

## AHA International Spain, Oviedo: Quick Facts

### **Academics**

- *Admissions Requirements*
  - 2.5 minimum GPA
  - Sophomore status +
  - Semester: Minimum one year college level Spanish
  - Summer: No Spanish language requirement
- *Program Academics*
  - Language placement test upon arrival, determines courses
  - Normal course load = 3-5 classes
  - Each course normally translates to 4 AC credits
  - One mandatory Cross Cultural Communications course, translates as 1 AC credit
  - Academic focus: Art, history, literature, Spanish Language
  - One course per semester taught by visiting US faculty member
  - Fall semester & summer: Fulfills "S" course requirement
  - Spring semester: Fulfills "S" course *spring term* requirement if program runs through May. Student must confirm this with the Registrar prior to departure.
  - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (provided with Step 4) for complete instructions. Pass/fail must be requested within nine weeks after the class begins.
  - Incomplete grades must be replaced by letter grades within six weeks from being recorded on the Alma transcript, or they convert to "E". Contact the Registrar for assistance when you have received an Incomplete grade.

### **Housing**

- Semester
  - Host family
  - All meals included
- Summer
  - Residence hall
  - Meals not included in program cost

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What travel documents do I need to go to Spain?*
  - A passport is required for international travel and must be valid at least 180 days beyond the last date of the program.
  - A student visa is required. Instructions will be included in your program acceptance packet.
- 2. Can I use my cell phone in Spain?*
  - Purchasing a cell phone (typically €20-25) upon arrival in Spain is an option.
  - Using a U.S. cell phone abroad to make local and/or international calls can be very costly. Check with your service provider for details.
  - You could also purchase phone cards once you arrive in Spain. It is not recommended to purchase international calling cards while in the United States because they often will not function once you are abroad.
  - PicCell Wireless and other such companies allow students to rent a phone with a global SIM card and charger appropriate for Spain.
  - The cheapest option is to set up Skype or QQ, a free internet-based calling service. Look online for details.
- 3. Will I have internet access at school? Should I bring my laptop?*
  - There is wireless broadband Internet access available at the AHA office for students who bring their laptops. With this in mind, you may find bringing a laptop to Spain very useful. However, its safe-keeping and insurance will remain your personal responsibility.
  - E-mail access will be discussed during the on-site orientation.
  - The AHA office has two computers with internet services for student use.
    - Internet is also available through various Internet cafes and hot-spots in town.
    - Most accommodations do not have Internet access available at home.
    - For fall and spring students in Oviedo, there is wireless Internet and a PC lab at the University. Access is on a first come, first-serve basis and may be limited to two hours.
- 4. What kind of public transportation options will I have?*
  - A local bus transportation pass is currently included in the program for fall and spring students.
  - Taxi services are available locally, and it may be wise to budget extra funds for after-hours taxi transportation.
- 5. Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the AHA Spain program?*
  - Your first point of contact should be the AHA official website ([www.ahastudyabroad.org](http://www.ahastudyabroad.org)).
  - If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, you can call AHA staff at 800-654-2051 , or e-mail them at [ahamail@uoregon.edu](mailto:ahamail@uoregon.edu)
  - Off-Campus Studies staff are always here to help answer your questions.