

# Global Education Oregon (GEO) Spain, Oviedo: Quick Facts

## **Academics**

- *Admissions Requirements*
  - 2.5 minimum GPA
  - Sophomore status +
  - Semester: Minimum one year college level Spanish
  - Summer: Programs range from beginning to advanced Spanish language r
- *Program Academics*
  - Language placement test upon arrival, determines courses
  - Normal semester course load: 4 - 6 classes. Most courses translate to 4 AC credits, although it is necessary to seek department chair approval for classes.
  - One mandatory Cross Cultural Communications course, translates as 1 AC credit
  - Academic focus: Art, history, literature, Spanish Language
  - Summer options include a variety of academic options and program lengths.
  - 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 (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
  - Host family, all meals & light laundry included
- Summer
  - Options vary in price based on selection and include apartments at Oviedo Residence with or without meal plan, or homestay with all meals included. Refer to GEO website for full details.

## 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.
  - If a student visa is required, the program will include instructions in your 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?*
  - Student should confirm with the program if there is still wireless broadband Internet access available at the GEO for students who bring laptops.
  - Internet is also available through various Internet cafes and hot-spots in town.
  - Most accommodations do not have Internet access available at home.
  - You may find bringing a laptop to Spain very useful. However, safe-keeping and insurance will remain your personal responsibility.
  - E-mail access will be discussed during the on-site orientation.
4. *What kind of public transportation options will I have?*
  - Check with the program to determine if a local bus transportation pass is included.
  - 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 GEO Oviedo program?*
  - Your first point of contact should be the GEO website: [www.geo.uoregon.edu](http://www.geo.uoregon.edu)
  - If your questions aren't answered at the GEO program page, click on "talk to an advisor" on the program 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.

