**Venga, Vale, Vamos**

*Study Abroad in Valladolid, Spain*

*The University of Colorado Denver*

*Scheduled to run June 2017*

*Venga, vale, vamos* is a one-month, **six-credit**, immersion learning experience spent living and studying in Spain. The program is centered for three weeks in the city of Valladolid, whose university (UVA) was founded in the early 13th century by Alfonso VIII, King of Castile. The **Centro de Idiomas** of the university is well known for its summer *Spanish as a Second Language* program for foreign students. In addition to providing intensive practice in all four language skills in Spanish, this program introduces students to the various facets of contemporary life in Spain as a means of gaining a basic understanding of past and present Spanish society.

While in Valladolid, students are housed in double rooms in selected Spanish households. Housing is within walking distance or with easy access to public transportation to classes. The program fee for lodging in a Spanish household includes three meals per day and laundry once a week. Upon arrival, there is a special introduction to the city and to Spanish daily life. The program director is available to meet with and assist students on an individual basis throughout the entire program.

The city offers ample opportunities for dining out, night life, and enjoyment of the countryside. While in Valladolid, the program includes guided weekend excursions to places of historical or scenic interest which include Salamanca and Segovia, and evening excursions by train or bus to cities such as Burgos, Peñafiel, and Ávila. In addition, there will be an overnight weekend trip to San Sebastian, which is on the northern coast of Spain.

Following the academic program in Valladolid, there will be a group trip to Madrid. The trip involves organized activities both in Madrid and in nearby sites of particular historical and cultural interest. There are visits to museums and scenic/historic locations in the capital city as well as trips to nearby locations outside Madrid, such as the city of Toledo.
COURSES WHILE ABROAD:
Each participant is placed at the Universidad de Valladolid in one of the various levels of the Spanish as a Foreign Language program. Students devote approximately four hours per day, five days a week to formal study of the Spanish language and its culture. At each level, coursework includes the study of grammar (2 hours), conversation practice (1 hour), and culture (1 hour). These classes will be held for a total of three weeks and be worth 3-credit hours.

The second 3-credit hour course will be a hybrid course with the CU professor. While in Spain, this class will meet 2x per week in the evenings. Beyond the classroom time, this course will also include on-site cross-cultural activities that will be completed with assignments that compliment these experiences. Students will also keep their own on-line journal in Spanish describing daily activities, cultural visits, and overall impressions of notable differences between the United States and Spanish customs. In addition, each student will meet with the professor twice per week for one-on-one oral charlas so that their language acquisition can be monitored. These charlas will culminate in a final charla which will be done at the end of the trip.

PREREQUISITES:
To participate in this program, you must have completed SPAN 1020. If you took Spanish in high school or already speak Spanish, you can take the placement test and then be eligible to participate (contact Amanda for more information).

CREDIT:
The students will receive a total of 6 credit hours for four weeks of study during the month of June
- If you have completed 1020, you will get credit for SPAN 2110 and then 3 credit hours of SPAN 2995 travel study.
- If you have completed 2110, you will get credit for SPAN 2120 and then 3 credit hours of SPAN 3995.
- If you have completed 2120 or anything in the 3000-level, you will get 6 credit hours of SPAN 3995.
  *These 3000-level credits will go towards a minor & major in Spanish

Tentative PROGRAM COST: $3,800
*This price does not include a flight, which will be about $1,000

FINANCIAL AID:
This program is through CU Denver and you will pay for the program through your account online. It is considered full-time, so you will be able to use financial aid (scholarships, grants, student loans, ect.). There are also many specific scholarships for study abroad available.

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