# Global Education Oregon (GEO), Segovia: Quick Facts

#### **Academics**

- Admission Requirements
  - o 2.5 minimum GPA
  - Sophomore status +
  - o Minimum two years college level Spanish
- Program Academics
  - o Language placement test upon arrival determines courses
  - Each course normally translates to 4 AC credits; this is determined in consultation with Modern Language Faculty.
  - Summer and Semester:
    - Fulfills "S" course requirement
  - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (on Alma's website under International & Off-Campus Study Programs>Academic Policies) 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 <u>&</u> summer:
  - Host family
  - o All meals included

### 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. Your program will provide you with instructions.
- 2. Can I use my cell phone in Spain?
  - Your program will give you advice on cell phones.
  - 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.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, continued

- 3. Will I have internet access at school? Should I bring my laptop?
  - Check with your program about internet access within the school and for other places within the city to use wireless or pay as you go internet access. You may find bringing a laptop to Spain very useful. However, the safe-keeping and insurance will remain your personal responsibility. Information about e-mail access will be provided during your onsite orientation in Spain.
  - Most host families have WiFi, so you may be able to access this service from your home *with permission*.
- 4. 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 GEO website: www.geo.uoregon.edu
  - If your questions aren't answered at the GEO website, click on "talk to an advisor" on your program's front page for the email and phone contact information of the person who can best answer your questions.
  - Alternately, click on "CONTACT" in the upper right corner of all GEO program pages and send a generic email with your questions.
  - Off-Campus Studies staff are always here to help answer your questions.