

CIEE Study Center

European economics and politics / public health / social justice / Spanish culture / Spanish history / Spanish language / Spanish literature



program snapshot

- Language instruction at all levels; students can attend one, two, or three sessions
- Content classes on Spanish culture, politics, history and art linking the past and present; innovative courses designed for students interested in human rights, sociology, public health, or international relations
- Cultural activities such as visits to museums, theaters, and traditional festivals
- Excursions to sites of cultural importance including Granada, Cordoba, Carmona, Itálica, and Morocco; field trips in Seville and Andalusia

what you'll learn

The Language and Culture summer program is designed to help students develop their Spanish language skills and expose them to Spanish culture through a brief, yet intense immersion experience. This is achieved through courses in Spanish language and culture, a conversational exchange program, a homestay program, and local visits and excursions.

thoughts from abroad

Seville has so much to offer—historic monuments, unique streets, and charming people. During this time of year, you will enjoy a special bonus: the weather. These long, summer-like days will allow you to enjoy the city even more.

— Nancy Merchant, Resident Coordinator

Summertime makes Seville one of the most enchanted cities in Spain; it makes you feel welcome. Its kind people, the air you breathe, and the art expressed in everything *Sevillano* will make you fall in love with this city. I'm sure your experience will be as special as Seville is.

— Carolina Cisneros, Resident Coordinator

Seville is a charming city filled with monuments from all ages. All you have to do is pronounce the name of this city and you will think of fiestas, legends, and romantic stories. I hope your time in Seville helps you discover and appreciate the beauty of the city!

— Luisa Rodríguez, Resident Coordinator

About the Resident Coordinators

Nancy Merchant serves as the Resident Coordinator for the May session and as its Student Services Coordinator. Carolina Cisneros serves as the Program Assistant for the Liberal Arts program and as Resident Coordinator for the June session. Luisa Rodríguez serves as the Resident Coordinator for the Language and Society program and the July session.

About the Center Director

Dr. Maritheresa Frain is the Director of the CIEE Study Center in Seville. She completed her undergraduate work in International Politics at The Pennsylvania State University and received her M.A. and Ph.D. in International Relations at Georgetown University. Dr. Frain has worked for the International Monetary Fund and was a visiting professor at Georgetown. She also worked in the office of Portuguese Prime Minister Aníbal Cavaco Silva, who is currently the President of Portugal. Before settling in Seville, she lived and worked in Greece, Russia, Switzerland, and Madrid, Spain. Dr. Frain teaches at the *Centro de Estudios Extranjeros* of the Universidad Pablo de Olavide. She is also the Honorary Consular Agent of the United States Embassy in Seville.

About Other CIEE Staff

CIEE students in Seville are assisted by Carmen Gragera, Registrar; Morgan Reiss, Director of Student Services; María Montes de Oca and Raquel Martín, Student Services Coordinators; Salvador Parra, Administrative Director; Inés Muñoz, Accounting Assistant; Alberto Ruiz, Technical Assistant; Miguel Luna Romero, Writing Center and Tutorial Coordinator; Oscar Ceballos, Publications Coordinator; Antonio Rodríguez, Online Placement Test Coordinator; and Helena Andrés and Jorge Rodríguez, Receptionists.

about seville

Capital of Andalusia, Seville was one of the last footholds of the Moorish empire that ruled the Iberian Peninsula. It is home to the ingenious Barber of Seville and the tempestuous Carmen. The great Renaissance painters Velázquez and Murillo were born here, and Ferdinand and Isabel ruled Spain from the royal apartments in the Alcazar Palace. Though the city preserves its past, modern Seville is the commercial hub of Andalusia. For a city of fewer than 800,000, Seville offers amazing cultural activities, from flamenco to classical, pop, and jazz concerts.

academics

Academic Program

The Language and Culture summer program focuses on two interwoven areas: Spanish language and Spanish culture and history. Special emphasis is placed on Andalusia and Seville within a European context.

Online Placement Exam

Prior to departure for Seville, all students are required to take a CIEE online placement exam during the scheduled exam period in mid-April. The purpose of this exam is to determine the student's level of Spanish, ensuring that he or she is placed in the appropriate language courses. Students should take this exam seriously, as placement in many upper level courses depends upon a high online placement exam score.

Academic Culture

Students may participate in one three-week session beginning in mid/late May, one three-week session beginning in early/mid-June, or one three-week session beginning in early July, or any combination thereof. Students may stay for one, two, or three sessions.

All courses meet daily, Monday through Friday, for three hours. The academic calendar includes dates for obligatory trips scheduled out of Seville. These hands-on learning experiences contribute greatly to the student's experience abroad. Instruction is interactive and dynamic. Many lectures take place in situ, so that the student can feel a part of the fascinating culture they are studying.

While extracurricular activities and personal travel contribute greatly to the student's overall European experience, attendance is mandatory for both classes and required events. Early departure for and/or late return from personal trips on weekends is not permitted. Any extended travel should take place prior to the start of the program or upon completion of the program.

Nature of Classes

Participants take classes with other CIEE students only.

Language Environment

As students gain proficiency in Spanish, resident staff encourage them to use their language skills in everyday settings. This fosters a learning community that contributes to both Spanish language proficiency and understanding of Spanish society.

Grading System

Students are normally graded on a final examination; language courses normally have quizzes and at least two examinations. Attendance is mandatory and unexcused absences are reflected in a participant's final grade. Class participation is essential in most courses; some courses require students to complete special individual projects and present the project to the class at the end of the term.



where you'll study

The CIEE Study Center is located in a beautifully renovated Sevillano palace built in 1725. It is centrally located, close to the *Puerta de la Carne*, and is about 10 minutes on foot from the main Universidad de Sevilla building (the *Tabacalera*). Housed in the CIEE Study Center are classrooms, CIEE student services, and CIEE administration. CIEE professors also have an office in the CIEE Study Center, so that students may speak with them privately about issues related to their progress in class.

living**Housing and Meals**

Housing, all meals, and laundry privileges are included in the program fee. Students live in Spanish-speaking private homes. Only one student is placed in each home. Living in a homestay is the best way to improve language skills and feel a part of the local culture. Given the size of the city, all students should expect to use public transportation to commute from their place of residence to their classes.

Orientation

The mandatory two-day orientation session, conducted in Seville at the beginning of the program, introduces students to the country, the culture, and the academic program, as well as provides practical information about living in Spain. It includes both structured activities and independent sightseeing. Ongoing support is provided on an individual and group basis throughout the program.

Internet

Students are allowed to the computer room located at the CIEE Study Center for academic purposes only. Students are encouraged to bring wireless-enabled laptops as the CIEE Study Center has a wireless connection. There is limited access to the Internet in Morocco, mostly in cyber cafés. Most homestays do not have an Internet connection.

duration**Session I**

3 weeks: mid/late May–early/mid-June

Session II

3 weeks: early/mid-June–early July

Session III

3 weeks: early July–late July

Any Two Sessions

6 weeks: between mid/late May–late July

All Three Sessions

9 weeks: mid/late May–late July

eligibility

- Overall GPA 2.75
- For CIEE content courses in Spanish, 4 semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and a 60 on the online placement exam

**morocco**

Morocco is a country that boasts a vibrant culture, rich history, and diverse population comprising a variety of ethnic and linguistic communities. Phoenicians, Romans, Berbers, Arabs, Ottomans, Jews, Spanish, and the French have all played a part in shaping this country. This heritage is evident all around, from the architecture of its buildings and monuments to the variety of languages heard on the streets.

Students participating in the Social Justice class in Session III spend approximately one week in Morocco. Students taking the Legacy of Al-Andalus class during Sessions II and III spend four days traveling in Morocco. Students taking the Public Health course during Session III spend almost two weeks in Morocco.

culture**Cultural Activities and Field Trips**

The academic program is supplemented with field trips and excursions to points of interest in and around Seville and Andalusia. Field trips and visits highlight topics covered in classes. Excursions may include visits to Málaga, Granada, Extremadura, Aracena, Cádiz, Córdoba, and Morocco.

costs**CIEE Fees**

Summer 2009 (Session I, II, or III): \$3,100
 Summer 2009 (Any two Sessions): \$6,100
 Summer 2009 (All three Sessions): \$8,900
 Summer 2010: available 12/15/09

The CIEE fees for 2010 include an optional on-site airport meet and greet, full-time leadership and support, tuition, housing and all meals, orientation, cultural activities, local excursions, a comprehensive student handbook, pre-departure advising, and a CIEE iNext travel card, which provides insurance and other travel benefits.

Estimated Additional Costs
(Summer 2009, per session)

Transportation (round-trip based on U.S. East Coast departure)	\$ 1,450
Personal Expenses	\$ 1,800
Books and Supplies	\$ 150
Local Transportation	\$ 210
Total Estimated Additional Costs	\$ 3,610

Check our website for current fees.

coursework

Program Requirements

Students choose one language or content course per session.

Credit

Total recommended credit is 3 semester/4.5 quarter hours per session; 6 semester/9 quarter hours for two sessions, and 9 semester/13.5 quarter hours for three sessions.

Course contact hours are 45 hours and recommended credit is 3 semester/4.5 quarter hours per course, unless otherwise indicated.

Languages of Instruction

English, Spanish

Faculty

Courses are taught by highly qualified faculty and professionals from the field of Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language. All CIEE faculty are familiar with the U.S. academic system and academic culture. Many have studied in the United States. Teaching methods vary from teacher to teacher, exposing students to benefit of different styles.

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CIEE Language Courses

SPAN 1010 SESU

Beginning Spanish Language

[offered in Session I and II]

This course is designed for students with 0–2 semesters of college-level Spanish. The goal of this beginning language course is to bring students to communicative competency in the Spanish language and to facilitate their immersion in Spanish life.

SPAN 2010 SESU

Intermediate Spanish Language

[offered in all sessions]

This course is designed for students with 2–4 semesters of college-level Spanish. The primary objective of this intermediate course is to allow students to achieve maximum communicative competency in the Spanish language and immersion in Spanish life.

SPAN 3010 SESU

Advanced Spanish Language

[offered in all sessions]

This course is designed for students with 5 semesters of college-level Spanish. The goal of this advanced language course is to give students an opportunity to expand their knowledge and command of the Spanish language in all areas: reading, writing, listening comprehension, and oral communication.

CIEE Content Courses

HISP 3001 SESU

Flamenco in Andalusia: Culture, Language, Music, and Dance

[in Spanish, Sessions I and III]

This class studies Flamenco as an important part of Andalusian history. Its approach is interdisciplinary. Students learn about the historical roots of Flamenco and its articulation in history, language, literature, music, art, and dance over the centuries. They participate in many activities outside of the classroom, drawing them even closer to the world of Flamenco in Seville, Andalusia, and Spain. Special emphasis is placed on the internationalization of Flamenco today.

HIST 3101 SESU

Three Cultures in Spain: Jews, Christians, and Muslims

[in Spanish, Sessions I and II]

This course studies the racial, cultural, and religious relations between Christians, Jews, and Muslims up to the unification of Spain. Class lectures are complemented with visits to historical sites around Seville and day trips to Cordoba and El Puerto de Santa Maria.

INRE 3001 SVSU/POLI 3005 SVSU

International Relations and Foreign Policy: Spain and Her Neighbors

[in English, Session II]

Spain is one of the countries in Europe with the greatest number of neighbors. France, Morocco, (Ceuta and Melilla), Portugal, and the United Kingdom (Gibraltar) all share common borders with Spain. This course explores the complex web of Spain's relations with her neighbors. It analyzes the evolution and basic dynamics of Spanish foreign policy and examines the political, economic, and security dimensions of the relationships it has with its neighboring countries. Guest lecturers from Morocco and France are invited to discuss bilateral foreign policy issues. There is an optional visit at extra cost (charged on site) to Gibraltar and Portugal.

LITT 3501 SESU

Short Stories in Spain and Latin America

[in Spanish, Session III]

This course is designed for students with advanced language skills. The objective of the course is to give students the opportunity to study short stories as a literary genre in Spain and Latin America from the 19th and 20th centuries.

POLI 3002 SESU/ECON 3002 SESU

Politics and Economics in the European Union

[in English, Sessions I and III]

The objective of this course is to offer political science, economics, international relations, and business majors the opportunity to study all aspects of the European Union, including historical, organizational, legal, practical, and economic. Special emphasis is placed on Spain's role in the EU. Visits to local companies complement class lectures throughout the session.



PUBH 3001 SESU**Dimensions of Health Care in the Developed World: Theory and Practice***(in Spanish, Session II)*

This course introduces students to local public health care realities in Spain and the EU through theory and fieldwork. Students learn about the different aspects of public health as organized within a universal health care system with special focus on the challenges of disease prevention, disabilities, environment, management of health promotion programs, and aging. Special attention is paid to the social context of disease/poverty and the economic factors involved in public health planning. Each student discusses his/her experiences on a weekly basis with on-site tutors, resident staff, and peers. A final project is developed as part of the field experience. Main activities include investigation, evaluation, observation, site visits, and community education.

SOCI 3001 SESU**Spanish Culture and Society***(in English, Session II)**(in Spanish, Session III)*

This class helps students understand the plurality of Spanish society within a historical, sociological, economic, and political context. Students examine a wide range of themes to help them gain a better understanding of Spanish life and the Spanish character: history, art, regional differences, politics, folklore, social values, traditions, etc. Special emphasis is placed on Andalusia, Spain's southernmost region. Visits to important historical and cultural sites in the area complement class lectures.

SOCI 3002 SESU**The Legacy of Al-Andalus in Andalusia and Morocco***(in English, Session II)**(in Spanish, Session III)*

Historians have determined that the civilization of medieval Muslim Spain was one of the most prosperous of its age and key to the direction that civilization took in medieval Europe. This is an interdisciplinary class in which students learn about the significant contributions of the Al-Andalus legacy in Andalusia and Morocco in many different areas, including art, architecture, city planning, food, literature, economics, science, philosophy, and politics. In addition to many visits within the city of Seville and its surroundings, students can participate in an optional trip to Cordoba, Medina Azhara, Gibraltar, Granada, Algeciras, Tangiers, Meknes, Fez, and Marrakech. An additional fee is charged on-site for this trip.

SOCI 3003 SESU/POLI 3003 SESU**Social Justice and Human Rights: The Case of Spain and the European Union***(in Spanish, Session II)*

Designed for students with advanced Spanish skills who are interested in human rights, sociology, international law, or international relations, this course explores some of the contemporary manifestations of social divisions: inclusions and exclusions, collective identities, minorities, citizenship, gender, and globalization and human rights, with special emphasis on the Spanish and European reality. The course seeks to familiarize students with major issues in the current global debate and increase their capacity for critical research and analysis. Students with advanced Spanish language skills are able to complement the academic knowledge through service-learning as part of a volunteer component. Students with an interest in social justice are strongly recommended to stay for Session III and the course focused on Morocco.

