

## Program Description for Prospective Faculty

**Program:** SPAIN

**Approximate Program Dates:** Three weeks in May (Subject to change – final dates are set in August prior to the fall faculty orientation.)

**Lodging and basic itinerary:** We will fly in and out of Madrid, the country's capital. Cáceres will serve as our home base, and both faculty and students will stay with host families. There will be weekend trips to Sevilla and Madrid, where students and faculty will stay in hotels, with two daily meals included. There will be excursions to nearby places of interest from Cáceres and Sevilla.

**Program Focus:** The program in Spain will continue to offer Spanish language, art, literature and culture. All elementary and intermediate levels use a standard syllabus approved by TBR and a common textbook, Plazas, which will be available for students on site. If you are applying to teach elementary or intermediate Spanish, you do not need to submit a syllabus. If you are applying to teach an upper division class, a complete syllabus is required. In addition, courses taught in English from other academic fields: courses like Comp II, Humanities, World Civilization, Art History, Introduction to Theater, Photography, and Cultural Anthropology... would be perfect fits for the locations we visit in this program.

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Spain is one of the most popular study abroad destinations for American students! The history, language, culture, food, vibrant social life of this European nation makes it a fantastic choice for your first study abroad experience. TnCIS is honored to bring you the opportunity of a lifetime in the land of Picasso, Dali, and Don Quixote.

Spain has been inhabited continuously by humans and their ancestors for thousands of years. Over the course of those many millennia, the country has become a melting pot of many different peoples. Iberians, Celts, Greeks, Phoenicians, Romans, Visigoths, and Arabs have all left their imprint on the history, culture, and character of this unique, diverse, and exciting nation.

Like many countries in Europe, Spain had a colonial empire, and that has made its culture and language an influential one. As a result of this colonial past, Hispanic communities exist on six different continents today, and Spanish is the language with the second-largest number of native speakers worldwide.

The Spain of today is as enduringly magical as in the past. In fact, it has been the filming location of many famous fantasy fiction TV shows and movies, such as Star Wars, Game of Thrones, Black Mirror, or Penny Dreadful. Future fantasy shows by HBO TV are also set to be filmed in this beautiful country.

For the study abroad program there, students will explore three distinct regions: Extremadura, Madrid and Andalucía. After landing in Madrid, the program will go straight to Cáceres —home base for the duration of the program — where students will stay with selected local families. This city is the capital of the northern part of the region of Extremadura, a virtually undiscovered jewel that has been labelled by some as the Tuscany of Spain, with its rolling hills and unique local gastronomy. In Cáceres, students will explore its Old Town, meet friendly locals, and live the life of a typical Spaniard living in a small city, away from the typical touristy spots. You will be provided with a “non-tourist” guide, so you can do what the locals do, and be assigned a local chaperone to help you navigate the city and learn more about life in Spain from the eyes of Spaniards. The program may also take short excursions to nearby historical and natural monuments and weekend trips to

Andalucía and Madrid. In Andalucía, the program will stay in Seville, and explore this bustling, ancient city. Finally, the program will travel back to Madrid, the country's capital and largest city, home to some of the greatest museums and palaces in the world, and the last stop before returning to Tennessee.

**Excursions May Include:** Possible excursions during our program may include visits to any or all of six UNESCO World Heritage sites among other natural and historical locations:

- Spanish cuisine, and Flamenco dancing classes in Cáceres.
- The Old Town of Cáceres — one of the best-preserved Renaissance neighborhoods in the world
- Los Barruecos Natural Monument — full of history and natural beauty, and site of a Game of Thrones battle
- The Roman archaeological ensemble of Mérida — including one of the best-preserved Roman theaters in the world
- The Monfragüe National Park — the only national park in Extremadura, it is home to dozens of unique animal and plant species and some historical sites.
- A 9th century Moorish castle in the town of Trujillo
- The Royal Monastery of Guadalupe — the place of origin of the first wave of missionaries sent from Spain to Mexico nearly five centuries ago
- The Roman amphitheater of Italica — commissioned in 117 AD by the Roman emperor Hadrian, a native of the city. Used in the production of the Dragonpit scene in the last season of Game of Thrones.
- The Cathedral and Alcazar of Seville — both astounding monuments, the first one is one of the three largest cathedrals on the planet
- The Prado Museum, the Reina Sofia Center of Modern Arts, and the Museo Arqueológico Nacional in Madrid

**Classroom times:** Classes will normally take place Monday through Friday, 10am-1pm. All classrooms will have Wi-Fi, some might have computer and or a projector, but these are not guaranteed. All have them will have dry-erase whiteboards or chalkboards. Some days class meetings will be replaced by excursions. Plan flexibly to be able to adapt to different conditions and take full advantage of the on-site language opportunities the excursions might provide.

**Responsibilities Prior to Departure:**

Attend Faculty and Student Orientations  
Recruit  
Provide Syllabus

**Responsibilities during the Program:**

Teach Course  
Assist with Excursions  
Assist with Program Operations  
Communicate promptly with the Program Director

**Benefits:**

Taxable two thousand and two hundred dollar honorarium (paid through your institution), individual single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, Tennessee, visitor's visa, all ground transportation, housing, all food the first two weeks, two daily meals the third week, excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

**Expenses not covered by TnCIS:**

Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, one daily meal the third week, personal spending money.