

For Spanish Majors and Minors seeking LAN credit abroad

Are you interested in a Spanish-language Study Abroad?

The Office of International Studies and Programs offers many study abroad options in Spanish-speaking countries, but not all of them are ideal for studying languages and culture. **To assist students who are interested in these programs, the following sites offer courses that have been pre-articulated with the Spanish curriculum at ISU.** For approval of your Course Planning Form, contact the person listed for each program.

SPAIN

Granada, Spain

ISU has a long-standing relationship with the Centro de Lenguas Modernas at the Universidad de Granada and this program is popular among ISU Spanish students. You can start in either fall or spring and you can stay one semester or a full year. Students are placed in homestays along with other international students. To be eligible, you must have taken LAN 116 (or equivalent) and have a 2.5 GPA. In the Fall and Spring semesters, Granada offers a wide variety of language, literature, cultural studies, and linguistics courses at the 200- and 300-level taught in Spanish. Please note that the summer program in Granada offers excellent practice for students seeking to improve their speaking skills, but for credit toward graduation only (the Granada summer course does not transfer as any specific course in the major or minor). If you apply, you will be contacted by Laura Edwards (mid September / early March) about a meeting to fill out your Course Planning Form. For more information go to:

<http://lan.illinoisstate.edu/studyabroad/Granada.shtml>.

Bilbao, Spain

This new program through the Universidad de Deusto is offered in fall, spring and summer and offers stays of one semester or a full year. You can take a variety of 200- and 300-level language, literature, cultural studies, and linguistics courses taught in Spanish. Eligibility requirements are LAN 213 and a 2.5 GPA. Students are placed in homestays with only one international student per family. There is an optional education internship in which students can observe classes in a local school, which transfers as clinical hours for Teacher Certification. Contact: Dr. Montserrat Mir. For more information, go to <http://illinoisstate.abroadoffice.net/spain.html>.

Ávila, Spain

The program in Ávila is only offered in the summer and is led by a LAN faculty member. You stay four weeks in Ávila and take 214.15, taught by a professor in Avila, and either 233.15 or 215.15, depending on the expertise of the accompanying LAN faculty member (contact will be announced during the Spring). Students are placed in homestays with only one international student per family. Eligibility requirements are LAN 213 and a 2.5 GPA. For more information, go to <http://illinoisstate.abroadoffice.net/spain.html>.

Salamanca, Spain

ISU has signed a student exchange agreement with the University of Salamanca, under which **two students per year** can go to Salamanca and take classes with Spanish students at the university for one semester or an entire academic year. The tuition for the ISU student has been waived by the University of Salamanca. Students must maintain full-time status and are responsible for payment of general fees, housing, meals, transportation, personal and other miscellaneous expenses. Classes at the University of

Salamanca will transfer to ISU for the Spanish Major upon consultation and approval by Program Director, Dr. Montserrat Mir. For more information, contact [Dr. Mir: mmir1@ilstu.edu](mailto:mmir1@ilstu.edu)

LATIN AMERICA

San José, Costa Rica

Dr. James Alstrum is in the process of organizing an 8-week summer program in San José, Costa Rica, which will be ideal for majors in Spanish and Bilingual Education. Students will be able to earn up to 12 credits of 200- and 300-level courses, some of which will be taught by the LAN faculty director and some from qualified faculty at the Universidad de Costa Rica. For more information contact [Dr. James Alstrum: jjalstr@ilstu.edu](mailto:jjalstr@ilstu.edu)

Still looking at other programs?

Study abroad programs that offer courses in Spanish that have not been pre-articulated

Please note that LAN faculty are in the process of researching the best options for our majors and minors interested in semester and year-long programs in Latin America. In the meantime, students must adhere to the current policy of applying for transfer credit upon completion of the coursework.

Although there are hundreds of study abroad options available through ISU-affiliate programs, The Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures strongly advises students to choose a study abroad program with pre-articulated courses. LAN faculty **cannot** feasibly pre-articulate courses for all of the available options. LAN faculty and advisors cannot pre-approve hypothetical programs of study.

If students wish to complete course work at an ISU-affiliate university not on this list, he or she must **apply for credit upon the completion** of said course work. While affiliate programs offer courses that are transferrable as university hours, General Education, or for other programs (history, anthropology, economics, etc.), not all are eligible for LAN credit. **Students will need to apply for credit upon return from the program they have chosen. They should submit all course materials, including syllabi, handouts, work samples, copies of exams and papers, to the Spanish section for review.** This means that students should save all coursework completed abroad to provide clear evidence of materials covered. **Please be aware that articulation for courses taken in Spanish is not guaranteed.** If students complete coursework in other disciplines (e.g., history, anthropology, economics) they should apply for credit for courses in the appropriate department.

Students who choose to study abroad through affiliate programs without pre-articulated programs and who intend to apply for LAN credit upon return to campus would be well advised to consult our catalog and study our curriculum very carefully and to choose courses that develop academic writing and speaking skills and/or in-depth study of literary, linguistics, or cultural topics. These are the courses most likely to transfer, assuming that students provide solid evidence of a sound academic experience. **Students should consult with the advisors in OISP to put together a proposed course of study. Laura Edwards will sign the Course Planning Form indicating that coursework with an affiliate program will transfer as ISU credit toward graduation, with credit for specific courses to be determined upon the student's return to campus and successful application for transfer credit.**