

## **PROPOSAL FOR NEW STUDY ABROAD or EXCHANGE PROGRAM** **University of Valladolid Summer Program**

**RATIONALE:** The University of Valladolid, a longstanding UW-Eau Claire study abroad and exchange partner, has established a summer program that includes intensive Spanish language, as well as specific tracks for Business, Healthcare and Education.

**ENROLLMENT MINIMUMS/LIMITS:** None

### **ACADEMIC LOGISTICS:**

- Can UW-Eau Claire accept credit from this program?
  - Yes. UW-Eau Claire already accepts credits from UVA for semester/academic year programs.
- How are grades reported?
  - UVA grade
- What language is used on the above document? If not English, what resources are required for an English translation?
  - Spanish with English translation
- What credit system is used and how does it translate into U.S. credits?
  - Class hours (40 per two weeks of course). Students would earn 8 credits.
  - Exception: Two-week teacher training course is reported as 2 ECTS credits = 1 UWEC credit.
- How is course level determined?
  - Courses use the standard European language designations of A1 (Beginning) to C1 (Advanced). Special topics courses are at the B1 (intermediate)/B2 (advanced) levels. These are the same levels used in the semester program.
  - What grade scale is used and what is the conversion to UW-Eau Claire grades?  
The standard AACRAO grade scale is used:
    - 9-10 = A
    - 7-8.99=B+
    - 6-6.99=B
    - 5-5.99=C
    - 0-4.99=F

### **CURRICULUM:**

Track 1: Students will take an 8-week intensive Spanish language course at an appropriate level and can earn credit for Spanish 101-302, and Spanish 410, depending upon level at the beginning of the program.

Track 2: Students will take a four-week intensive Spanish language course, followed by a four-week language course focused on Spanish for Business or Spanish for Healthcare. The topic-specific courses include lectures and presentations on Spanish business and healthcare practices.

- Spanish for Business students will earn Span 340 and Spanish upper division electives.

- Spanish for Healthcare students will earn Span 420 and Spanish upper division electives

Track 3: A two-week track for Spanish education majors who are about to begin their student teaching semester is also available.

- These students will earn 1 credit of upper division Spanish elective.

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Students will live in double rooms with host families. Meals are provided by the family. A university residence hall option is available upon request; however, the program may not fulfill the language immersion requirement for Spanish majors and minors if they choose this form of accommodation.

#### **CALENDAR:**

The four-week intensive language sessions begin in late May/early June. The four-week language or special topic programs run for the month of July. The teacher training program runs the last two weeks of July.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Minimum GPA is 2.5
- Must have sophomore standing by the beginning of the program; senior standing for education track.
- There is no pre-requisite for the intensive Spanish language track. Students can start at the Spanish 101 level or enrol in courses at their appropriate level for intermediate or advanced. Students must have completed through Spanish 202 prior to the beginning of the program for the Spanish for Business or Spanish for Healthcare tracks. For the Spanish for Education track, students must be done with all Spanish and education coursework apart from student teaching.

#### **FOREIGN CULTURE/LIBERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

For students in catalog years through 2015-16, the eight-week program tracks fulfill the foreign-language/foreign culture requirement.

**LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE:** Students in the 2016-17 calendar and later can fulfill an integrated learning (I1) requirement upon completion of the integrated learning assignments during their time abroad.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** With a minimum of 10 students, UVA will provide free accommodation for an accompanying faculty member. This is not a teach abroad opportunity: the intent is for the faculty member to learn about the program and pursue their own professional development agenda. CIE is working with ORSP to create a process for interested faculty to apply for this opportunity in conjunction with a Workshops and special projects grant that could cover up to \$1,000 in airfare or other related expenses such as meals.