

# SEMESTER IN SPAIN

Bi-Annual Newsletter

## Who's Who and Who's New!

**By Maria Hodapp, International Director**

This unusual year didn't slow down our SIS team. We'd like to introduce our new team member, and re-introduce the rest of us you might be in touch with!

**Elizabeth Maki\*** is the Coordinator of Recruitment, Marketing, and College Relations. Elizabeth remains in contact with study abroad offices and key faculty members to promote SIS and start students on their application process. She is ready to introduce SIS to your students this fall through virtual class visits!

**Kristen McChesney\*** is the Coordinator of Student Enrollment and supports students through the application and enrollment process. Kristen is the contact for course enrollment, pre-departure forms, tuition, and transcripts. Kristen supports SIS on a part-time basis and is stepping into parts of Deb Veenstra's past role.

**Bailie Bowey\*** is the Student Ministries Coordinator and normally lives in Sevilla, supporting the faith development and social-emotional health of the students. In this interim, Bailie is communicating with students enrolled for upcoming semesters about preparing for travel to Spain, and life in Seville (homestays, packing, cell plans, churches, best cafés, etc.) She is joining Elizabeth for virtual class visits, as well!

**Leslie Routman\*** is the Director in Spain. She is a great contact for your institution's Spanish professors to learn more specifically about courses, or coming for a visit to see

what TCCSevilla is like in person (when it's safe to do so). She has been reaching out to Spanish professors at our supporting schools to offer our virtual conversation circles and mini-conferences, facilitated by our expert faculty members, José María, Carmen, and Salvador. Take advantage of these low- or no-cost opportunities; we'd love to support your Spanish department this way!

**Maria Hodapp\*** is the US-Based International Director of Semester in Spain and is a good contact about policies. She may be looped into conversations you have with these other wonderful people!

Our staff and faculty in Spain continue in their roles, as well! Visit our Instagram for faculty and staff features on Mercedes, our evening receptionist, Ana, our Housing Coordinator, and Professors José María, Carmen, and Salva.

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## Noticias de 2020

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all continue to work through the challenges that this year has brought us. If you weren't aware, we had to cancel our Fall 2020 semester in July and move to an online format. However, we're moving full steam ahead with plans for an in-person Spring!

We are also offering mini-conferences that can be a great addition to your semester! Let our expert professors take over your class for a few days to teach about different aspects of Spanish Culture! For more info, email [leslie@tccsevilla.com](mailto:leslie@tccsevilla.com)



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## Spring 2021 Updates

Just like you, we are wondering how COVID-19 will continue to impact our programming. Thank you for your patience in this process as SIS adapts to a new way of life.

We are moving full steam ahead to work towards an in-person Spring 2021, making plans for how students can safely live in Sevilla under Spain's new regulations. Our official decision date for the semester will be November 20th. If we know sooner that we can't have a program in-person, we will update everyone before then. To facilitate a later decision date, we have moved our application deadline to November 1st. At the moment, we are looking "okay" to move forward assuming two main conditions are met:

1. The Global Travel Advisory must remain below a level 4
2. Spain must open its borders to the US

We are discussing these conditions in light of Trinity Christian College's community posture toward health and safety of our students. We won't send students if it isn't safe!

So far it's looking like Spain will accept study abroad students without a VISA for a program under 90 days with the potential need for special paperwork from the Spanish government. So we've changed our schedule to be less than 90 days while incorporating more classroom time to make sure students receive proper accreditation requirements for their credits. There will be other changes to the program to keep students safe and to maintain the regulations set forth by the Spanish government (relatively similar to those sent in the newsletters this summer). Since Spanish policy does change slightly about once a week, we will be sharing more of that info soon so it can be as up to date as possible.

What might some of those changes look like:

- Increased sanitization of TCCSevilla
- One student per room in host family's residence
- Potential quarantine fees
- Mask wearing at all times unless at home
- PPE for professors and staff in TCCSevilla
- Currently traveling outside of Spain is not permitted
- Excursions limited to day trips near Sevilla
- Daily Self-Screening

Check out our COVID safety plan [here](#)\*. Our staff in Spain are working very hard to make this in-person semester a reality! If something happens and conditions worsen, we will have an online semester; however, we really want to have students in Seville this coming semester!

We are also planning on moving forward with Summer 2021. Calendars for both Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 are available on our website at <https://www.semesterinspain.org/academics/dates-calendars/>.

\*Please note that this is subject to changes



Have questions? Contact:

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## APPLICATIONS

Due Dates:

- **Summer Term(s): March 30**
- **Fall Semester: April 20**
- **Spring Semester: November 1**





Students can apply directly on the SIS website at:  
[www.semesterinspain.org/apply](http://www.semesterinspain.org/apply).

## ZOOM

Want to hear what life in Seville is really like? Send students to our Virtual Open Houses to meet some of our staff and faculty in Spain as well as their future SIS cohort. Zoom links can be found on our website at <https://www.semesterinspain.org/request-info/>

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