English to the Program Director.

Prior to the March 2 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 2 & 23; April 6 & 27; May 4, MSU Siceluff 127: Mandatory pre-travel orientation sessions.

Sun., May 25, 2014: Arrive in Madrid, Spain. Travel by private bus to Salamanca, where students will meet their host families.

Mon., May 26, 2014: Lingua Globe placement exams; classes begin.

Mondays - Fridays, May 26 - June 20, 2014: Morning classes at Lingua Globe; afternoon tours of cultural sites with MSU Program Director.

Weekend Excursions:
Fri. - Sun., May 30 - June 1, 2014: 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 6-8 2014: 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 14, 2014: Day trip to Toledo.

Sun., June 15, 2014: Day trip to Segovia and the Royal Palace at La Granja.


Tues., July 1, 2014: Final assignment 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 27 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 Tues., July 1.

* In addition, students who elect the IDS 250 3 credit-hour course option will be required to read two additional novels 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 and others who 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. Study Away Office will enroll you in this course.

Students will be required to demonstrate Spanish language proficiency equal to the level obtained 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.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $765 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Dec. 6, 2013). You will receive a second billing on Feb. 7, 2014 and a final billing on March 7, 2014, for the balance of the program fee ($4,316). MSU course tuition will be billed to your University account and is due according to the University payment plan.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 9, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR'S OFFICE. Estimated program fees are 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% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies
• Students who withdraw prior to April 4, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $765 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
• If a student is forced to withdraw after April 4, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $765 deposit and non-refundable expenses already paid on his/her behalf. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
• Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 4, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
• Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
• All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Ms. Elizabeth Strong, Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.