



News from Seville

International Business and Language Program

September 4-10, 2006

Welcome to your new city, Seville!

We hope that you are all doing well, and that little by little you are adjusting to the Spanish schedule, a new city, a new family... Months full of excitement await you, and we work to enhance your semester through the *News from Seville* and the cultural visits. Don't hesitate to approach any member of the CIEE team to ask for help or share a happy moment. We are here to make your time in Seville as enriching, enjoyable, and anxiety-free as possible.

José Viñas, Activities Coordinator

General News

THE MINORITY STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Monday, September 4, 2006, 21:00h. Aula Granada, CIEE Study Center.

This is an optional, informal discussion, during which we will talk about issues of race within the context of Spanish society. Interested in discussing how race might impact your Spanish study abroad experience? Join us!

THE GLBT STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Tuesday, September 5, 2006, 21:00h. Aula Granada, CIEE Study Center.

This is an informal, optional discussion, during which we'll talk about issues of sexual orientation within the context of Spanish society. Interested in discussing how being GLBT might impact your Spanish study abroad experience? Join us!

HOUSING MOVE DATES

If you'd like to change houses, you may do so on Monday, September 4 and Tuesday, September 5. Stop by the Student Services Office to speak with Nancy Merchant, the CIEE housing coordinator.

DO YOU HAVE A CELL?

If you have bought a cell phone, please give Olga (omerino@cíee.org) your number, so that we can contact you in case of an emergency.

MAILBOXES

Student mail can be picked up at the mailboxes in the CIEE Study Center. Packages and boxes cannot be sent to the CIEE Center for security reasons. All packages and large envelopes should be sent directly to your homestay.

BOOK EXCHANGE

The bottom shelf of the bookshelf next to the main door of the CIEE Study Center will serve as a book exchange throughout the semester. Bring in a book (in English) that you have already read, leave it on the shelf, and pick up another one.

EXTRA PHOTOS

The extra photos that you sent to CIEE in the USA are in your mailbox in the CIEE Center.

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL RELEASE FORM

If you are traveling outside Seville, please give us your contact info, so that we can get in touch with you in case of an emergency. You can download the Travel Release Form from CIEE's webpage at <http://www.cíee.org/studyseville/download>. Just print it out, fill it in, and give it to Nancy in the Student Services Office. Alternatively, you can send Nancy an email (nmerchant@cíee.org) telling her:

Your Name
Program
Travel Date (s)
Travel Itinerary
Phone Number and Address we can reach you in case of an emergency
People you are traveling with

Please understand that we are not trying to control your travel. This is just for security reasons.

WRITING CENTER

If you'd like to improve your written Spanish, the CIEE Writing Center is the ideal spot. You can bring in your essay or text, and the tutors will guide you through the process of writing in Spanish. The tutors are Spanish language professors here at CIEE. If you'd like to make an appointment, contact Marga Jiménez (Writing Center Coordinator) from Monday – Thursday from 9:00 – 13:00h, in the Writing Center (Aula Cádiz, 1st floor, next to the elevator). Or if you'd prefer, you may send an email to mjimenez@ciee.org.

CULTURAL VISITS

***IMPORTANT**

We want to remind you that it's very important to read the *News from Seville* every week. Pay special attention to the deadlines for signing up for trips and excursions. After this week, we are going to assume that you are familiar with the sign-up process and you will not be allowed to sign up late.

TOUR OF THE ALCÁZAR

Wednesday, September 6 there will be a tour of the Alcázar. One of Seville's most emblematic buildings, the Alcázar is a combination of the many cultures that have passed through this city. To go on the tour, you only have to stop by the Student Services Office and sign up before Wednesday, September 6 at 12:00h. Once you've signed up, meet the guide on Wednesday at 17:00h at the "Puerta de León" of the Alcázar. Don't forget your student ID!

SPORTS

Get motivated to start the academic session by playing a sport with Americans and Spaniards. It's not necessary to play well, just to want to have a good time. Remember that these activities are free and you can bring a friend.

Basketball: On Tuesday, September 5, at **18:15h**, Irene will be waiting at the Puerta de Derecho of the University to accompany you to the IFNI sports complex to play basketball. Remember to bring your bonobús!

Volleyball: On Tuesday, September 5, at **18:15h**, a guide will be waiting at the Puerta de Derecho of the University to accompany you to the INFI sports complex. Remember to bring your bonobús!

Soccer: On Wednesday, September 6, at **19:40h**, Laura will be waiting at the bus stop #43 in the Plaza de la Magdalena to accompany you to Charco de la Pava. Wear your sports clothes because there isn't any place to change near the fields. Remember to bring your bonobús!

CINE CLUB

Another good way to learn Spanish is by watching movies in Spanish. Each week, here at the CIEE Study Center there is a screening of an American or Spanish movie, followed by a discussion about the film. There will be a group of Spaniards eager to share their opinions and listen to yours as well. You may also invite your intercambio. This week, on Thursday, September 7, at 21:15h, we will watch "Buena Vista Social Club".

Academic News

DO YOU NEED HELP TO RECEIVE CREDIT FROM YOUR UNIVERSITY?

If you are not sure that you are going to receive credit for a class and want to find out, or if you need to send a syllabus or want to make a change in your schedule (provided there is room for you), please stop by Olga's office.

**CIEE needs authorization from your university in order to make a change in the course schedule

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: Intensive session's final exam.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: Universidad Pablo de Olavide (UPO) Spanish language placement test and campus tour. We will meet on **Monday 11, at 8:30 at Puerta de Derecho**. First, Olga will show you where her office is

located and she will go with you to the UPO by bus (line 36). PLEASE, BE PUNCTUAL. If you are late, you will have to go by your own. The test will take place in Building 13, Room 5. Tell your host family that you will be home by lunch time.

**Please note, that placement both in Spanish language courses and in content classes in Spanish will depend on the results of the UPO Placement Test. Students whose results in the test do not meet UPO's requirements will not be allowed to take a content class in Spanish.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: UPO's Academic Orientation and Welcome Reception.

We will attend UPO's Academic Orientation, where you will learn about the campus devices and the academic policies. You will also receive your class schedule. After the orientation, we will go to the Welcome Reception where you will meet your professors.

Time: 18:00

Place: UPO's Paraninfo (Theater. You will learn its location during Monday's campus tour)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: Classes start

FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 15 AND 22: Although classes are Monday through Thursday, on Friday, September 15 and Friday, September 22, there WILL be class. These classes are make-up sessions for the classes you will miss in November for the trip to Morocco and December for the long weekend. Please, do not make any travel plans until the first day of classes; your professors may schedule a mandatory activity on a Friday!!

CIEE OFFICE HOURS

CIEE office hours are:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00h – 17:00h

Friday: 9:00h – 14:00h

Office Locations: Please remember that the Student Services office, where Nancy, Jose and John work, is located in the CIEE Study Center, 1st floor. Olga works in the CIEE Academic office, which is located in the University of Seville, also known as La Fábrica de Tabacos or Rectorado. You have to go into the building through "la Puerta de Derecho", then turn left, go straight ahead going through a big wooden door and then, walk down the hall until the end of this hallway. Then turn right, continuing until your next opportunity to turn right, where you will see the sign for CIEE. You can also contact Olga by email (omerino@ciee.org)

TRANSPORTATION STIPEND:

IBLP students will receive a 100€ transportation stipend at the end of the Intensive Session to be used to commute to UPO. You may ask Salva (CIEE Administrative Coordinator) for your transportation stipend starting on Friday, September 8. Salva works in the CIEE Study Center, 2nd floor.

Things to do in your free time:

ISIC Card

The international student ID card (ISIC) provides a discounted rate on travel throughout Europe: transport, museums, movies, etc... and it only costs 6€. You can get your card at Viajes Columbus, C/ Muñoz y Pabón, 9. For more information go to www.isic.org.

Rowing and Kayaking Courses

If you want to take a rowing or kayaking course in the magnificent Guadalquivir river, speak with José Viñas. He'll give you information about the clubs that are popular with sevillanos.

Cooking Course

M^a Carmen teaches foreign students how to cook typical Spanish dishes. The classes are held in Triana. To sign up or for more information, call her at 954 342139 or at 617 452 218.

Ceramics Class:

Ena and Pepa provide you with the opportunity to discover the artist within. The atmosphere is very welcoming and provides a great opportunity to practice Spanish. Classes are held in Nervión; call 647 022 088 to reserve your spot.

“Sevillanas” class

Valle offers individual “sevillanas” dance lessons for 10€ per session. The classes are held in the Centro; call 617 219 821 for more information.

Japanese Culture Course

If you’re interested in Japanese culture and you’d like to learn how to write, read poetry, do origami, or speak Japanese, this is your opportunity. CENTRO CULTURAL JAPONÉS. C/ Rioja, 25, 1º. Telf.: 954 213 802. Price: 25 euros. Ask for Andrés.