

AHA International Spain, Segovia: Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admission Requirements*
 - 2.5 minimum GPA
 - Sophomore status +
 - Semester: Minimum two years 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
 - Academic focus: art history, European Union studies, and Spanish grammar, literature, culture and civilization
 - Summer:
 - One course taught by visiting US faculty member
 - Fulfills “S” course requirement
 - Semester:
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 - 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 and Incomplete grade.

Housing

- Semester & summer:
 - Host family
 - 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. 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 Internet access available at the AHA office in both Segovia and Oviedo 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. 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.
 - If you do not have a laptop, you will be able to access email from the computer available at the AHA school library, the public library, or at many of the local businesses in Segovia that offer pay-by-the-hour internet access.
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 AHA official website (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
 - Off-Campus Studies staff are always here to help answer your questions.