

# Summer 2024 Study Abroad: Córdoba, Spain

# Introductions

- Dr. Tyler Anderson
  - PhD in Spanish Linguistics (Penn State)
  - MA in Spanish Linguistics (Brigham Young University)
  - Lived in Eastern Spain for two years, led study abroad trips to Costa Rica
  - Led this trip with Dr. Acker in 2022
- Dr. Laura Muñoz
  - PhD in Hispanic Languages and Literature (UCLA)
  - MA in Spanish Literature (UCLA)
  - BA in Spanish and Linguistics (UCR)
  - Led two summer trips to Barcelona

# Why Study Abroad?

Cliché: It's a life changing experience... but why?

- View the world from a different perspective
- Look at things with fresh eyes
  - Different 'reality' than what you are used to
- Enhance language skills
- Gain cultural insights (into your own culture and the host culture)
- You are not the dominant culture, but the 'other'

# Where? Córdoba



# Why Córdoba

- Most prized possession of the Romans between 200 BC and 400 AD
- Occupied by the Visigoths and then the Moors
- Moors established their government center here (Caliphate)
- After Seville, Córdoba is the center of Andalusian culture
  - Flamenco
  - Bullfighting
  - Provincial capital
- Less costly than many other parts of Spain, like Madrid and Barcelona
  - But within reasonable distance to many cultural centers
    - Sevilla (1 hour to west)
    - Madrid (2 hours to the north)
    - Granada (1 hour to the east)
    - Mediterranean coast (1 hour to the south)

# University of Córdoba

- Founded in 1970s, with new and innovative programs and technology.
  - International connections
  - Housed in the Medieval section of town.



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# Food

- Gazpacho
- Salmorejo
- Tortilla española
- Jamón Serrano
- Paella
- Seafood (proximity to coast)
- Wine growing region



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# Classes— tentative

- Up to 6 credits
  - FLAS 112
  - FLAS 211
  - FLAS 496 Topics Course: “Intercultural Relations in Medieval Spain: Al Andalus and the Christian Kingdoms” (11 students showing interest in this class)
    - Taught by UCO Faculty in Spanish
  - Mav Milestone ESSL 2xx Maverick Milestone: “Spanish History Through Art and Literature .”
  - FLAS 296/396 Topics: Cultural Awareness



# Excursions

- Art
  - Museums in Madrid
- Historical Site
  - La Alhambra (Granada)
  - La Giralda (Sevilla)
  - La Mezquita (Córdoba)
- Weekends on your own



Estimated  
total costs:  
\$6300+  
Food on  
excursions  
~\$400

- Includes:
  - Tuition for 6 credits and other University costs
  - Airfare plus trip insurance
  - Health insurance
  - Excursions
    - Travel to and entrance to museums and historic sites
  - Host Families for 30 days (room and board—3 meals a day)
  - Use of facilities at Universidad de Córdoba
    - Library, technology
- Not included
  - Souvenirs
  - Extra excursions
  - Extra food

# Paying for Study Abroad

- <https://studyabroad.state.gov/us-government-scholarships-and-programs/us-college-and-university-students>
- *Program scholarships (more info in the future)*
- *Fundraise through Spanish Club*
- *Get a job*
- *Ask parents/friends to help*
- *Do a 'Day of Giving' fundraiser <https://www.supportingcmu.com/>*

# Tentative calendar

Flight	May 24
Start classes	May 27
Travel to Granada	June 3-6
Travel to Sevilla	June 10-12
Travel to Madrid	June 17-19
Finish classes	June 28
Flight	June 29

- Classes: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- Trips: Tuesday travel, Wed in Destination, Thursday travel.



**RENFE—**

Modern, high speed train system  
Inexpensive



**Ryan Air (and others)**

Budget airline



**Bus**

Local bus systems  
Interurban busses (very nice—everybody  
uses them)



**Bike-Pedestrian path (in  
Córdoba)**

# Traveling in Spain

# What to do before trip



Get your passports



Do we need visas? No

- "Foreigners wishing to stay in Spain to study, carry out research, training or unpaid internship activities, participate in student exchanges, or perform volunteer services, must obtain the corresponding visa, which will include the initial authorization to stay in Spain. **However, nationals of certain countries are exempted from the visa requirement provided that the duration of their stay in Spain does not exceed three months.**"



# Questions



Can I arrange my own airfare?



Can I use my financial aid?



Can I use my cellphone in Spain?



Can I stay longer?



Does room and board include laundry?



Drinking policy?

Ugly Americans

- Drinking, loud, offensive

How many to a family?

Is there a limit to the number of families available in Spain? Will this limit how many can go?

More questions

Any additional  
questions?

We may not know the  
answers, but we will find out...

