

Semester in Spain (SIS) is a study abroad program in Sevilla promoting immersive learning, intercultural engagement, & inclusive Christian community.



## Resumen del otoño 2024 ...

*La pasada otoño, tuvimos el placer de dar la bienvenida a students from Anderson University, Belmont University, Biola University, Geneva College, Greenville University, John Brown University, Northwestern College, Trinity Christian College, University of Northwestern St Paul, Wheaton College and a gap-year student.*

From Sevillanas dance, cooking class with Ana, participating in a portion of the Camino de Santiago, traveling throughout Spain and watching the city decorate for Christmas, our students jumped right into life in Sevilla! We are proud of their desire to engage with the Spanish culture, be involved in the different communities in the city and form relationships with each other and our team that are sure to last a lifetime!



## Camino de Santiago

*Se remonta al siglo IX (9th), el Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) is a vast network of pilgrim routes running through Europe that converge in the city of Santiago de Compostela, located in the northern province of Galicia, España.*

When our students participate in walking a portion of the Camino, they not only get to walk along side pilgrims from all over the world, they also get to experience firsthand the diverse geography and culture within Spain.

Upon arrival to the city, the group takes a tour of the downtown, visits the Cathedral and shire where the reliquary of St. James and finishes with a tour of the cathedral rooftop.

*"As soon as I walked inside the cathedral I was overwhelmed by the stunning architecture, and throughout the duration of the mass I was captivated by the singing and teaching.*

*I had never been to mass before this, and it was special to think that my first service was somewhere where millions of people before me had traveled long distances to worship." Clara Mozingo, Asbury University (Fall '24)*

For Clara's full post, [click here](#). To hear more about what our students have to say about the Camino de Santiago, [click here](#).

## Fechas Importantes:

- Spring Semester: 1/13 - 5/6
- Summer Application Deadline: 3/20\*
- Summer Term 1: 5/13 - 6/11
- Summer Term 2: 6/11 - 7/9
- Verano Sevillano: 6/16 - 28
- Fall Application Deadline: 4/20\*
- Spring Application Deadline: 10/10\*

*\*Receive an early application discount and visa assistance for Spring by applying by 9/10 using code: **SISLASSETAS**. Apply for Summer and Fall by 3/1 and receive the same benefits with code: **SISLAGIRALDA**.*

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## Valores fundamentales

- Immersive Scholarship
- Intercultural Engagement
- Inclusive Christian Community

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## ¿En qué consiste el curso de Acción Solidaria?

What does the Acción Solidaria course consist of?

Students receive an orientation to agencies that assist Spaniards in need and receive functional linguistics training in their specific area of service (e.g., hospital setting, education, youth work, elderly, etc.). Students then serve in volunteer positions with Spanish churches, agencies, and independent organizations whose aim is to improve the social welfare of Spanish citizens.

Fall & Spring (0-2 credits)  
Summer Term 2 (4 credits)



## ¿Qué temas exploraremos?

What topics do we explore?

- Servicio intercultural
- Pobreza real
- Justicia Social
- Intervención Social
- Privilegio

## Organizaciones

Who do we partner with in Sevilla?

- Arbolada
- Escuela de Rugby Gradual
- Impacto Solidario
- Paxis Inclusión
- La Hospital de la Caridad



To learn more about the organization, click the icon.

## Gracias a José María y Mercedes



Our Department Chair and esteemed Professor, **José María**, retired this Fall. On staff since 1985, he has been with Semester in Spain for 39 years. We are grateful for his dedication to teaching and the connections he has formed with students over the years.

We'd also like to thank **Mercedes**, our evening secretary of 21 years, for everything she has done to make our school a place where students feel welcome. From helping facilitate Encuentro and Sevillanas, she has been a leader and friend to our students.

## Un mensaje de Mercedes

"I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you, who have always made me feel valued and recognized, and who have given me the opportunity to grow both professionally and personally. I am enormously grateful for the trust placed in me over all these years and for the constant support at every stage of my journey here.

As I begin this new stage of my life, I take with me an accumulation of indelible memories and the certainty that, even if I am not physically in this place every afternoon, a part of my heart will always belong to SIS/TCC.

I wish you all the best on the path that each of you continues to travel. I hope that our lives continue to cross in some way and that this farewell is not a goodbye, but a see you soon."



## Exalumna Destacada:

**Danielle Rogg - Guillermo**  
Fall 2012, John Brown University

Studying abroad in Sevilla was formational and empowering. I loved living with a host family, practicing my Spanish daily, and having freedom to travel and explore.

Since then, **Spanish has been central to my personal and professional journey**, taking me from teaching English in Guatemala to serving in Central and South America, to my husband's hometown in Mexico and back to Kansas City. Over the last decade, I've worked in nonprofit program development, deeply engaging with the vibrant and thriving immigrant community here.

**My Spanish has invited me into spaces I otherwise would not have had the privilege of entering** - it's invited me into courtrooms, classrooms, hospital bedsides, quinceañeras, and even funerals. It's a gift and honor to be invited into these spaces and connect with people from many walks of life.

For me, **the heart of learning Spanish has always been relationships**. It's a joy to connect with people through language. In my current role as a Scholar Advocate at Great Jobs KC with the KC Scholars program, my Spanish connects me to college students and community members doing meaningful work to support the Spanish-speaking community. I also stay connected to the community as a freelance interpreter for the Olathe School District. Spanish has been my invitation and my connection to so many opportunities! I encourage anyone considering learning a new language or studying abroad to go for it!"

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