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Information Booklet



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Program Details at A Glance

SUMMER 2009

Program Site: Summer International University
Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (UIMP)

Program Dates:

	Arrival	Departure
4 weeks - July	July 5	August 1
4 weeks - August	August 3	August 29
8 weeks - July & August	July 5	August 29

Academics: In the morning, students take 3-4 hours of Spanish language courses, offered at beginning, intermediate, advanced, and higher levels. In the afternoon, students attend 2-3 hours per week of Spanish culture classes that cover a wide range of topics including Spanish art history, cinema, culture, economics, geography, health, history, humanities, languages, law, literature, novels, phonetics, poetry, pronunciation, theatre, translation, Spanish society in the 20th century, Spanish economy and the European Union, and Spanish for business.

Cultural Program/ Student Life: In addition to the academic program, students may participate on a space-available basis in the world-renown summer cultural program at the *Palacio de la Magdalena* that offers such activities as dialogues with writers, poetry readings, theatre, music, and dance performances in Spanish for no additional fee.

Housing and Meals: Students have a choice of three housing options: Las Llamas residence hall, La Playa residence hall, or living with a host family. Students living in residences may purchase meals in the university cafeterias for 16 Euros (approx. US\$24) a day (breakfast, lunch, dinner). Host families provide breakfast only; students are responsible for lunch and dinner which can be purchased at the University cafeteria for approximately 12 Euros (approx. US\$18) daily.

Requirements: 3.0 GPA or better. Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and Graduates at CUNY colleges are eligible.

Application Deadlines:

Program Dates	Application Deadline
July & August Programs	April 15, 2008



La Playa Residence



Las Llamas Residence

Summer 2009 Cost Sheet

for New York State Residents ONLY

NON-Residents must contact CSI for costs

		Basic Program Cost	Housing	Meals
4-week session	Las Llamas Residence (Single Room)	\$1,405	550**	\$661
July or August	La Playa Residence (Double Room)	\$1,405	515**	\$661
	With a Family (Double Room)	\$1,405	25*(day)	\$496*
	With a Family (Single Room)	\$1,405	27*(day)	\$496*
8-week session	Las Llama Residence (Single Room)	\$2,810	1100**	\$1346
July - August	La Playa Residence (Double Room)	\$2,810	1030**	\$1346
	With a Family (Double Room)	\$2,810	25*(day)	\$1010*
	With a Family (Single Room)	\$2,810	27*(day)	\$1010*

* ONLY breakfast is provided by the family. Students are responsible for lunch and dinner. Lunch and dinner costs approximately US\$18.00 daily at the University cafeteria.

**All Housing figures are in Euros. Euros are paid directly to the program in Santander, Spain.

Please note: Exchange used is 1Euro=\$1.5

Basic Program Cost includes:

Tuition & administrative fees
Field trips
Pre-departure orientation
On-site orientation
Health and accident insurance

Basic Program Cost does NOT include:

Airfare \$1000 (approximately)
Housing See Above
Meals \$500-\$650 (per month)
Personal Expenses \$700 (per month)
Books \$100

Program Payment

Students pay the Basic Program Cost to the College of Staten Island (CSI) via cashier's/bank check or money order. Students pay for housing and meals directly to the Summer International University at UIMP in Spain. Housing is paid in Euros by credit card, wire transfer or money order. Meals are paid in Euros on a pay-as-you-go basis or students may purchase a meal plan when they arrive at UIMP. The housing and meal costs above are dollar estimates. Upon acceptance to the CSI Santander Summer Program, students are given complete details and costs in Euros.

SPAIN

Spain is filled with superb old buildings, from Roman aqueducts and Islamic palaces to Gothic cathedrals. Almost every other village has a medieval castle. Spain has been the home of some of the world's great artists - El Greco, Goya, Velázquez, Dalí, Picasso - and has abundant museums and galleries. The country vibrates with music of every kind - from famous flamenco to lesser-known *gaitas* (bagpipes). Spanish cities offer narrow twisting old streets that suddenly open out to views of daring modern architecture. Spain's geography is immensely diverse with endless tracts of wild woodlands to explore, as well as spectacular beaches and rugged coastlines. Travel is easy; the climate is benign; the people are relaxed; and food and drink are easy to

come by and full of regional variety. More than 50 million foreigners visit Spain each year, yet you can also travel for days and hear nothing but Spanish.

SANTANDER

Located on the northern coast of Spain and a longtime favorite of Spaniards, Santander is an elegant and refined city situated on a series of natural bays and beautiful sandy beaches with views of the Cantabrian Sea. Santander, with a population of about 200,000, is the capital of the Cantabria region of Spain and is located close to the Basque country and the south of France. There is good air, train and bus transportation to and from Madrid and Barcelona.

Santander has very little industry, and receives many tourists in the summer because of its location on Santander Bay and its famous beaches. In Santander's historic quarter, majestic buildings are situated against a natural backdrop of sea and mountains. Its marine and commercial tradition is linked to the century-old history of tourism, the promenade and the La Magdalena peninsula. The Pilgrim's Road to Santiago de Compostela passes through Santander. Located nearby are the Altamira Caves in Santillana del Mar (30km west of Santander) and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

Cultural life in Santander revolves around activities at the Summer International University of UIMP; the International Festival of Music, Theatre and Dance; and the City of Santander piano competition. The city also has a Fine Arts and Archaeological Museum and the Menéndez Pelayo Library. Santander also boasts an excellent culinary tradition, active nightlife and virtually infinite artistic, natural and historical features to explore.



**SUMMER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSIDAD INTERNACIONAL
MENÉNDEZ PELAYO (UIMP)**

Since 1932, the Summer International University at the Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (UIMP) has acquired extensive experience and prestige in the organization of university-level courses and seminars led by well-known Spanish and foreign specialists and lecturers. During the summer months, UIMP hosts more than 1,000 students from almost 50 countries.

The University's most symbolic building, the Palacio de la Magdalena, was donated by the City of Santander to

King Alfonso XIII in 1912 for use as a Royal summer residence. Restoration work carried out in 1995 combined teaching and technological considerations with respect for the monumental and historic value of the building. The La Playa Residence, built in 1914 as the Royal Stables and the Main Hall, now houses foreign students each summer.

UIMP conducts Spanish language and culture courses for international students on the Las Llamas Campus. The Las Llamas campus has modern classrooms, language laboratories, multimedia classrooms, libraries, and a multipurpose space.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Classes are Monday through Friday, during morning and afternoon sessions, and involve 20 hours of Spanish language per week. Students may register for 4-week programs in June, July and August; a 6-week program in July/August; or an 8-week program in July and August. Students receive 4 and 8 credits respectively. Students must have a 3.0 GPA or better and be a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student at a CUNY college to apply.

Spanish Language Courses

The maximum number of students per class is 15. Eight levels (Beginner, Intermediate, Advance, and Higher) of Spanish language classes are offered. Students are given a Spanish language placement test upon arrival in Santander to determine which level they place into.

**Spanish Language Course Contact Hours
Academic Credit**

To receive academic credit and an attendance certificate at the end of each period, students must attend 90% of the classes of Spanish language and at least one module (20 hours) of Spanish culture. Students earn four (4) credits in Spanish language per one month of study in Santander.

Spanish Culture Modules

Complementary Spanish Culture classes, known as modules, are designed for students at each level of language ability. At beginning levels of Spanish, modules are optional, but at intermediate and higher levels, modules are required in order to obtain the attendance certificate and academic credit for summer courses. Students may take a second module at no additional cost. Spanish culture module classes meet up to 5 hours per week.

<i>Spanish Level</i>	Beginner A	Beginner B	Intermediate A	Intermediate B	Advanced A	Advanced B	Higher A	Higher B
<i>Spanish Language</i>	80 hours	80 hours	60 hours	60 hours	60 hours	60 hours	60 hours	60 hours
<i>Required Culture Modules</i>			Module 2 or Module 7 in Spanish	One Module from 1 to 4	One Module from 1 to 4 plus Module 5	One Module from 1 to 4 plus Module 5	One Module from 1 to 4 plus Module 5	One Module from 1 to 4 plus Module 5
<i>Optional Culture Modules</i>	Module 7 in English	Module 7 in Spanish	Module 2	Subjects up to 20 hours	Subjects up to 20 hours	Subjects up to 10 hours	Subjects up to 10 hours	Subjects up to 10 hours
<i>Total Hours</i>	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours

Spanish Culture Modules Descriptions

Each module of Spanish culture is made up of different subjects (e.g. art history, cinema, drama) and seven modules are offered.

Module 1 (20 hours) Plastic, audio-visual and theatrical arts in Spain in the 20th and 21st centuries

Module 2 (20 hours) Spanish and Latin American narrative and poetry in the 20th and 21st centuries

Module 3 (20 hours) 20th and 21st centuries Spain (I): History, Geography and Society in contemporary Spain

Module 4 (20 hours) 20th and 21st centuries Spain (II): Economics, Law and Health in Spain and the European Union

Module 5 (10 hours) Translation: English, French, German, Italian

Module 6 (10 hours) Spanish for Business

Module 7 (20 hours) Spanish Culture and Civilization: Culture and Conversation in Spanish



There are no single sex residences, but all the rooms have private bathrooms. For students choosing a double room, UIMP tries to match the students according to their preferences. Rooms are only for UIMP students. Students have a choice of the following residences:

- Las Llamas Residence (on campus where summer classes are held): **single rooms ONLY**. The residence halls are basic, but all students have their own bathrooms with a shower and daily housekeeping service. On Las Llamas Campus, there is a small kitchen that students may use.
- La Playa Residence (on the Magdalena campus): **double rooms ONLY**

Upon acceptance to the Santander summer program, CUNY students choose a homestay or residence via a written housing form that is mailed from the Center for International Service at the College of Staten Island.

HOUSING & MEALS

UIMP has a list of Spanish families that offer accommodation to students studying in Santander. Payment must be made in-full in Euros directly to the host family during the first week of the program.

For Las Llamas or La Playa Residences, reservations must be booked **at least two months** before the program starts. There is a 150 Euro reservation fee. It can be paid via bank/ cashier's check or wire transfer. The balance is paid in Euros upon arrival in Santander. Places in University Residences are assigned in strict order of receipt of applications.

UIMP STUDENT SERVICES

The Secretariat includes the student services office where students can resolve everyday problems and obtain additional information.

Orientation

CSI organizes a pre-departure orientation for all CUNY students. Upon arrival, an orientation program is held at UIMP. Safety and security concerns are covered during orientations.

Activities, Excursions and Sports

UIMP offers a broad program of guided visits of Santander, film sessions, literary lectures, etc., according

to student interests. Students may use the football, basketball, tennis and other sports facilities free of charge.



Book and Video library

UIMP has a complete library on the Las Llamas Campus that international students may use, with a reading room and book lending service. There is also a video library of Spanish films and documentaries.

Language Laboratory, Multimedia Room, and Computer Room

The language laboratory and multimedia room have the latest technical equipment for practicing Spanish language. The Las Llamas campus has a computer room, located in a residential building, with 24-hour access to the Internet for students.



Medical Care

The University has a free, permanent, first aid service.

Health Insurance

CSI provides each CUNY student on the Santander program with sickness and accident insurance administered by Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) and underwritten by the Virginia Surety Company. CISI insurance coverage is for the duration of the program only. If they plan to travel before the program starts or after it concludes, they must be sure that their personal US health and accident policy will cover them abroad, or they must arrange for short-term coverage with a private company so that protection will be adequate for the entire period away from home.

Insurance designed specifically for study abroad includes medical evacuation and repatriation, which is rarely included in a parent's policy. That is why many

universities are requiring this type of coverage. This coverage is very inexpensive (especially when compared to the cost of a trip abroad). If a student has to be evacuated, no parent wants to hear that the average cost of a medical evacuation is in the neighborhood of \$50,000, that this cost is not covered by their employer's health plan, and that the institution has not made plans to provide financial support to help transport the student home. For less than the cost of a backpack, the risk can be transferred to a study abroad insurance company. And, the specialized insurance company routinely provides documentation for students to take to the host country.

STUDENT LIFE/CULTURAL PROGRAM

The academic program is complemented by a variety of cultural activities: concerts, dramas, art exhibitions, films, poetry and literature forums and excursions. Students from 47 countries have chosen UIMP to learn or perfect their Spanish. The cultural activities on Las Llamas Campus, at the *Palacio de la Magdalena*, and the other events taking place in summer make Santander a unique cultural location in Europe.



Cultural Activities at Magdalena Palace

During July, August and September, UIMP holds a world-famous "Summer University" cultural program. This program draws on the talents of writers, performers, scientists and philosophers from throughout the Spanish-speaking world. Lectures and seminars cover both humanities and science and bring together an international audience. Through a special arrangement, intermediate- and advanced-level Spanish language students from CUNY colleges may attend these events for free on a "space available basis".

Extracurricular Classes

During July and August, UIMP offers a 20-hour theatre workshop or a 10-hour radio workshop for students taking Spanish-language courses. For an additional fee, CUNY students can take Flamenco (8 hours) and Spanish cuisine (6 hours in August only) classes.

TRAVEL TO SANTANDER

Students arrange their own travel to Santander. Students may choose to fly to Santander via Madrid or London; fly to Bilbao and take a train or bus to Santander; or fly to Madrid and take a train or bus to Santander. CSI does NOT arrange a Group Flight for students on this program.

RENFE (train): <http://horarios.renfe.es/hir/ingles.html>
Continental Auto (bus): <http://www.continental-auto.es/index.do>
Alsa Group (bus): <http://www.alsa.es/portal/index.asp?lang=en>
Iberia (airline): <http://www.iberia.es/OneToOne/v3/home.do>
Ryanair (airline): <http://www.ryanair.com/site/EN/>

PROGRAM PAYMENT

The Basic Program Cost must be paid in-full **one month** prior to the start of the program in Santander. In order to ensure proper registration at UIMP, CUNY students must send proof of all residence hall housing payments to the Center for International Service at CSI.

Financial Aid

Students must apply for financial aid at their home college. Upon request, CSI will send program costs to the student's home college. Students need to make an appointment to see a Financial Aid Advisor at least 15 weeks prior to departure from the US in order to complete the required paperwork.

Scholarships/Grants

Study/Travel Opportunities for CUNY Students (STOCS) grants for the summer programs are available ONLY to matriculated undergraduate CUNY students.

Refund Policy

If, prior to the first day of the program*, a program is cancelled by the College of Staten Island (CSI) or the overseas institution, a full refund of the Basic Program Cost, as stated in the CSI Information Booklet, will be made.

In cases of student-initiated withdrawals prior to the first day of the program*, withdrawal notification must be sent by the student, **in writing**, to the Center for International Service at the College of Staten Island. The date such written notification is received by the Center for International Service will constitute the student's withdrawal date.

The Basic Program Cost is **nonrefundable** on and after the first day of the program*.

A student who is suspended or dismissed for disciplinary reasons forfeits his/her rights to any refund.

* The program starts the day the student is required to arrive to the program site. If a student is given a choice of two days to arrive at the program site, the program starts the day the student arrives.

UIMP COURSE OFFERINGS

UIMP is world-renowned for the teaching of Spanish language and culture to international students. Its teaching staff is prestigious and the curriculum is varied. Students from nearly 50 countries learn Spanish at UIMP each summer.

Admissions & Enrollment

The Santander study abroad program is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, as well as college graduates. Students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, submit a statement of purpose, one letter of recommendation, and an official transcript. Students must attend a CUNY institution in order to participate on this program.

Recommended Credit

Students receive academic credit via a CSI transcript. It is possible to earn 4 semester hours of Spanish-language credit for one month of study at UIMP.

UIMP COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Classes include grammar, communication, culture, civilization and literature. Classes are designed for beginning, intermediate, advanced and higher Spanish language levels. All students take a language placement test when they arrive in Santander in order to determine which level of Spanish they will take for the month. The information below is just a guideline and does not ensure placement in a particular level. Full course descriptions are available in Spanish from CSI.

Beginning: no language requirement

Intermediate: 2 semesters of college-level Spanish or the equivalent

Advanced: 4 semesters of college-level Spanish or the equivalent

Higher: more than 2 years of college-level Spanish or the equivalent

SUGGESTED READING/WEBSITES

- [Spanish Lessons](#) by Derek Lambert
- [The New Spaniards](#) by John Hooper
- [The Story of Spain](#) by [Mark Williams](#)
- [Spain Is Different](#) by [Helen Wattley Ames](#)
- [Iberia](#) by James A. Michener

- [The Arts in Spain \(The World of Art\)](#) by John F. Moffitt
- [Moorish Spain](#) by Richard Fletcher
- [Spain: A History](#) by Raymond Carr (Editor)
- [The Most Beautiful Villages of Spain](#) by Hugh Palmer
- [La Espana que sobrevive](#) by Fernando Diaz-Plaja (American edition)
- <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/europe/spain/index.htm>
- <http://www.idealspain.com/Pages/Places/Santander.htm>
- <http://www.spainturismo.com/santander/>
- <http://santander-spain.travel-holiday-guide.co.uk/>
- http://www.wguides.com/city/227/city_districts.cfm
- <http://www.frommers.com/destinations/santander/1205010001.html>
- <http://www.ayto-santander.es/>
- <http://www.colegiounamuno.com/santander.php>
- http://www.rutasporcantabria.com/fotos_santander.htm
- http://www.ayto-santander.es/Concejalias/Turismo/Turismo_callejero_Santander.htm

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UIMP ALUMNI

Since 2004, UIMP study abroad alumni have come from more than 5 colleges and universities in the US. Below is a partial list of sending schools. If your institution is not listed below, you may be the first participant from your university.

- Baruch College
- Queens College
- York College
- College of Staten Island
- City College of New York

**COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND
 CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

The College of Staten Island is a four-year college in one of the largest urban universities in the world, the City University of New York. The College of Staten Island is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. CSI has sent over 5000 students from CUNY and other universities around the US to spend a semester, year, summer or winter overseas. The Center for International Service at CSI administers programs year-round in China, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Greece, Italy, and Spain and South Africa.

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