

## Journalism in Spain

Journalism students will examine special topics regarding the Economic Crisis in Spain while developing their language skills in Spanish earning 6 hours of credit during the four week program in Salamanca, Spain.

### COURSES

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Students will earn 6 credit hours by combining the Journalism course with one of two Spanish courses:

JOUR 481 (3 credits): Special Topics Multimedia Reporting

**-AND-**

SPAN 102 (3 credits): Elementary Spanish II

**-OR-**

SPAN 306 (3 credits): Experiencing Spanish Abroad

### ACCOMMODATIONS

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Homestays in Salamanca, Spain

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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This program explores lessons in journalism in addition to developing skills with the Spanish language. The JOUR 481 course will be taught concurrently with SPAN102 or SPAN 306 allowing you to work immersed in Salamanca, Spain putting to practice the language and reporting skills you have acquired up to this point in a variety of mediums.

The final goal of this course is to produce and publish a multi-platformed-based team project on issues related to the current economic crisis in Spain. We will work as a team, which will both allow students to bring their strengths and expertise to the table, while simultaneously requiring each student to dive into a realm of journalism in which they are not as familiar or comfortable. The project will use the latest technology available to multimedia journalists to tell the stories of the people who allow us to tell their powerful stories.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Story Research – Determine as a class the focus and direction of our project and identify stories that we will report and edit while in Spain. Students will be expected to go beyond what has been already reported, to find stories that represent how Spain's diverse population and experience is affected by the crisis.

- Language Use – Students will use Spanish language in the field in reporting and editing, and will be expected to produce the site in Spanish and English.
- Website – Define and outline the goals of the website. For whom are we reporting and how will we delivery those stories.
- Mediums – Based on experience, interest and story topic, determine in what medium we will report each story. Each student will be not only encouraged, but expected to improve their skills in areas that they are not as proficient.
- Deadlines – Like other journalism courses, we will set and hold to our agreed upon deadlines to complete the project on time.

- Teamwork – Each member of the team will be expected to work closely with other team members to produce projects collaboratively, either through medium or within mediums. Brand and distribute the project to a wide audience, both in Spain and abroad.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

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**LOCATION:** *Salamanca, Spain*

**ACADEMIC TERM:** *Summer 2014: May 19 – June 14, 2014*

**ITINERARY** (*subject to change*)

May 19 – Depart Nashville, TN for Madrid, Spain  
 May 20 -- Arrive Madrid & Transfer to Salamanca  
 May 22 – Excursion of La Alberca/Sierra de Francia  
 May 24 -- Lecture by a professional in the field of Journalism  
 May 28 -- Tour of Cathedrals, Cave of Salamanca, Garden of Calixto & Melebea  
 May 30 - Visit to local newspaper facility  
 June 03 -- Lecture by a professional in the field of Journalism  
 June 08 -- Visit to local TV station  
 June 10 -- Lecture by a professional in the field of Journalism  
 June 14 - Transfer to Madrid airport for departure to the US.

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

## ELIGIBILITY

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- Graduate student in good standing (Graduate Catalog p.30).
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

## BASE PACKAGE

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**Estimated Cost:** \$4,300

### Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 6 credit hours (\$2,180 value)
- Homestay costs during program in Spain
- 3 Meals a Day provided at Homestay
- Course-related ground transportation in Spain
- International medical insurance

**Excluded from Base Package**

- **Roundtrip airfare to/from home country and Spain not included**
- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Meals, services, and beverages not included during course-related field programs.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Possible visa/immigration fees or Airport taxes (payable only in cash locally).
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes
- SAGL Study Abroad Application fee of \$150.00

**Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts. Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.**

**Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.**

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

<p><b>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</b></p> <p>February 1, 2014 - Priority deadline for application with non-refundable \$250 deposit*</p> <p>February 1, 2014 – Program Fee will be charged to student's TopNet account. Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p><b>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</b></p> <p>After February 1: 25% of program cost  After March 1: 50% of program cost  After April 1: 75% of program cost  After May 1: 100% of program cost (No refund).</p> <p><b>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</b></p>
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**LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program.

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