



Santander, located on the shores of the Bay of Biscay, is known as Spain's most elegant city, boasting European fashions, new urban infrastructure and museums. Characterized by its lush trees, rolling hills and beautiful beaches, Santander and its many natural parks are ripe for exploration and provide an ideal escape for outdoor enthusiasts. In addition, Santander's small size allows students the opportunity to be fully immersed in the local culture.

*"I love Santander as a city, as it offers a wide variety of activities from surfing and sailing, to salsa, fútbol and nightlife."*

Rachel McCabe  
Acadia University

Learn more about the ISA Santander experience in the Culture Corner at [www.studiesabroad.com](http://www.studiesabroad.com). For instructions on how to get started, see page 4.

## HOST UNIVERSITIES

### UNIVERSITY OF CANTABRIA

The University of Cantabria is a modern institution dedicated to social progress through academic excellence. The university was founded in 1972 and is considered one of the top ten universities in Spain. The university has a student body of approximately 13,500, which is comprised of both Spanish and international students. In addition to its excellent academic offerings, the school has many extracurricular opportunities available, including 20 different intramural sports teams. Throughout the year, the university hosts expositions, conferences and theatrical and musical events.

### MENÉNDEZ PELAYO INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1932, the Menéndez Pelayo International University (UIMP) offers a complete program of courses taught by prestigious specialists from Spanish and foreign universities and boasts 75 years experience teaching Spanish to foreign students. The campus is equipped with all the facilities students might need, including a complete multimedia library geared toward foreign students, a language lab and various athletic facilities such as basketball and tennis courts.

## STAFF + OFFICE



### RESIDENT DIRECTOR

**Carmen Abanades Cruz** has been with ISA full time since 2001, working in Salamanca and in the ISA headquarters in Austin before joining the ISA office in Santander. Born in Cuenca, Spain, Carmen lived in Salamanca for 12 years before relocating to Santander. She earned an Art History degree from the University of Salamanca in 1999 and recently completed her pedagogy degree. In addition to working with ISA in Salamanca, she worked at the Cursos Internacionales Office of the University of Salamanca assisting students in extracurricular activities. Carmen is dedicated to making your experience in Santander an excellent one.



### THE ISA OFFICE

is conveniently located on the Las Llamas campus of the Menéndez Pelayo International University (UIMP), right down the street from the University of Cantabria. During office hours, the ISA resident staff will make sure you have complete access to all the amenities offered. You may visit the office to meet with the resident director, receive tutoring, find out about upcoming excursions and activities or utilize various travel and academic resources.  
Contact: [santander@studiesabroad.com](mailto:santander@studiesabroad.com)

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Pre-departure advising
- Visa support
- Tuition at host university
- Official transcript issued by host university with ISA cover letter
- ISA on-site office
- ISA resident staff with a maximum 20:1 student to staff ratio
- On-site cultural and academic orientation
- Tutoring available for students enrolled in language classes
- Language exchange (*intercambio*)
- Transportation from and to Madrid airport
- Housing
- Meals and laundry service (varies with housing option chosen)
- Excursions
- Cultural activities in Santander
- Medical insurance

## HOUSING OPTIONS

- 1 HOMESTAY
- 2 RESIDENCIA
- 3 INDEPENDENT HOUSING

see page 5 for all housing and orientation details



## • ISA EXCURSIONS INCLUDE •

- Ground transportation
- Organized tours
- Hotel accommodations and breakfast on overnight excursions
- Entrance fees when applicable

## • CULTURAL ACTIVITIES •

*While living in Santander, discover the true essence of the city through planned cultural activities such as:*

- Strolling the Magdalena Palace and park grounds
- Touring Santander's gothic cathedral
- Taking a ferry ride through the Bay of Biscay
- Exploring Santander's History Museum
- Visiting Santander's local paper: "El Diario Montañés"

### 1. MADRID 2. EL ESCORIAL 3. TOLEDO ORIENTATION MULTI-DAY EXCURSION

In Madrid, visit the ornate 18th-century Royal Palace and the Prado Museum, which houses hundreds of masterpieces by Spanish artists such as Goya, El Greco and Velázquez. Wander through the bustling Puerta del Sol and then take a relaxing stroll through Retiro Park.

Outside the city visit El Valle de los Caídos, the historic site of Franco's tomb. Explore El Escorial, the 16th-century monastery complex built by King Phillip II that includes his residence, an ornamented church, a library of over 40,000 books and the Royal Mausoleum.

Continue to Toledo, the first capital of Spain, which has remained relatively unaltered since the end of the Middle Ages. Toledo is known as the "City of Three Cultures" for the legacy left by Jewish, Muslim and Christian cultures.

### 4. OVIEDO & LLANES

ONE-DAY EXCURSION WINTER, SPRING & YEAR ONLY

Walk through Oviedo's narrow streets and tour unique buildings famous for their pre-romantic Spanish architecture: El Palacio de los Reyes de Asturias, Santa María del Naranco and chapel and San Miguel de Lillo. In the afternoon, head to Llanes for lunch and explore the history of the people who emigrated to America and returned to Spain with great fortunes.

### 5. PICOS DE EUROPA & POTES

ONE-DAY EXCURSION  
SUMMER, FALL & YEAR ONLY

Take a seven-mile hike through the valleys of Picos de Europa National Park and enjoy the majestic natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. Stop in Potes for a snack and learn about its rich history while walking its well-preserved streets, towers and bridges. Visit the nearby Iglesia Santa María Lebeña and enjoy its exceptional Mozarabic architecture.

### 6. SANTILLANA DEL MAR & COMILLAS

ONE-DAY EXCURSION

Walk through Santillana del Mar's medieval streets and learn about the history of the romanesque collegiate Church of Santa Juliana and its magnificent cloister. Outside Santillana, visit the replica of the Paleolithic Altamira Caves, which contain the most famous prehistoric paintings in the world. In the afternoon, travel to Comillas, a coastal fishing village, and spend the day relaxing by the beach, learning about the Marquis of Comillas or visiting El Capricho, Gaudi's modernist-style palace.

### 7. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM (BILBAO) & SAN SEBASTIÁN

ONE-DAY EXCURSION

Travel to Bilbao to tour the famous Guggenheim Museum, designed by architect Frank Gehry and considered a masterpiece of 20th-century architecture. In the afternoon, travel to the elegant coastal town of San Sebastián to relax on the beach, shop in the old quarter and taste the region's famous *tapas* at an outdoor café. Explore the gorgeous 18th-century Baroque church of Santa María and the striking 16th-century Gothic church of San Vicente.

### 8. SALAMANCA

MULTI-DAY EXCURSION TRIMESTER/SEMESTER & YEAR ONLY

Take a walking tour through the quaint yet bustling cobblestone streets of this university town to learn the history and significance of the various architectural styles. Visit the two cathedrals, stop for a *café con leche* in the Plaza Mayor or browse the local shops along the plaza's perimeter. In the evening, enjoy the cultural flavors of Salamanca such as classical music, jazz, movies, art exhibitions and museums.

### 9. MOROCCO\*

MULTI-DAY EXCURSION TRIMESTER/SEMESTER & YEAR ONLY

Enter Morocco on a ferry across the Strait of Gibraltar to explore a land filled with Arabic, African and European influences. Explore the *medina* (ancient walled city) of Fes, Morocco's largest open-air market, scattered among twisting alleys. Ride 4x4s through the desert to your Merzouga campsite for an evening of traditional Moroccan festivities and cuisine. Sleep in Berber tents under a star-filled sky and awake to witness the sun rise over the sand dunes that surround you as far as the eye can see. Ride atop a camel's back into the desert city of Merzouga, where you will learn about the local way of life. Depart from the desert and visit Meknès, the "Versailles of Morocco," before returning to Spain after almost a full week.

\* = this excursion is not included in the program price and may not be available during all sessions.



## SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE

at Menéndez Pelayo International University

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** SPANISH

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** INTERMEDIATE THROUGH SUPERIOR

**MINIMUM GPA:** 2.50

### OVERVIEW

- Courses are taught by host university faculty.
- Classmates are international students, the majority of which may be North Americans.
- Students may participate in any two trimester programs back-to-back. Students must apply by the first trimester's application due date.

### LANGUAGE LEVEL PLACEMENT

All students take a placement exam upon arrival to determine language proficiency level. Exam results may determine eligibility for course enrollment. Students who arrive having completed the following number of semesters/quarters of college-level Spanish, or the equivalent, typically place into the corresponding language level:

SEMESTERS	QUARTERS	LANGUAGE LEVEL
2-3	3-5	INTERMEDIATE
3-4	4-6	HIGH INTERMEDIATE
4-5	6-8	ADVANCED
6+	9+	SUPERIOR

### ACADEMIC CREDITS

*Credits earned may vary according to the policies of the student's home institution.*

*For visa regulations, and according to ISA policy, students must maintain full-time enrollment status for the duration of the program, as determined by their home institution. Students may be required to obtain a student visa and should inquire with the corresponding consulate.*

TERM	CONTACT HOURS	SEMESTER CREDITS	QUARTER UNITS
WR 1, SP 1, FL 1	190-235	12-15	19-23

### PRICES AND DATES

TERM	PGM DATES	PGM CODE	PRICE	APP DUE
WR 1	01/06/09-03/21/09	ISNW1109	\$8,500	10/01/08
SP 1	03/24/09-06/13/09	ISNS1109	\$8,500	01/15/09
FL 1	LATE SEP 09-LATE DEC 09	ISNF1109	\$8,500	06/01/09
BACK TO BACK SESSIONS		ISNB1109	\$16,250	

WR=WINTER SP=SPRING FL=FALL

### COURSES AVAILABLE

- Spanish Language (**REQUIRED**)

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Students then **choose two or three** of the following courses:

- Spanish Culture 45
- Spanish Literature 45
- Spanish Cinema (**WINTER ONLY**) 45
- Spanish Art History (**FALL & SPRING ONLY**) 45
- Communicative Skills (**INTERMEDIATE LEVEL ONLY**) 45

### CONTACT HOURS

## SPANISH LANGUAGE, CULTURE & ELECTIVES IN ENGLISH

at Menéndez Pelayo International University

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** SPANISH AND ENGLISH

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** NONE (OPEN TO ALL LEVELS)

**MINIMUM GPA:** 2.50

### OVERVIEW

- Courses are taught by host university faculty.
- Classmates are international students, the majority of which are ISA students.

### LANGUAGE LEVEL PLACEMENT

All students take a placement exam upon arrival to determine language proficiency level. Exam results may determine eligibility for course enrollment. Students who arrive having completed the following number of semesters/quarters of college-level Spanish, or the equivalent, typically place into the corresponding language level.

SEMESTERS	QUARTERS	LANGUAGE LEVEL
0-1	0-2	BEGINNING
2-3	3-5	INTERMEDIATE
4+	6+	ADVANCED

### ACADEMIC CREDITS

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TERM	CONTACT HOURS	SEMESTER CREDITS	QUARTER UNITS
WR 2, FL 2	180-225	12-15	18-22
YR 2	360-450	24-30	36-45

### PRICES AND DATES

TERM	PGM DATES	PGM CODE	PRICE	APP DUE
WR 2	01/31/09-05/09/09	ISNW1209	\$8,950	10/01/08
FL 2	MID SEP 09-MID DEC 09	ISNF1209	\$8,950	06/01/09
YR 2	MID SEP 09-MID MAY 2010	ISNY1209	\$17,000	06/01/09

WR=WINTER FL=FALL YR=YEAR

### COURSES AVAILABLE

#### BEGINNING

- Spanish Language 120

#### INTERMEDIATE

- Spanish Language 90

#### ADVANCED

- Spanish Language 45

#### ALL LEVELS (INSTRUCTED IN ENGLISH)

- International Marketing 45
- Spanish Culture and Civilization 45
- Business Practices in the European Union 45
- International Relations 45
- The Economics of Globalization 45
- Political Economy of the European Union in the 21st Century 45
- Consumer Behavior in Europe 45
- History of Spanish Art 45
- Contemporary Spanish History 45

### CONTACT HOURS

• SEMESTER/ACADEMIC YEAR •

## STUDIES WITH SPANIARDS

at University of Cantabria

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** SPANISH

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** SUPERIOR

**MINIMUM GPA:** 2.75

### OVERVIEW

- Designed for students who would like to be immersed in the Spanish classroom.
- Classes taught by host university faculty.
- Classmates are Spanish and international students.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students must have completed the following number of semesters/quarters of college-level Spanish, or the equivalent:

SEMESTERS	QUARTERS	LANGUAGE LEVEL
6+	9+	SUPERIOR

### ACADEMIC CREDITS

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TERM	CONTACT HOURS	SEMESTER CREDITS	QUARTER UNITS
WR 3, FL 3	180-240	12-16	18-24
YR 3	360-480	24-32	36-48

### PRICES AND DATES

TERM	PGM DATES	PGM CODE	PRICE	APP DUE
WR 3	02/09/09-06/28/09	ISNW3109	\$9,475	10/01/08
FL 3	MID SEP 09-MID FEB 2010	ISNF3109	\$11,775	06/01/09
YR 3	MID SEP 09-LATE JUN 2010	ISNY3109	\$19,200	06/01/09

WR=WINTER FL=FALL YR=YEAR

### SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

- Archaeology
- Art History
- Business Administration and Management
- Business and Economics
- Geography
- History
- Language
- Law
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Physical Sciences
- Primary Education
- Psychology

• SUMMER •

## SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE

at Menéndez Pelayo International University

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** SPANISH

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** NONE (OPEN TO ALL LEVELS)

**MINIMUM GPA:** 2.50

### OVERVIEW

- Courses taught by host university faculty.
- Classmates are international students, the majority of which may be North Americans.

### LANGUAGE LEVEL PLACEMENT

All students take a placement exam upon arrival to determine language proficiency level. Exam results may determine eligibility for course enrollment. Students who arrive having completed the following number of semesters/quarters of college-level Spanish, or the equivalent, typically place into the corresponding language level:

SEMESTERS	QUARTERS	LANGUAGE LEVEL
0-1	0-2	BEGINNING
2-3	3-5	INTERMEDIATE
4-6	6-9	ADVANCED
7+	9+	SUPERIOR

### ACADEMIC CREDITS

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TERM	CONTACT HOURS	SEMESTER CREDITS	QUARTER UNITS
SM 2			
BEGINNING	80	5	8
INTERMEDIATE	80-110	5-7	8-11
ADVANCED	80-110	5-7	8-11
SUPERIOR	80-110	5-7	8-11

### PRICES AND DATES

TERM	PGM DATES	PGM CODE	PRICE	APP DUE
SM 2	06/30/09-08/01/09	ISNU1209	\$3,950	04/25/09

SM=SUMMER

### COURSES AVAILABLE

### CONTACT HOURS

#### BEGINNING

- Spanish Language 80

#### INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED & SUPERIOR

- Spanish Language 60

Students then **choose one or two** more classes:

- Introduction to Hispanic Literature 20
- Fine Arts in Contemporary Spain 20
- Spanish Culture 30