Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Semester • June 15-27, 2015

Course Name: Video Blogging in Galicia, Spain: Druids, Romans and Saints

Course Number:
- MED 300 Special Topics in Media
- MED 597 Advanced Studies in Media
- IDS 397 International Culture & Study Abroad

Credit Hours: 3 undergraduate/graduate

Course Objectives
To study aspects of the Celtic, Roman and Christian history of Galicia, Spain during 5 days of coursework prior to the end of the spring semester, 2015, and prior to traveling to Spain in June. During our trip we will make a video blog capturing our experiences and the firsthand knowledge we gather while visiting the sites we have studied. We will also interact with the Galician people for an intercultural experience that can only be achieved traveling to Galicia, Spain.

As part of the current General Education curriculum, course objectives include the following:

a) to identify historical, social and cultural events that shaped Galician culture
b) to recognize important Galician cultural figures and how they have influenced Galician culture including folklore
c) to improve critical thinking, as well as research, organizational and presentational skills
d) to explore aspects of historical and modern-day Galicia, in particular Galician pre-Roman, Roman and Christian influence on culture and the world
e) to obtain an understanding of current events and key issues and concerns facing Galician society.

Program Fee: $3,375

Program Fee Includes: Airfare, ground transportation in Spain, lodging, some meals, guides, Study Away student fee, basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes: Passport, most meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Missouri resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Online applications are due by February 25, 2015. A nonrefundable deposit of $500 will be billed to your student account. To apply, please:
- Visit the Study Away website at international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/
- Choose Apply Now
- Search for a Program (under Apply for a Study Away Program)
- Choose Simple Search
- Type Spain under Program Name
- Choose Video Blogging in Galicia, Spain: Druids, Romans, and Saints
- Choose Apply Now

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 10, 2015. 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.

Pre-Travel Meetings:
- March 12, 2015
- March 19, 2015
- April 9, 2015
- April 16, 2015
- May 7, 2015

Application Due:
- February 25, 2015

Depart for Spain:
- June 15, 2015

Depart for Springfield:
- June 27, 2015

Interested in going?
Contact the Program Director, Jaime Bihlmeyer, Professor Media, Journalism and Film JaimeBihlmeyer@MissouriState.edu (417) 836-5985

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Course Outline & Schedule

PRE-TRAVEL CLASS MEETINGS

March 12, 2015 Get to know each other and distribute the syllabus. Passport check, travel needs and supplies discussed. Discussion of proposed itinerary. Assignment given: Research Presentation on sites to be visited—specific topics will be given. Introduction to the trends in Video blogging.


April 9, 2015 Screen the film The Sea Inside (Amenabar, 2004) starring Javier Bardem. This film won the Oscar for Best Foreign Film in 2004.

April 16, 2015 Student presentations of assigned topics (to be graded). A traveling abroad comportment and safety contract will be signed by all. Discussion of travel safety, packing tips, and money. Question and answer period.

May 7, 2015 Last minute discussion including question and answers regarding trip logistics. Hand out insurance cards. Final itinerary distributed. Discussion of strategies in content acquisition for our video blog.

STUDY TOUR

Itinerary subject to change. On-Location Class Sessions: at least 8 hours per day involved with hands on research involving video producing—including interviews and ‘b-roll’ footage, exposure to the Galician cultural milieu including historic sites, food practices, and other cultural rituals. We will also visit an audio/visual component of the University of Vigo, Pontevedra.

June 15, 2015 Depart for Vigo, Spain.

June 16, 2015 Arrive in Vigo, Hotel Check-in, Siesta, Organizational Meeting, Free Time, Dinner.

June 17, 2015 Video taping at O Castro Park: Castle, Castle Grounds, Castro Settlement, Picnic; Siesta, Videotaping at Vigo Docks, Dinner.

June 18, 2015 Drive to Pontevedra for a Tour of the University and Old Town, then continue travel to Ourense, Hotel Check-in, Siesta, Dinner

June 19, 2015 Videotaping Roman sites in Ourense including the hot springs and baths, cathedrals; lunch, siesta, videotaping of the roman bridge and other sites on the Camino to Santiago de Compostela, dinner.

June 20, 2015 Drive to Ponferrada, Spain, videotape the Templar Castle and other Camino to Santiago de Compostela sites, lunch, then drive to Lugo, Spain, hotel check-in, siesta, free time, dinner.

June 21, 2015 Explore and videotape the great roman wall at Lugo, lunch, siesta, videotape Camino to Santiago de Compostela sites, dinner.

June 22, 2015 Drive to the Tower of Hercules in A Coruna, Spain, lunch, free time, then drive to Santiago de Compostela, hotel check-in, siesta, free time, dinner.

June 23, 2015 Videotape different aspects of the Santiago de Compostela cathedral, lunch, siesta, videotape other sites pertinent to the Camino de Santiago, dinner.

June 24, 2015 Drive to Fisterra, Spain and videotape the traditional final destination for druids, romans and pilgrims, lunch, then drive to Vigo, Spain, hotel check-in, siesta, free time, dinner.

June 25, 2015 Videotape sites in Vigo Old Town, lunch, go to Samil Beach in Vigo, free time, dinner.

June 26, 2015 Check out of hotel; return flight to US (depart morning, arrive evening).

Course Credit & Requirements

Students will
1. Write a report on a given topic and present it to the class before travelling.
2. Write a second report regarding another topic related to research in Galicia. The instructor must approve the topic. This will be due on June 04, 2015.
3. Participation grade based on a report of their activities in helping to create the video blog of our experiences in Galicia. This report is due one week after returning to Springfield.
4. Write an essay that discusses how the General Education Program goals stated above have been met, listing specific activities that addressed each goal. This will be due two weeks after returning to Springfield.

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.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $500 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 25, 2015). You will receive a second billing on March 27, 2015 and a final billing on April 24, 2015, for the balance of the program fee ($2,875). MSU course tuition ($612) will be billed to your University account separately and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $500 must be paid through the Study Away Storefront on or before Feb. 25, 2015. The balance of the program fee ($2,875) must be paid through the Study Away Storefront by April 17, 2015. MSU course tuition ($612) is also due by April 17, 2015 and must be paid at the bursar’s office or on-line through my.missouristate.edu.

In order to ensure participation in this Study Away program, each student must pay the entire program fee by May 25, 2015. Alternatively, a student may show proof of the financial aid that will pay for the fee. If a student does not pay the program fee, or does not show proof of financial aid that is sufficient to cover the fee, the student will be withdrawn from the Study Away program, dropped from the course, and his/her airline reservation will be canceled. Visiting students must also fully pay the tuition amount by May 25, 2015 in order to stay enrolled in the program. 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 May 15, 2015 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $500 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student must withdraw after May 15, 2015 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $500 deposit and non-refundable expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after May 15, 2015 will receive no refund.
- When the program begins, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and the Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee withdrawal.