



News from Seville International Business and Language Program November 27- December 3, 2006

Ladies and gents, we only have three more weeks together. I don't know about you all, but to me it all seems to have flown by. However, we're not going to get weepy, we're going to think about the best ways to take advantage of the time we have left here in Seville. *Enjoy Seville* is your homework for this week, and I'm not going to require any essays- just a smile in the mornings.

José Viñas, Activities Coordinator



Academic News

UPO Campus Office Hours

There will be no CIEE office hours on the UPO campus Tuesday, November 28th. Alayna will be on the campus Wednesday, November 29th but not in the office. Look for her in the Center for Foreign Studies.

Grades from Seville

Just so you are aware...the average processing time for your grades once the program ends is approximately three months. At the end of the semester, your grades will be sent to the head office in Portland, Maine and within three months time, your home universities should receive them. A RUSH ON GRADES IS ONLY POSSIBLE FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (examples: can't register for next semester classes w/out this semester's grades, athletic policies, etc.). If you have a situation like this, you need to get in contact with Alayna as soon as possible and tell her the reason as to why you need your grades early.

Final Exams

For those of you who have not yet checked the final exam schedule, it is posted on the bulletin board outside the Center for Foreign Studies office door. Final exams cannot be rescheduled, UNLESS you have more than 3 final exams in one day. Also, please make sure that your flight home is not scheduled until after your last final exam. If your flight is before your last exam, you will need to make the necessary arrangements to change your flight to avoid getting "0" on your final exam. *The final exam for *Managing Cultural Diversity* is scheduled for December 12th, as posted in your syllabus (not December 14th as posted on the UPO final exam schedule)

Academic Policies

As the semester draws to a close, just sending out a reminder of the academic policies for your classes: After 3 unexcused absences your final grade will be lowered by ½ point (on the Spanish grade scale) starting with the 4th absence, on the 5th absence your final grade goes down 1 point, and on the 6th absence, it is a failed class. As many of you are making final travel plans before you head back to the States, please keep these policies in mind. We want all of you to be successful in your classes! Also, be sure to visit your professor's office hours if you are having difficulty with any of your classes. It's better to visit your professors now, instead of the day before the exam.

Spanish Table

Next week is the last Spanish table, Wednesday November 29th from 3-4pm in the new cafeteria (Plaza de América).

UPO T-Shirts

Don't forget to purchase an UPO t-shirt in the Center for Foreign studies. The short-sleeved shirts are 6 euros and the long-sleeved shirts are 9 euros. There are also men and women's polo shirts for 17 and 18 euros that can be purchased in the office.

Important Dates for November

Wednesday, November 29th (3pm): Spanish Table

Thursday, November 30th: Cine Club

General News

Trip to Écija: December 1st

If you'd like to go on the Écija trip, be sure to sign up in the Center for Foreign Studies. Meet the group in front of the Portuguese Consulate (corner of Avenida de Portugal in front of the Prado park) at 10am. You will be back in Seville around 2:30-3:00pm.

Speech about a volunteer effort in Peru

On Thursday, November 23rd, Sr. Miguel Rodríguez

will give a talk about his experiences living in Peru. He left his job as a journalist and founded the organization Zapallal, a community which takes in abandoned children in Lima. Zapallal has served to feed and educate more than 500 children from poor neighbourhoods. The talk, which will have two sessions, will take place in the *Sala de Grados* (Building 7) at 10:00-11:30am and from 11:30-1:00pm.

CIEE Sports

I Campeonato Triangular de Fútbol Sala. This Monday, November 27 at 18.00h, the first study abroad soccer game will take place at Colegio Los Salesianos de Triana. We need CIEE students to support our boy's and girl's teams, who will be going up against the teams from ISA and CEA.

Basketball: This Tuesday, November 28 at 19h at IFNI. Irene's coming back!

Volleyball: This Tuesday, November 28 at 19h at IFNI. Laura will be waiting for you.

Soccer: Important info for the tournament players: You MUST be at Colegio Salesianos de Triana at 17:50h, because we play first. The tournament will finish at 21:00h. Marisa and Tony, you're the captains, so please make sure that your teams are there on time! And good luck! This Wednesday, November 29 we will also play our normal game at Charco de la Pava at 20h with Laura.

Cine Club

This week is the last session of Cine Club. Are you going to miss it? We're going to close the semester with something different and very interesting: Spanish movie shorts. The directors and creators of these film shorts will be at the Palacio to discuss their work with us after the screenings. There will be a lot of Spaniards, so come to Cine Club this Thursday at 21h.

See las 3000 viviendas

We want you to see the other side of Seville. On Wednesday, November 29 we'll go to el Colegio Público Manuel Jiménez Fernández, located in one of Seville's poorest neighbourhoods. The principal, José Soto,

will speak to us about the reality of education in the school and will tell us more about the neighbourhood. If you'd like to go, stop by the Student Services Office and sign up on the list José has on his desk. The day of the visit we'll meet in the Palacio at 14.30h and take the bus to the school, so don't forget your bus pass. We'll be on our way home by 16.30h.

Print-outs in the Palacio

We want to give you the option of printing academic work here in the Palacio, but in an effort to save paper, there are some important rules. In order to have something printed for you, it must be academic, and you must send it to Chris via email (crudis@ciee.org). He will print everything at the end of the day, so keep in mind that if you have to turn something in on Wednesday, you need to send it to Chris by Tuesday at the latest. He will put the print-outs in your mailboxes by the stairs in the Palacio. If you have any questions, talk to Chris.

Program Evaluations

Nancy and Alayna will be getting in contact with you this week to have you fill out the IBLP program evaluation. These evaluations are crucial to our work, so please fill yours out.

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.

Things to do in your free time:

Museo Arqueológico

Situated in the Parque de María Luisa, the Archeology Museum has a nice collection of Roman sculpture and mosaics, Paleolithic remains, and objects from various other time periods. Take a walk in the park and stop by the museum, open from Tuesday to Sunday from 9-14.30h.

El "Abril" sevillano

The month of April is very important here in Seville. The two most notable holidays, Semana Santa and the Feria de Abril, are usually celebrated during this month. The artist Augustín Israel Barrera has created a unique work of art to explore the April phenomenon and feeling. For those who are going to be here in the spring, as well as for those who are leaving in December, this is one exhibit that is worth your while. Until December 15 at Sala Kstelar (c/ Castelar 22), free.