



# ¡Viva Sevilla!

A BIANNUAL NEWSLETTER FROM SEMESTER IN SPAI

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



#### Resumen de la primavera 2025 ...

La pasada primavera, tuvimos el placer de dar la bienvenida a students from Belmont University, Dordt University, John Brown University, Olivet Nazarene University, University of Northwestern St. Paul, Spring Arbor University, Westmont College and Wheaton College.

We are proud of how our students jumped right into all life in Sevilla has to offer! Participating in Sevillanas dance, enjoying cooking classes with Ana, embarking on an overnight excursion to Toledo, traveling throughout Spain and watching the city transform for Semana Santa, la Feria are just a few examples!

Watching their desire to engage with the Spanish culture, be involved in the different communities and form relationships with each other (and local Spanairds) was truly a blessing.



## Encontrar una comunidad cristiana en España

It can be easy for students to think that studying abroad is a season in life which academic growth is emphasized disproportionately in comparison to their spiritual and emotional development. It is important to us that students have ample opportunities to find Christian community while abroad.

While the idea of attending a church while living abroad is exciting for some students, it can be intimidating for others. Luckily, our wonderful **Student** Ministries Coordinator, Sylvia, is there to help students discover churches in Sevilla. She also supports and encourages students to engage with their faith while abroad by facilitating activities like Acción Solidaria (Service-Learning) and Encuentro.

"Attending a local church here provides a safe environment to meet new people and make unexpected connections around the world, and these relationships can be some of the most rewarding.

Talking to new people about your faith in another language is daunting, but so rewarding. It's helped me see the truth in one of my favorite verses, Matthew 18:19-20, which says: For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."" ~ Abby Lawson, Wheaton College

To read Abby's full post, click here. To hear more about what our students have to say about engaging with Christian Community while studying abroad, click here.

# Fechas Importantes:

- Fall Semester: 8/27 12/17
- Spring Application Deadline:10/10\*
- Summer Application Deadline: 3/20\*
- Summer Term 1: May 12 June 10
- Summer Term 2: June 11 July 9
- Fall Application Deadline: 4/20\*

\*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.

### ¡Bienvenidos a nuestros nuevos socios!

We are happy to announce that Vanguard University, Biola University, Union University, and Southeastern University have recently joined our network of partners.









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#### Emocionantes adiciones a nuestra oferta de cursos...

Estamos ampliando nuestra oferta de cursos! Lea acerca de las emocionantes adiciones a nuestro plan de estudios y cómo estas clases promueven el enfoque vocacional en una variedad de entornos profesionales.

#### Spanish for Education

SIS 308 (4) Fall, Spring

A course designed so that students will apply field-specific Spanish vocabulary to the teaching and learning process, and strengthen communicative competence for success in educational environments. They'll consider the situational and cultural appropriateness of using language that is professional, age-appropriate and welcoming. Students will experience preparing lessons and leading activities in a local, Sevillan classroom. Perfect for those pursuing careers in teaching, youth ministry, parks & recreation, library science, social work, corporate training, museum education, behavior therapy y más!

#### Spanish for Business

SIS 309 (4), Fall, Spring

A Spanish course for the business world in which students will apply specific vocabulary of business Spanish and develop language skills to function in any work setting. They will develop cultural competence for intercultural work environments, examine the structures of Spanish business systems though exploratory excursions to four businesses in Sevilla and apply insights from European business models to design a small business proposal. Perfect for those pursuing degrees related to business, accounting, computing, data analytics, design, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, human resources, management studies, marketing, web design y más! Business sites throughout Sevilla include an excursion to an olive oil factory, a language school, a clothing store social enterprise and a consulting firm.

#### Spanish for Healthcare

SIS 331 (4) Fall, Spring, Summer Term 1

An intensive study of Spanish terminology commonly used in medical fields such as nursing and health communication, with use of role-playing, simulated medical situations, guest speakers, and visits to health care sites in Sevilla. Pairs well with Acción Solidaria site La Hospital de la Caridad.

# Mensaie de **Profesor Salvador** Gallego de la Rosa

Department Chair and Professor

Greetings from Sevilla. I am Salvador Gallego, Head of Studies at Semester in Spain. I have been a teacher of Spanish Language and Literature at SIS for more than 25 years... and I live in one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Come and meet us! For more academic information, you can write to me at: salvador.gallego@tccsevilla.com

#### Grupo Exclusivo de LinkedIn

It's our desire to intentionally connect with not only students but the professors who have guided their studies prior to their time abroad.

We'd like to invite interested professors to connect with our Spain-based professors through LinkedIn. Our colleagues at TCCSevilla look forward to connecting with you.



Haga clic para conectarse con SIS en LinkedIn Click to connect with SIS on LinkedIn

#### Cambio de Dirección

We are changing the address used when mailing checks on behalf of students payment for the program. The new mail address is: **Trinity Christian College Student Accounts FBO SIS** 6601 West College Drive Palos Heights, IL 60463

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an Semester in Spain alumna).

# **Exalumno Destacado:** Walter Hopkins Fall 2002, Houghton University

After completing his degree at Houghton, Walter went on to be a language teacher (Spanish and French) at the secondary level (7 years) and undergraduate level (10.5 years,) including the last 3.5 teaching at his alma mater, (formerly Houghton College) before moving with his family back to Spain to be the Director/Head of School at LIFE International School in Tres Cantos, Madrid.

Walter's time in the Semester in Spain program was a huge part of his growth both personally and professionally. He learned much during his time that became very beneficial for him and for his future students. He always had the hope that he might be able to return to live in Spain and that his children would have the opportunity to grow up in a different culture...and now that dream has come true. He is grateful for the opportunity to share God's love with young people through Christian education in Spain.

His time in Sevilla all those years ago has left an impact on his life that cannot be stated in words. He is still in contact with some of his fellow classmates in Sevilla and has returned to the city to visit former professors and friends on multiple occasions.

