

Summer 2026 Study Abroad: Córdoba, Spain

Introductions

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 - 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 in 2022, 2024
- 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
 - Led this trip in 2024

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)

UCO Idioma Summer 2024





University of Córdoba

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

Food

Gazpacho

Salmorejo

Tortilla española

Jamón Serrano

Paella

Seafood (proximity to coast)

Wine growing region



Housing

- Live with host family
 - Food
 - Laundry
 - Sleeping...
- 1 to 2 to a family
- Can request a roommate

Classes— tentative

- Up to 7 credits, minimum 6 credits
 - ❖ Must have taken at least FLAS 112 at CMU
 - ❖ FLAS 496 Topics Course: "The History of Spain through one of its most emblematic cities: Cordoba."
 - ❖ Taught by UCO Faculty in Spanish
 - ❖ ESSL 290 Maverick Milestone: "Spanish History Through Art and Literature."
 - ❖ ESSL 200 Essential Speech
 - ❖ FLAS 296/396 Topics: Cultural Awareness



Excursions

Art

Museums in Madrid

Historical Site

La Alhambra (Granada)

La Giralda (Sevilla)

La Mezquita (Córdoba)



How many?

- Minimum 20
- Cap at 24
- Application process, to be discussed in detail during our 'specific meetings' next semester
 - Due February 1, 2026
 - Also need a letter of rec from a CMU professor, by same date
- Must have taken two semesters of Spanish and/or FLAS 211 at CMU
- Priority to majors, then minors

Estimated total
costs: \$8000+
Food on
excursions
~\$400
THIS PRICE
WILL COME
DOWN (we
hope)

- Includes:
 - Tuition for 6 credits and other University costs (add another \$150 if you are taking 7 credits)
 - 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, ~~swimming pool~~
- Not included
 - Souvenirs
 - Extra excursions
 - Extra food
 - Clothing, etc...

Paying for Study Abroad

- <https://studyabroad.state.gov/us-government-scholarships-and-programs/us-college-and-university-students>
- *Fundraise through Spanish Club*
 - *Bake sale*
 - *Car wash*
- *Get a job*
- *Ask parents/friends to help*
- *Do a 'Day of Giving' fundraiser* <https://www.supportingcmu.com/>
 - *Already have \$1200 for this trip*
 - *Goal 2026: \$8000*
- *Prier Scholarship*
 - *Application process next semester*

Sample calendar

Flight	May 29
Start classes	June 1
Travel to Granada	June 2-4
Travel to Sevilla, Itálica	June 9-11
Travel to Toledo, Consuegra, Madrid	June 16-18
Finish classes	July 1
Flight	July 2



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)



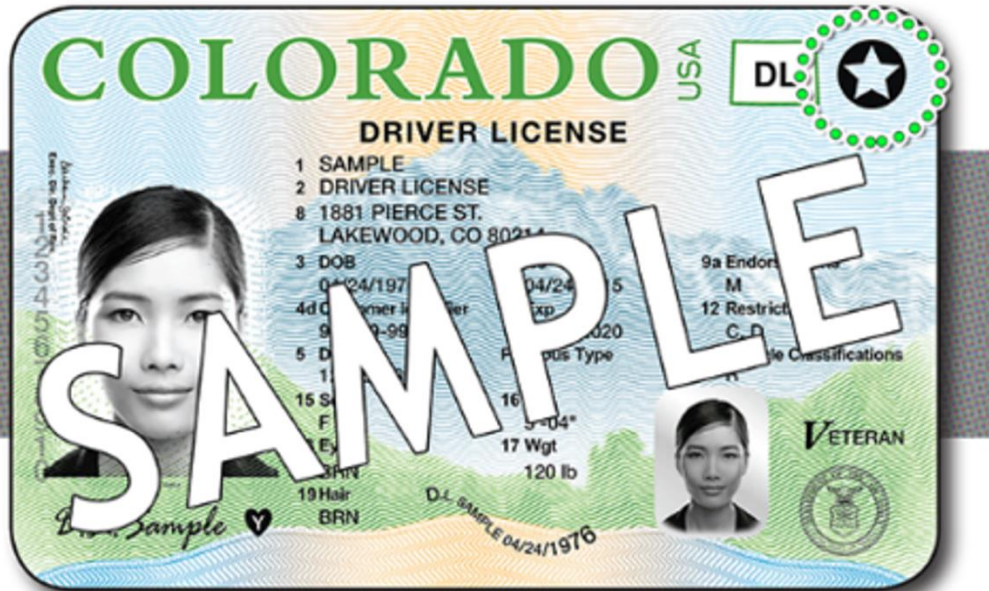
Bike-Pedestrian path (in Córdoba)

Traveling in Spain

What to do before trip

- Do we need visas? No
- Get your passports
- Make sure you have a Real ID driver's license

- "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?



Drinking policy?

NO drinking allowed during the trip

~~Ugly Americans~~

• ~~Drinking, loud, offensive~~

Any additional
questions?

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

