

Why Study SPA Abroad?

"When I arrived in Mexico, I only knew grammar and struggled to keep up a conversation, but after a semester to a year, I was completely fluent in Spanish! Studying abroad really changed my perspective of U.S. culture and opened up the world for me. It also shaped my future goals and endeavors. I was fortunate to be able to intern at the study-abroad office at Queretaro, and I now work as a study abroad advisor at the International Programs Center at UNCG. I highly recommend studying abroad for students wishing to improve their Spanish! You will grow tremendously and there is no better way to learn a language than to be immersed in a culture where that language is spoken."

-Angie Kapely

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Spanish Study Abroad



SPA Major Specifics:

When is the best time to study abroad?

Finding the most appropriate program as well as the best time to go often depends on academic background, proficiency levels, and prerequisites. Students should be mindful of their level and what kinds of courses and requirements they want to fulfill abroad, and plan accordingly with the help of IPC and the Spanish study abroad advisor, Wendy Jones-Worden. Begin planning your study abroad experience early to ensure on-time graduation!

What courses should I take abroad?

While abroad, students typically fulfill their civilization and literature requirements at the 300-level and electives in the Spanish major. In addition, some students take courses to fulfill GEC requirements. Spanish composition courses (SPA 315 and SPA 415) are difficult to find abroad and are best taken at UNCG. However, WI and SI courses in Spanish must be taken at UNCG. Each student's situation is unique; therefore, it is important to discuss your course options with Wendy Jones-Worden.

Other information

Spanish electives fulfilled abroad need to have either a Spanish or Latin American focus, or the emphasis could be on Spanish-language linguistics. It is important to know that some study abroad programs are more challenging and require a higher level of Spanish proficiency. Planning ahead is essential in finding the best fit both personally and academically

Other benefits...

Simply studying abroad in any country waives a Global marker. Speak to an IPC advisor for more information.

Can I Afford It?

YES! On semester or year-long exchange programs, students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees. Housing and meal costs are typically equivalent to a semester in residence at UNCG. Any financial aid received at UNCG can be applied to the program costs. In addition, students are eligible to receive travel grants to help offset the costs of airfare.



Getting Started!

IPC is dedicated to finding the right program for each student, and our huge array of partner universities allows us to do just that. Call (336) 334-5404 or stop by 207 Foust to schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor. This meeting will provide you with more information on appropriate programs, finances, application procedures, and more.

Call or stop by our office! Voice: 336.334.5404 Fax: 336.256.8509 http://studyabroad.uncg.edu

Spanish Exchange Program Sites

MEXICO

Tecnologico de Monterrey - Queretaro (ITESM)

ITESM-Queretaro offers a wide range of Spanish language and culture courses for exchange students, making it an ideal option for students at any proficiency level. Courses include: composition; basic, intermediate, and advanced Spanish skills; syntax; academic Spanish; business Spanish; conversation, and more. Furthermore, ITESM-Queretaro offers internship programs where students engage in a combination of classwork and field-placements in the areas of education (La Meta), community service work, and business. Students who have a minimum of SPA 301 can take courses in a wide range of academic programs.

www.study-in-mexico.com

Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla

At Puebla, students can choose from several options. Students with a minimum of SPA 301 (315 recommended) can take regular university courses in Spanish. Courses are also offered in English, though they differ each semester. A third option includes taking Spanish language and culture courses at various levels in Puebla's English as a Second Language program. www.upaep.mx

SPAIN

University of Castilla La Mancha - Cuenca

UCLM-Cuenca offers a wide range of academic programs for students who have a minimum of SPA 301 (315 recommended).

www.uclm.es/english/studies.asp?op=4&caso4=3

University of Castilla La Mancha - Toledo

UCLM-Toledo offers a wide range of academic programs for students who have a minimum of SPA 301 (315 recommended). www.uclm.es/english/studies.asp?op=8

Universidad de Extremadura - Caceres

UNEX-Caceres offers a wide range of academic programs for students who have a minimum of SPA 301 (315 recommended).

www.unex.es/conoce-la-uex

<u>Universidad de Granada</u>

Students who have a minimum of SPA 315 (more advanced proficiency is recommended) can choose from a wide range of academic coursework at UG. www.ugr.es

Universidad de Salamanca

USAL offers a wide range of academic programs for students who have a minimum of SPA 301 (315 recommended). www.usal.es

PERU

Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola - USIL

USIL offers a variety of courses taught in English; however, students with a minimum proficiency of SPA 315 (more advanced proficiency is recommended) are invited to take courses in Spanish. All students are encouraged to take a Spanish language course for foreigners, offered at elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels.

www.usil.edu.pe/0/usil en.aspx

URUGUAY

Universidad Católica del Uruguay

The Office of Academic Exchange at La Católica offers a special program for international students, where students can take semester-long courses in Spanish language studies (intermediate and advanced), culture and history of Uruguay, and Latin American literature. In addition, La Católica offers a community service internship. Students with a minimum proficiency of SPA 301 are invited to take courses in Spanish in other departments. http://internacionales.ucu.edu.uy

Universidad de Montevideo

UM offers a wide range of course options for students who have completed a minimum of SPA 301 (315 recommended). www.um.edu.uy/internacional/en

Universidad ORT Uruguay

Students who have a minimum of SPA 315 (more advanced proficiency is recommended) can choose from a wide range of academic coursework. www.ort.edu.uy/index.php?id=AAAKAC

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

Additional options for Spanish language studies can be found through ISEP (International Student Exchange Programs: www.isep.org, select "Directory of Universities," and then "International Exchange Members").

Previous UNCG Spanish majors have studied at the following ISEP programs. However, students are not limited to these options and can explore studyabroad.uncg.edu and isep.org for all available options.

Argentina

Universidad Católica de Córdoba. SPA 301 (315 recommended) www.ucc.edu.ar

Universidad de Palermo. SPA 301 (315 recommended) www.palermo.edu.ar Universidad del Salvador. SPA 301 (315 recommended) www.usal.edu.ar

Chile

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso. SPA 301 (315 recommended) www.studyinchile.ucv.cl

Mexico

Universidad de Guanajuato. SPA 301 (315 recommended). www.ugto.mx

Nicaragua

Universidad Americana. Courses offered in English through the CUSE. For regular university courses taught in Spanish, a minimum of SPA 315 (is required (more advanced proficiency is recommended).

www.uam.edu.ni