

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE EXCHANGE PROGRAM with UNIVERSITY OF VALLADOLID, SPAIN (INTX 421)

RATIONALE:

We have been notified by the University of Valladolid (UVA) that our exchange agreement is no longer valid under a new Spanish regulation and would need to be completely re-negotiated.

- We have only sent two students on the exchange (Spring 2018); both struggled academically.
- UVA was originally interested in the exchange because they wanted to send students to our College of Business; however, after the agreement was signed, they did not send any students.
- CIE initially added the exchange as it allowed students to study for a year in Spain. However, UWEC students can now spend a full year in Spain through the USAC Bilbao or Valencia programs. Chile and Mexico offer full year options for students interested in taking regular university classes.

Given the above, we do not plan to pursue a re-negotiation of the agreement and instead propose to close the exchange and remove this course number from the catalog. UWEC Spanish faculty are aware of this decision and have no objection.

Note that this in no way affects our ongoing semester and summer intensive Spanish language and culture programs through the University of Valladolid Cursos para Extranjeros. These study abroad programs are governed by a separate agreement.