

## TOLEDO STUDY ABROAD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Do we travel to Spain together? Do we purchase our own individual plane tickets?
- A. You purchase your own tickets. You must arrive in Madrid no later than two days before classes begin in Toledo. Normally this will be the Saturday before the program start date. We do not travel as a group, but we recommend that you find a buddy or buddies who are flying out from your city to travel together with. We will talk about that in orientation.
- Q. Will I be the only 1 living/staying with the host family? How are host families chosen?
- A. Normally we place one student per family. Occasionally if there is a shortage of host families, two students may be lodged together. The families are thoroughly evaluated by the University staff in Toledo. Most of the families have been housing foreign students for several years and are known to have a good reputation.
- Q. When do I register for classes?
- A. Sign up for classes will be at beginning of the orientation process. You don't need to go through the normal OU registration system, we will take care of that.
- Q. What is the transportation between the host family and the university?
- A. Depending on the distance, you may be able to walk (Toledo is a compact and very walkable city). If it's too far to walk, you'll be issued a free city bus pass.
- Q. Weekend excursions-how much are they and who sets them up?
- A. The excursions are part of the program and included in the fee. The university organizes them, and students travel together in a bus with a guide from the University. They are day trips only, no overnights. In addition, many students choose to take personal trips to other parts of Spain or Europe on weekends. The University staff can help you make arrangements for individual travel outside the program.

Q. Is there a dress code?

A. There are some strong suggestions as to attire, both functional and cultural. We will discuss that at length during orientation.

Q. Do we purchase books here or in Spain?

A. If books are required by the instructors in Toledo, you will purchase them here before leaving. There may be used copies in the OU director's office which you can purchase from former study-abroad participants.

Q. Is there someone who has studied abroad at this level that I could talk to ?

A. We have many Toledo veterans on campus. Some will visit us during orientation. If you'd like to talk with someone beforehand, your director may be able to help you make that contact.

Q. Is there someone I can talk with about the courses offered to make the best decision for studying?

A. We'll talk about courses in orientation. Typically the number of courses offered in any given quarter is limited, so there won't be that many choices. Course offerings will be determined by student needs, and you will be placed according to the prerequisites you already have.

\*A selection of the following courses will be available:

- ML 250 Field Study in Spain
- SPAN 211 (offered summer only)
- SPAN 212 (offered summer only)
- SPAN 213 (offered summer only)
- SPAN 341 Advanced Conversation and Composition
- SPAN 343 Advanced Conversation and Composition
- SPAN 348 Spanish Civilization
- SPAN 354 Introduction to Theater
- SPAN 355 Introduction to Narrative
- SPAN 356 Introduction to Poetry
- SPAN 435 Spanish Politics and Media
- SPAN 437 Phonetics
- SPAN 441 Stylistics
- SPAN 444 Survey of Spanish Amer. Lit
- SPAN 432 20th Century Spanish Lit.
- SPAN 435 Proseminar

- SPAN 438 Hisp. Dialectology & Soc.

All courses will be taught by Ohio University and Universidad Castilla-La Mancha faculty. Courses are subject to change.

Q. How many courses can I take/how many credit hours can I earn?

A. In Winter and Spring Quarters you will take three courses in language, culture and/or literature, plus ML 250D, the study abroad experience, for a total of 16 credit hours. In Summer students take two Spanish courses and ML 250D, and earn 12 credit hours.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. **Winter and Spring Program Costs**

Billed by Ohio University

- Tuition and fees: 12-20 credits of OU tuition
- Administrative fee: \$150
- Program fee\*: \$4300

\* Program fee includes: Room and partial board (weekdays only) with host family, excursions (day trips to sites near Toledo), primary health insurance for duration of program in Spain.

Out-of-pocket expenses\*\*:

- Passport and photos: \$115
- Visa (for multiple quarters): \$80
- Roundtrip airfare: \$1200
- Meals on weekends: \$750
- Textbooks and supplies: \$100
- Incidentals/Personal Expenses: \$800
- Lodging/meals in Madrid: \$125

**Summer Program Cost**

- Tuition and Fees: OU
- Program fee\*: \$3,000-\$3,700\*\*
- Administrative fee: \$150

\*Program fee includes: Room and full board with host family, excursions (day trips to sites near Toledo), primary health insurance for duration of program in Spain.

\*\*Exact program fee will be established closer to program dates, and will vary depending on exchange rates.

Out-of-Pocket Costs:**	1 Quarter
• Passport and photos:	\$115
• Round-trip airfare:	\$1,200
• Textbooks and Supplies:	\$100
• Incidentals/Personal Expenses:	\$800
Total Out-of-Pocket Costs:	\$2,215
Total Student Cost:	\$5,232 + OU

\*Cost is subject to change.

\*\*Students planning to study in Spain for multiple quarters will need to purchase a visa and will need to make a trip to Chicago to obtain that visa.

\*\*\*The amounts provided are estimates only and are provided to aid in financial planning. They do not include additional travel students may wish to do on their personal time.

Q. When do we get the schedule of activities and excursions? When do I know who my host family will be?

A. This information is usually not available until the last week or two before departure. These matters are handled by the staff at the Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, and they have their own time-line. Although you may wish to have the information sooner, you will learn that it is often the case when dealing with official Spain that you have no choice but to be patient.

Q. Will I have a TV in my room or will I be able to watch US TV?

A. Most likely, you will not have a TV in your room and may not be able to watch many of your normal US TV programs. You may be able access some US TV programs on the internet, but watching Toledo TV programs in Spanish helps your language skills and knowledge of the culture.