**Summer 2016**

**Santander** is the capital of the region of Cantabria in northern Spain, located on the Cantabrian Sea. Located on Santander Bay with 3 miles of beach, this city of 200,000 residents offers good food and interesting local art and nature excursions. Santander is close to the world-famous Altamira Caves, the Basque country, and the south of France. Madrid and Barcelona are also easily accessible via train or bus.

**Menéndez Pelayo International University (UIMP)** is considered one of the leading summer universities in Spain and attracts students from more than 45 countries. The University's most symbolic building, **Palacio de la Magdalena**, formerly used as a summer residence for King Alfonso XIII, was restored in 1995 to create classrooms and computer facilities. Spanish language and culture courses for foreign students are taught at the nearby Las Llamas campus.

**Eligibility Requirement:** 2.7 GPA min. on a 4.0 scale

**Summer 2016 Program Cost:** $2,020

(includes overseas tuition, accommodation in double room, scheduled field trips, orientation in the US and abroad, sickness and accident insurance, administrative fee)

**Estimated Additional Costs:**

- Airfare: $1,100
- Meals: $600
- Personal Expenses: $500

**Summer Program Dates:** July 4 - July 29, 2016

**Application Deadline:** March 15, 2016
CSI sponsors programs at these institutions:

Belgium: Vesalius College
China: Shanghai University
Denmark: DIS: Danish Institute for Study Abroad
Ecuador: Universidad San Francisco de Quito
Ecuador: Universidad Católica de Santiago de Guayaquil
England: Middlesex University
Greece: American College of Thessaloniki
Italy: The American University of Rome
Italy: Lorenzo de’ Medici -- Florence
Italy: Lorenzo de’ Medici -- Tuscany
Italy: Istituto Venezia -- The Venice Institute
Japan: Ritsumeikan University
Spain: Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo

Academic Program

Courses are held in July for 4 weeks. Spanish language courses with a maximum of 15 students are taught in the mornings at seven levels from beginning to superior. The academic program is complemented by a variety of cultural activities: concerts, theater, art exhibitions, films, poetry, literature readings, and excursions.

Beginners level A and B and Intermediate A:
80 hours per month and special classes on Spanish culture.

Intermediate B and Advanced A and B and Higher:
60 hours per month and students choose 3 optional subjects per month for an additional 20 hours of classes from subjects offered: Spanish history, geography, economics, culture, poetry, theater, art, cinema, and business.

Students earn **4 credits for the 4-week program.** Students who are placed into the appropriate levels may be able to get CSI equivalencies for SPN 113 or 114 (first year college Spanish), SPN 213 or 215 (second year Spanish), or SPN 313 or 315 (third year Spanish).

Housing and Meals

The program cost includes accommodation in double rooms in Las Llamas residence. For an additional cost, single rooms at the Las Llamas residence and double rooms with a small bathroom in La Playa residence are available. Host families are also available (inquire about costs). Host families provide breakfast only; students are responsible for lunch and dinner, which can be purchased at the University cafeteria. Students staying in the residences may choose to eat all meals at the University cafeteria.

Services at Las Llamas Campus

The University library has a reading room, book lending service, and video library where students can borrow Spanish films and documentaries. The University language laboratory and multimedia room is fitted with the latest technical equipment for practicing the Spanish language. A computer room with non-stop internet access is located in one of the residence buildings. Students may use the soccer, basketball, tennis and other sport facilities free of charge. Students can resolve everyday problems and obtain further information at the University Secretariat.

Questions?

Contact the Center for International Service, College of Staten Island at 718-982-2100 or John.Dunleavy@csi.cuny.edu

To apply, visit the Center for International Service’s website for application instructions: [www.csi.cuny.edu/international/study_abroad.html](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/international/study_abroad.html)