

Spanish Language Major/Minor

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

CIEE - Called the Paris of Latin America, Buenos Aires awaits students with a serious interest in the Spanish language and Latin American culture. Six semesters of Spanish are required for this program as students are highly encouraged to enroll in courses at the various universities in the city. When at the university, many different areas of study are available. Students choose to live with a host family or in a university residence hall with a non-US student.

IES - Both beginning and advanced Spanish programs are offered by IES. Classes are offered in the Universidad de Buenos Aires or Universidad Torcuato di Tella. All courses are taught in English for beginning students and in Spanish for advanced students. Housing is provided by Argentinean families. IES offers a full range of courses in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Field trips to Uruguay and Bolivia are possible. Internships in business, education, human rights and the arts are available.

SANTIAGO, CHILE

CIEE - This program is an opportunity for advanced students to study in the historical city of Santiago. Students choose to enroll at the well known public university, Universidad de Chile, or at the leading private university, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile for a semester or a year, in addition to optional classes with CIEE. A full range of courses is offered at both universities. A minimum of three years of college-level Spanish or the equivalent is required. Housing is with Chilean families.

IES - The IES Santiago program encourages students with four semesters of Spanish to apply. Courses are taught entirely in Spanish and students have an opportunity to enroll in the Universidad de Chile or the Pontificia Universidad Católica. Most students take five courses, including one required Spanish class. IES course offerings include humanities, social sciences and international relations. Students are housed with Chilean families. Trips around Chile and to Easter Island are possible.

VALPARAÍSO, CHILE (CIEE)

Located two hours from the capital of Santiago, Valparaíso is a historic port city. Together with nearby Viña del Mar, the two cities provide an excellent location for advanced Spanish language students to continue developing their skills. Students are able to directly enroll with Chilean students at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso. Course options include a wide array of disciplines, including courses about contemporary issues in Chile. Students live with Chilean host families in Valparaíso or Viña del Mar. CIEE requires six semesters of Spanish for this program.

COSTA RICA (ACM)

Studies in Latin American Culture and Society - Students are immersed in Costa Rican society in this program based in San José. Language study is stressed as all courses are conducted in Spanish. Students take courses in grammar, conversation, Costa Rican culture and contemporary issues facing the society. The fall semester program concludes with a research paper based on a contemporary issue concerning economics, politics or society. Students live with Costa Rican families in San José. Rural village visits are planned for students to live with another family. Two years of Spanish are required.





Tropical Field Research - A perfect compliment to the previous program, ACM offers a spring semester opportunity for students who would like to do an independent field research project in natural or social sciences, literature, arts, or archaeology and anthropology. Students are responsible for designing and conducting an independent project under the supervision of prominent scholars. The language requirement is the same as ACM's other Costa Rican program. Prior experience with statistics and field work methodology is encouraged. Housing is in Costa Rican homes.

MONTEVERDE, COSTA RICA (CIEE)

This program in Tropical Ecology and Conservation provides students with a variety of educational and cultural experiences. Students spend two months living at a field research center, as well as a one-month homestay, and several weeks of travel. Courses focus on Spanish language, ecology, and an extensive independent project researching Costa Rica's rich and varied tropical forests. Applicants must have taken two semesters of biology, and one semester of ecology or environmental science and some Spanish are recommended.

SANTIAGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (CIEE)

Santiago is the center of commerce for the Cibao Valley region. Students can choose to follow either the Service Learning or the Liberal Arts track. Service Learning includes several courses, in addition to a capstone project and service work placements. Students must have demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism. The Liberal Arts track allows students to study on the spacious campus of Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra. All students participate in CIEE courses, according to ability. Advanced students enroll directly in at least one class at the university. Courses in the Spanish language and Caribbean and Latin American studies are available. A minimum of four semesters of college-level Spanish is required. Internships are possible within the community. Housing for both programs is arranged in Dominican homes.

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (CIEE)

Called the First City in the New World, Santo Domingo provides students with an opportunity to explore the Caribbean while improving Spanish language ability. Courses are available in humanities, social sciences and teaching English as a second language. Instruction is entirely in Spanish. Students also take on an internship with a grassroots development agency as part of the program. Five semesters of Spanish are required for this program and students live with Dominican families.

QUITO, ECUADOR

IES - Set in Quito's unique blend of Incan and Spanish cultures, this strong Spanish immersion program is for intermediate and advanced Spanish language students. Intermediate students are required to have four semesters of Spanish and can take IES courses in the social sciences, environmental studies, politics and economics. Advanced students should have six semesters of Spanish and can enroll directly in the Universidad San Francisco de Quito. Field trips take students to the Amazon rainforest and the Galapagos Islands. Students live with host families.

SIT - Discover a stunning range of natural environments as well as a rich and diverse traditional heritage in Ecuador, a nation rooted in ancient cultures. Today, development in this highly indigenous nation faces new challenges, including the recent dollarization. As Ecuador copes with political and economic transition, increasing participation on the part of indigenous organizations offers hope for a more inclusive and representative democracy. Quito, Ecuador's picturesque 9,000-foot-high capital, is a bustling city with international, colonial, and indigenous influences. Homestays in the semi-rural outskirts of Quito, as well as educational excursions to communities in the high sierras of the Andes, Amazon basin, and Pacific Coast, further students' understanding of the impact of Ecuador's cultural, political, and economic transformation on its national and cultural identity.

GUANAJUATO, MEXICO (CIEE)

Located 4 hours north of Mexico City, the CIEE Liberal Arts program based in Guanajuato requires four semesters of Spanish and gives students more freedom with course topics. Five courses are required: two in advanced Spanish, one required core class, and two CIEE content courses, including those in Mexican history, literature or politics. This program houses students with host families and provides field trips to Mexico City and other cities in the area. CIEE also offers a Spanish Language program in Guanajuato for 3 weeks during the summer or during the month of January with a requirement of 2 semesters of Spanish.

OAXACA, MEXICO (SIT)

Students consider how Mexican grassroots movements have shaped the country's social, economic, and political development. Learning takes place in the program base of Oaxaca as well as during group excursions to Chiapas, Mexico City, and the Oaxaca Isthmus. Intensive instruction in Spanish and three very different homestay experiences further immerse students in Mexican society and culture.

QUERÉTARO, MEXICO (Hope College)

Located 135 miles northwest of Mexico City, Querétaro was founded by the Spanish in 1531. A thriving industrial city that includes many multinational operations, Querétaro is proud of its cultural heritage represented by baroque churches, convents, colonial buildings, art museums, a symphony orchestra and more. The Hope program is based at the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro and is designed for upper-level (Spanish VI) Spanish language students, who wish to enroll in a variety of courses at the UAQ. Further, students experience Mexican culture by living with families and participating in a service learning project with Mexican students.

CUSCO, PERU (SIT)

The program is based in Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire. In Cusco, students improve their Spanish and also begin learning basic Quechua, an indigenous language of the Andean region. Once the official language of the Inca Empire, Quechua today is spoken in Peru by nearly one million people and provides a key transnational link to the region's indigenous communities. Students learn more about the indigenous culture through urban and rural homestays and a four-week independent study project. For this program, students are required to have taken 4 semesters of Spanish.

LIMA, PERU (CIEE)

Students choosing to study in Lima will have their choice of three different study tracks. The Language and Culture program focuses on intensive language courses, as well as two CIEE content courses instructed in both Spanish and English. Three to four semesters of Spanish are required. The Liberal Arts track allows students to enroll directly in courses at the Universidad del Pacífico in a number of disciplines as well as Spanish-only CIEE courses. Five semesters of Spanish are required. The Business and Society program is designed to give students the experience of perfecting their Spanish in a business context. Classes in accounting, business, economics, and mathematics are taken at the local university, as well as language courses with CIEE. Students make a number of company visits to observe business in Peru first-hand. Applicants must have five semesters of Spanish, as well as three semesters of micro- or macroeconomics, accounting, finance, management, marketing or statistics. Housing for all programs is in homestays.

ALCALÁ, SPAIN (CIEE)

Historic Alcalá, the hometown of Miguel de Cervantes and now a World Heritage Site, is located thirty minutes from Madrid and boasts architecture dating from the 16th century. Students can take classes at the Universidad de Alcalá, founded in 1499, and with CIEE. The academic program is supplemented by a number of field trips and excursions to museums, theatres, fairs in Alcalá and Madrid, and trips to nearby El Escorial, Toledo, Segovia, Avila, and Salamanca. Housing is either in homestays or in university residencies. Four semesters of Spanish are required for the fall program and five for the spring.

ALICANTE, SPAIN (CIEE)

CIEE offers three programs in the beautiful Spanish coastal city of Alicante. Language in Context is designed for beginning students with zero to two semester of Spanish. The program features intensive language coursework, as well as area studies courses in English, a conversational exchange program, several program excursions, and Spanish homestays. The Language and Culture program is for students with three to four semesters of Spanish and a desire to learn more. Along with Spanish courses, students take electives in Spanish in such areas as women's studies, international business and humanities. For the advanced speaker with five semesters of Spanish, the Liberal Arts program encourages students to take three electives, one of which should be at the University of Alicante. Students are housed with host families. Field trips often go to Valencia, Barcelona and Mallorca.

BARCELONA, SPAIN

IES - Barcelona, the capital of the autonomous province of Catalonia, is one of the most prosperous areas in contemporary Spain. Located in a mountainous area of great scenic beauty, Barcelona faces the Mediterranean to the east. A major cultural center since the Middle Ages, Barcelona has been home to prominent 20th century artists like Picasso and Joan Miro. Beginning, intermediate and advanced Spanish programs are available in English and Spanish. Students can enroll in courses at the IES Center ranging from art history, business, communications, economics, political science, environmental studies, history and Spanish language and literature. Students also have the opportunity to enroll in courses at the Universidad de Pompeu Fabra in business and economics and at the Universidad de Barcelona in Spanish studies. Internships are available in business and social agencies. Field trips include travel to such sites as Mallorca, the Canary Islands, Granada, and Valencia, and during breaks optional study tours are available to destinations like Morocco, Senegal, and a pilgrimage route from the Middle Ages. Housing is in Spanish homes with señoras or families, in student residences or in apartments. The Liberal Arts & Business program has no language prerequisite, while the Advanced Spanish Studies program requires four semesters of Spanish.

CIEE – CIEE offers three programs in Barcelona. The Liberal Arts program is divided into three tracks: Liberal Arts (four semesters of Spanish), Advanced Liberal Arts (six semesters), and Architecture and Design (four semesters). Students in these programs can enroll at the Universidad Pompeu Fabra to take classes with Spanish students, as well as studying at CIEE and taking HESP classes for foreigners. Students in the Advanced Liberal Arts program take classes in a number of disciplines mostly at the Universidad de Barcelona. The Business and Culture program helps students develop their language skills while studying issues related to business in Spain and in the European Union. Three semesters of micro- or macroeconomics, accounting, finance, management, marketing, or statistics are required. Housing for all three programs is in homestays or in a student *residencia*.

GRANADA, SPAIN

IES - Granada is the last capital of Moorish Spain and offers a unique combination of Arabic, Muslim, Christian and Jewish cultures. Intermediate Spanish speakers with two semesters of Spanish can look forward to intensive Spanish courses and electives in English. For advanced Spanish students with at least four semesters of Spanish, IES Granada provides an opportunity to study at the Universidad de Granada in art and science courses. Housing can be arranged in a residence hall, a dormitory, or with a Spanish family. Field trips go to southern Spain and northern Africa.

SIT - The SIT Spain: Language, Community, and Social Change study abroad program is a highly interactive language immersion program open to beginner, intermediate, and advanced level speakers with at least one semester of Spanish or two semesters of another Romance language. Through thematic seminars, field based learning and meaningful cultural immersion, students of all levels greatly improve their Spanish while examining the political, social, and cultural forces shaping contemporary Spain in the context of the country's turbulent history, growing domestic diversity, and deeper integration within the European Union. The program is based in Granada, a beautiful and historic city shaped by a blending of Christian and Muslim traditions.

MADRID, SPAIN (IES)

IES - Located on the sunny Castilian plateau, Madrid is the center of Spain's cultural and political life. Due to its central location, students find it easy to explore nearby Spanish cities like Segovia and Toledo. Optional field trips throughout the year are arranged by the IES. All courses are taught in Spanish and are offered at the IES Center and at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid. A minimum of four semesters of college level Spanish is required for fall and full year students and five semesters for spring semester students. Internships are available in many different areas. Housing is arranged in Spanish homes with señoras or families, in apartments or in student residence halls. There will also be a new Engineering program in Madrid beginning in Fall 2011 giving students the chance to take engineering classes in English or Spanish with no language prerequisite.

CIEE – Students at CIEE Madrid take classes with other international students in the Estudios Hispánicos at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, as well as enrolling directly in university courses and seminars with Spanish students. They also undertake a four-credit internship in the fields of arts, government, media, or teaching. Further opportunities for immersion are presented by the University Office of Cultural Activities, which organizes various sports and activities in which CIEE students participate along with Spanish students. Students live with Spanish hosts in apartments and can choose from a range of very independent to very engaged homestays. Five semesters of Spanish are required to enroll in the Estudios Hispánicos courses and six semesters are required to enroll in regular university courses. CIEE Madrid also features a Legal Studies program directed toward students with an interest in human rights, public policy, and social issues in Spain. The program requires a prerequisite of six semesters of Spanish.

PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN (CIEE)

The Balearic Islands Archipelago, comprised of Mallorca, Menora, and Ibiza, is situated in Southwest Europe in the Western Mediterranean basin. The island of Mallorca is the number one tourist destination in Europe, and its mild climate, beautiful landscape of mountains and beaches, and urban life and culture make it an ideal place to spend a semester. Students take classes with CIEE and at the Universidad de les Illes Balears. Program fees also include various field trips, including an overnight trip to Madrid or Barcelona. Students live with host families, usually a 20-30 minute bus ride from the university. Five semesters of Spanish are required.

SALAMANCA, SPAIN (IES)

Salamanca is considered to be one of the great university cities of the world; students from all over the continent travel to study here. The university stood as the center of cultural life during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance; it continues to be a vital center of intellectual and cultural activity. Salamanca offers the amenities and quieter pace of a small city with all the conveniences and cultural attractions of a much larger metropolitan area. Optional field trips can be arranged. All the courses are taught in Spanish and offered at the IES Center and at the University of Salamanca. Language requirements are the same as for IES Madrid. Housing is in Spanish homes or residence halls.

SEVILLE, SPAIN (CIEE)

CIEE's presence in the romantic city of Seville is unique because of the variety of programs offered to students. The Language and Society program is for students with three or four semesters of Spanish to take courses in Spanish with topics such as art, culture, history and literature. The Liberal Arts program focuses on humanities and social science courses for students with at least five semesters of Spanish. For students wanting to go into education, the Teaching Development program offers instruction in education, second language acquisition and social sciences. Students should have five semesters of Spanish for this program. For a deeper understanding of liberal arts topics from a Spanish perspective, there is an Advanced Liberal Arts program for students with at least six semesters of Spanish. Course options include business, mathematics and natural and social sciences. Additional study abroad opportunities in Seville include Business & Society and International Business & Culture. Internships are available!

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