SEMESTER IN SPAIN

Bi-Annual Newsletter

Welcoming Dynitta to SIS

Featuring: *Dynitta J. Lieuwen*

We are so happy to welcome our new Coordinator of Enrollment, Dynitta Lieuwen. Dynitta will support students through the application and enrollment process and will be the person to contact for course enrollment, pre-departure forms, billing and transcripts. She will continue half time in the Provost Office and half time with SIS. Her presence has already blessed us. Check out her <u>bio on our website</u>!

Fun facts:
-Dynitta has several master degrees: Ministry, Divinity, Pastoral Counseling
-She's "slightly" addicted to K-(Korean) dramas
-She loves to travel

New Courses, Coming Right Up!

We're excited to offer an assortment of <u>new courses</u> this academic year.

- **105 Intro to Sevillanas Dance** (1) Fall, Spring
    - Students will watch, practice, and perform Sevillanas, a regional variety of flamenco specific to the culture of Sevilla. Students will learn about the attire, customs, folklore, and are introduced to the world of flamenco. Class will be offered in the fall + spring.
- **331 Spanish for Health Care** (4) Spring, Summer
    - The same great & interactive 4-credit course that will now be offered in Spring 2022 + Summer 2022.
- **332 Survey of Art, Culture & Religion in the Golden Age** (4) Fall, Spring, Summer
    - A study of the most prolific period of Spain's history in art and literature. In order to fully understand the depth of the cultural manifestations, the religious and collective outlook of 16th & 17th century Spain will be analyzed as well, now offered in the fall + spring + summer.

Practical Prácticas

Internships: Education Field Experience

Do your students want an <u>immersive internship experience</u>? Are they looking for academic credit toward their degree? Semester in Spain will be piloting a 3 credit, 120 hour internship during Spring 2022 with <u>American Land</u>. For students looking for Education Field Experience, ESL or TESOL opportunities American Land is an English-language learning academy based in Spain. Our very own Salvador Gallego de la Rosa, Internship Coordinator and Professor, will supervise and mentor students during their time with American Land.

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The Scoop

Visas and COVID-19

We're falling back into a semi-normal rhythm again! Fall and spring semesters of this academic year will be 90 days in-person and asynchronous coursework after the students depart Spain. Why are we not offering visa services during this academic year?

Due to slow government processing time, unreliable USPS delivery of crucial documentation, and an increasing number of students making last minute plans, we are not offering visa services for Spring 2022. Students can opt to apply for a visa themselves. We anticipate offering visa services again for the Fall 2022 students. SIS continues to implement our COVID Safety Plan to keep our students, faculty, staff and host families as healthy as possible. Thank you for partnering with SIS!

Fun fact: Spain has a vaccination rate of over 70%!

Semester in Spain + Chicago Semester

Bilingual Internship Experience

Chicago Semester (CS), a partner of SIS, is launching a new Spanish Bilingual Program. Students can earn up to 9 credits during this 10 week program:

- 2-week course intensive (Hispanic/Latine Culture and Community in Chicago-3 credits)
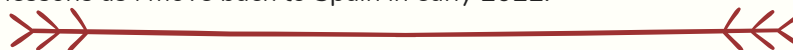- 8-week, full-time internship (6-credits)

After students spend a fall semester with SIS, they can apply for CS's new bilingual internship program and receive a $500 voucher towards their tuition. Students would participate in CS' new program during Summer 2022. This is ideal for students who want a bilingual internship experience but cannot go back to Spain for an in-person language immersion internship.

Alumni Highlight: Professor Walter Hopkins

By Professor Walter Hopkins, Alumni

My time with Semester in Spain (almost 20 years ago now) was an invaluable part of my life journey and a time that I always recall with very fond memories and gratitude. A few memories that pop into my head as I am writing this are: shouting *AAAANNNNAAA BEEEELLLLOOOO* each morning as I entered into the downstairs part of the building on Paseo de Cristina, livin' la vida Lorca in our theater class with José María, beautiful excursions with the history of art class and Carmen, and a visit to Bollullos with Salva and a TV interview with the local Bollullos television station. The community that was developed with the students and staff during my time in Sevilla is something that I have grown to love and appreciate for many years. The lessons that I learned during my time in Sevilla were impactful and still serve me today. I currently teach Spanish and French (as well as courses in teaching methods, second language acquisition, and introduction to linguistics) at Houghton College in Western New York State. However, the Lord is taking my family on another journey that is leading me to return to Spain in early 2022 where I will serve as Director of LIFE International School in Tres Cantos, Spain. I am so very grateful for the many lessons that I learned as a student in the Semester in Spain program and look forward to continuing to use those lessons as I move back to Spain in early 2022.

Have questions? Contact:

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APPLICATIONS

Due Dates:
- **Summer Term(s): March 30**
- **Fall Semester: April 20**
- **Spring Semester: October 10**

Students can apply directly on the SIS website at:
www.semesterinspain.org/apply.

BLOGS

Want to hear what life in Seville is really like? Be sure to check out the most recent student blogs on the SIS website. They are wonderfully written and provide valuable insight into everyday student life in Spain. Visit semesterinspain.org/blogs.

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