

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - FALL 2022

COLGATE IN MADRID



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Tentative Program Dates:
August 15 to December 19, 2022

Learn about the 2022-23 Colgate Study Groups and talk with Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair at the Hall of Presidents on Wednesday, October 6th, 2021, 4:00–5:00: <https://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair>

For more information about the program:
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Information Sessions will be held on:
Wednesday, October 20 at 4pm in 205 Lawrence Hall and
Wednesday, October 27 at 11:30am in 101 Gregory Hall

Colgate University's

Madrid Study Group offers qualified Colgate students the opportunity to live and study for one semester in a dynamic and culturally rich European capital. Designed for junior year students with significant Spanish language ability, successful applicants will seek to perfect their Spanish language skills, acquire a deeper knowledge of Spanish life and culture, and undertake a diverse and challenging academic experience at a private university in Madrid. Sophomores and seniors are also welcome to apply.

Courses taken on this study group satisfy the Core Global Engagements requirement.



The program is organized to recognize the unique needs of U.S. students studying abroad. It includes a two-week introductory session in Santiago de Compostela in the northwestern region of Galicia, followed by a 13-week semester at the Universidad San Pablo CEU in Madrid. The curriculum balances courses designed especially for the group with a broad array of courses drawn from the regular offerings of the Universidad San Pablo CEU. All courses are taught in Spanish.

Through academic experiences connected with the cultural resources of Madrid, participants will become acquainted with the richness of Spanish painting and the performing arts, and through the experience of living with Spanish families and sharing classes with Spanish students, participants will engage with Spanish culture in the more everyday sense. Excursions will be designed to give participants a good sense of the geographic and cultural diversity of Spain, its complex history, and its major artistic monuments.

Courses

Students must register for four courses, and are eligible to receive a maximum of four Colgate credits including two credits for a Spanish major or minor. The course offerings are as follows:

The Program Seminar: Spanish 400

This course, required of all participants, includes two segments: 1) the introductory two-week session in Santiago de Compostela, designed to prepare students for the semester in Madrid, and 2) "Madrid and the Arts," offered in Madrid. In the Madrid segment, participants will attend weekly lectures on Spanish art, film, and theater complemented by visits to museums, cinemas and theaters. This course counts toward a Spanish major or minor.

The Director's Seminar:

Major Hispanic Authors: Subject and the City in Contemporary Spanish Fiction: Spanish 470 - This seminar, taught by the Director, examines the link between contemporary subjects and cities. Students will read a series of Spanish novels, short stories, journals and hybrid texts that complicate the relationship between fictional characters, writers and readers, while examining the literary dimension of cities. As a final project, students will work in groups to create texts about their experience in Madrid. This seminar counts toward a Spanish major or minor.

Perfecting Language: Spanish 380 (Optional) This course will provide students with a comprehensive review of the finer points of the Spanish language, with an emphasis on fostering near-native pronunciation, correctness of grammar in speech and writing, and the idiomatic use of the language in a variety of contexts. Placement in this course is determined by the Director in consultation with the Santiago de Compostela faculty following the two-week introductory session.

Electives

Participants, with guidance from the director, will choose one or two electives from the regular Universidad San Pablo CEU course offering, in diverse fields in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Students may petition departments at Colgate to have these electives count for a major or minor.

Excursions

The group will include a one-day excursion during the Santiago de Compostela session to the south of Galicia and the Miño River valley and the Portugal border region. During the semester in Madrid, there will be a one-day excursion to Toledo and two weekend excursions; these visits are linked to academic components of the group and are mandatory.

One excursion will be to Granada, with a focus on the study of the palaces and gardens of the Alhambra. Another excursion will be to Bilbao, in the Basque Country, with visits to the Guggenheim and other modern art museums.

Living Arrangements

During the two-week Santiago de Compostela session, participants will live in a dormitory of the Universidad de Santiago de Compostela. In Madrid, students will live with families, who will provide most meals. No more than one Colgate student will be housed with any given family. All housing arrangements will be made by the director after consultation with accepted students on living preferences.

Prerequisites and Qualifications

Prerequisite courses for participation in the group are at least one 350-level Spanish class and Spanish 361. The Spanish faculty will choose students for participation based on their ability in Spanish, their academic record at Colgate, their interest in the Group and commitment to its goals, and their disciplinary record. Preference will be given to Spanish majors and minors, and those majoring in Latin American Studies, but all qualified and interested students are strongly encouraged to apply.

Passports and Visas

You must confirm that your passport is valid through June 2023. With participation on this study group comes the responsibility of understanding and complying with the Spanish government's visa requirements. If you will not be traveling on a U.S. passport it is imperative that you contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study and International Student Services, to learn as much as you can about the visa requirements. For all students there are significant requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur extra costs.

Calendar and Deadline

The study group application will open on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, and will close on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. All applications are on the Colgate University Off-Campus Study website and are submitted online at offcampusstudy.colgate.edu. Only finalists in the selection process will be interviewed. Interviews will be arranged by e-mail in November/December, and admissions decisions will take place late December/early January.