

Spring Session Course in Spain
BSMT496: Topics in European Political Economy, Social Entrepreneurship, and
Sustainable Development
Depart May 4 – Return May 14, 2017

NOTE: The information in this document is current as of 12/13/16 but the itinerary and related cost estimates are subject to change. A final information document will be sent to those registered by March 1. Withdrawal with no penalty will be in effect until March 4, 2017 at 5pm.

1. Highlights

- Earn up to three credit hours examining leading innovation practices in Spain
- Understand the EU and how global economic events influence your daily lives
- Connect with your spiritual side while visiting many Cathedrals, Churches and Palaces
- Participate in organized side excursions to attractions like the Prado Museum, Real Madrid Stadium, Bull Fighters Arena, Plaza Mayor, and many others.
- Weekend excursion to the Historic City of Toledo (or comparable alternate)
- Optionally extend your stay and visit cities like Barcelona or Seville via bullet train
- Participate with 20-30 other students from around Europe and The Americas
- Take advantage of built-in time for spontaneous activities to enrich your program
- Possibility to extend your stay in Europe.

2. General Requirements for Program Eligibility and Participation

The following general requirements apply so that CCSJ can conduct a quality program for all student participants:

- A. Students must have achieved Junior standing
- B. There are a limited number of seats available; as such, students with a GPA of 2.50+ will receive priority consideration.
- C. Students will need a valid passport with an expiration date greater than 6 months after return date.
- D. Students will be required to complete the application process which includes all necessary release forms required by the College (see website for forms).
- E. Each student must procure minimum international health insurance requirements set by the College.
- F. Students will be expected to follow acceptable behavior as outlined in the CCSJ student conduct manual and complete the CCSJ “Study Abroad Participation and Program Conditions” contract.
- G. Open to all CCSJ students, regardless of major.

3. Program Details

A. Program beginning and end

The program begins with the registration of the student at the CCSJ Commons on May 4th and terminates upon his/her return to the Commons on May 14th (TBD).

ALT: The program begins with the registration of the student at Designated Arrival Point at the Barajas (Madrid) International airport – Terminal 4 Arrivals Lounge on May 5th @ 10:00 AM and terminates upon his/her check-out of student housing in Madrid on or about May 13th.

B. Course overview

This course is designed for undergraduate students who want to learn more about global challenges and enhance their cross-cultural competency in a direct, hands-on fashion. Spain is the fourth most popular global location for study abroad, effectively catering to students with a global mindset. Students will enroll in BSMT496, a three credit-hour course in Entrepreneurship, with a particular emphasis on the European Political Economy, Social Entrepreneurship, and Creating Sustainable Enterprises utilizing Web 2.0.

This course will consist of two components: (a) four pre-departure seminars that provide the student with lectures and introductory information on the target culture and current affairs, introductory course material, an introduction to international travel, and an opportunity to complete some of the administrative requirements associated with the international travel component of the course, and (b) a ten day international travel experience which includes lecture, experiential learning exercises, group discussions and presentations, and visits to international companies/institutions.

These international activities and visits will allow the student to see how the pressing global challenges that are discussed in the classroom are dealt with in the real-world in an advanced economy known for its leadership in innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development. The specific companies/institutions to be visited have been identified; however, they are subject to change due to timing, resources and company availability. The schedule will allow a modest amount of free time for sightseeing, exploring, and visiting cultural and historic sites on your own or in groups.

C. Location

The program events will be centered in Madrid, Spain. Organized technical visits to companies/institutions will involve short bus trips or rapid transportation to locations within the surrounding area. Students may opt to participate in individual exploratory activities on their own, and an important historical site within a day's drive from Madrid. Additionally, the program is designed to let students to plan an extended trip to economic and cultural attractions in Barcelona, Seville, or Valencia on their own. Additional information is available at: www.trapsatur.com.

D. Lodging and meals

All lodging in Madrid will be provided in comfortable, single or double occupancy student housing provided by our partner institution, the Escuela de Organización Industrial at their Colegio Mayor Guadalupe or Africa centers (pending confirmation, <https://www.eoi.es/es/colegios-mayores/guadalupe>). Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily. Three or fewer students will share a bathroom, and linens are provided. Optional trips may be provided in three star hotels/posadas and typically include breakfast. A group dinner will be organized and will be announced closer to the program departure.

Lodging and meals will follow traditional Spanish customs which entail later dinners (~8-10:00PM) and lighter fare at breakfast. The principal meal in Spain is lunch, typically includes four courses, and is commonly available for about US\$12, including a drink. Lunch is also available in the school's cafeteria. The accommodations may require a short five-minute walk or shuttle ride, depending on the location. Comfortable shoes are highly recommended as the terrain is hilly. A jacket is also recommended as temperatures vary from 46F – 72F during May. There are about ten hours of daylight at that time of the year. Spain is seven hours ahead of Chicago.

4. Course Offerings and Prerequisites:

The Spain program will be an elective course (BSMT496: Topics in European Political Economy, Social Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Development). All students should be sure to check with their advisors on how this course would satisfy graduation and/or major area requirements. Students must have earned Junior Standing and be in good standing with the College.

This will be an advanced type of course, and is structured around a graduate school format. Students interested in advanced study will find the format, material, and methods indicative of those found in master's level programming. Course materials will be provided and all students will be expected to access additional materials through Blackboard.

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This course will delve into the political, socio-economic and environmental issues, and offer insight into how these issues are addressed and implemented from a European perspective. Students who successfully complete the program will increase their global mindset, be able to discuss key issues facing the entrepreneurial community, and enhance their cross-cultural competency by engaging with individuals from several cultures distinct from their own. 3 credit hours.

Prerequisites: Junior standing.

For undergraduate business students, this course may be used to directly satisfy an elective requirement for Business Management graduation requirements. The course will be graded per the syllabus (A-F). Be sure to consult with your advisor on any questions about how this course would satisfy your degree requirements.

Note: This course will be designated by the Registrar's Office as a spring course. However, tuition for international programs are separate costs that you will see on your spring tuition bill based on the CCSJ Tuition Schedule provided by the university (<https://www.ccsj.edu/businessoffice/tuition.php>). Please note that these charges are not part of the regular 18 credit hour tuition program, and will also incur an international program fee to cover the costs of local travel, meals, accommodations, attractions, guides, etc. See Estimated Budget Table below.

Pre-departure Class meetings at CCSJ

On December 13th, an information session detailing the program's goals and requirements, logistical, and financial issues will be presented. Prior to the start of the program, four pre-departure sessions will be held, beginning in late March. The purpose of these two-hour seminars will be to provide an orientation on the host country, the basics of the European political and economic environment, introductory information on the coursework, international travel requirements, a review of information regarding the companies/institutions that will be visited, optional programming, and safety abroad.

This is a non-credit seminar for which you will be required to register before the first day of the first session in order to participate in the program. You will not be charged any educational fees for this seminar.

It is expected that students will participate in all pre-departure seminars. Any exception to this will be managed on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Program Director after consultation with the student. If an excused absence is warranted, the student will be required to contact advising or the relevant department/support area to make arrangements to cover the missed content.

Information/Application Session Schedule – All times 3:30PM in Room [TBA]:

- A. December 13, 2016 Information & Application Session
- B. January 10, 2017 Information & Application Session – Late Registrants

Required Session Schedule – All times 3:30PM in Room [TBA]:

- C. March 27, 2017 Pre-departure Session I
- D. April 3, 2017 Pre-departure Session II
- E. April 10, 2017 Pre-department Session III
- F. April 17, 2017 Pre-departure Session IV

NOTE: It is a requirement of this program that you attend all of these class sessions. You must attend all of the classes or you will not be allowed to participate in this program. Possible special circumstances may allow flexibility on this requirement but will have to be approved by the Program Director prior to missing the session.

5. Program Schedule: this is an initial draft / placeholder as of (11/04/16) and details will change as schedules are confirmed.

Event	Date	Day	Location	Tentative Agenda
1	May 4	Thursday	Chicago	Depart for Madrid, Spain (on your own)
2	May 5	Friday	Madrid	Early Morning Arrival at Barajas Airport – Madrid Meet/Register for Program @ Terminal 4 by 10:00 AM Group Transfer to Lodging @ 10:30AM Check-in at Student Residences Orientation- Welcome tea Madrid Cultural Activity
3	May 6	Saturday	Madrid	City Excursion / Tour – Group Led
4	May 7	Sunday	Madrid	Spiritualistic, Artistic, and Cultural options on your own Orientation Dinner
5	May 8	Monday	Madrid	EPE, Sustainability, Social Entrepreneurship Site Visit
6	May 9	Tuesday	Madrid	EPE, Sustainability, Social Entrepreneurship
7	May 10	Wednesday	Madrid	EPE, Sustainability, Social Entrepreneurship
8	May 11	Thursday	Madrid	EPE, Sustainability, Social Entrepreneurship
9	May 12	Friday	Madrid	EPE, Sustainability, Social Entrepreneurship exam Group Dinner
10	May 13	Saturday	Madrid	Breakfast at Residence Group Transfer to Barajas Airport Lunch on your own
11	May 14	Sunday	Chicago Whiting	Arrival in US – Chicago O’Hare Airport

6. Student Certificate Ceremony

Due to the departure date, this component does not apply to this program.

7. Weekend Travel

Individual travel on the arrival weekend day in Madrid is possible for short trips.

8. Travel to Madrid from the U.S.

[TBD] Students are responsible for purchasing their own air travel to and from Madrid. The Business Program and CCSJ will not be responsible for any expenses incurred (including lodging), due to delays or cancellations of flight arrangements made by the student. If delayed, the student is also responsible for arranging his/her transportation to the arrival city and transportation to the airport from the departure city hotel. Students who are concerned about costs that they might incur due to weather delays or flight cancellations are encouraged to buy travel insurance.

Students should plan to arrive at the Madrid Barajas airport, Terminal 4 – Reception (area just beyond the Customs doors – next to restaurant) by 10am local time on May 5th (nearly all North American flights arrive by this time). Group Transportation will be provided from the airport to the student residences. If a student's arrival in Madrid is delayed due to a flight rescheduling or cancellation, students should follow the contingency plan outlined in the trip booklet provided in the pre-departure seminars.

Arrival Airport Information: (need to arrive at airport, Terminal 4, on the morning of May 5, 2017)

The program fee does not include round trip airfare cost from the US to Spain. You must fly on your own or with friends by arranging your own flight itineraries and reservations (we can assist with the planning of this trip). Madrid, Spain (code is MAD) will be your final destination airport. [For those interested in extending your program, an alternative departure airport may be Barcelona, Spain (code is BCN).]

During the winter and spring pre-departure meetings, you will be assisted with information on program faculty/staff, monitoring and purchasing airfare, international flight itineraries and how to book flights when traveling together. Failure to provide a paid ticket itinerary by March 4, 2017 may result in being dropped from the program.

By signing up for this program, you are accepting the financial risk and expenses that may be associated with flight delays, cancellations, or other travel uncertainties encountered traveling to Madrid at the beginning of the program and/or returning back to your origination airport. Students should be prepared to pay for the cost of delayed departure and/or missing a connection if not an airline responsibility. *Travel insurance is available on-line for students who desire to*

purchase travel insurance protection against the cost of travel delays and uncertainties (usually when you make your ticket purchase).

9. Estimated Budget

The following budget may be used for planning purposes.

Description	Program Fee paid to CCSJ	Tuition/fee's paid to CCSJ	Personal Expenses	Total
Airfare (estimate)			\$1,200	\$1,200
CCSJ Tuition (3 credit hour undergraduate)		\$1,650		\$1,650
Health Insurance Fee**	\$110			\$110
Program Fee** (lodging & dorm meals, pre-departure seminars, arrival transfer, official excursions, group meals)	\$1,200			\$1,200
Passport (if applicable)			\$135	\$135
Other Estimates (extension option, weekend trip, off-site meals, etc.)			\$500	\$500
Total Estimated Student Cost	\$1,310	\$1,650	\$1,835	\$4,295 – 4,795

**The educational fees noted above are current estimates.

Cost Elements

The Program and Health Insurance Fees noted above will include the following:

- A. Arrival transfers in Madrid (from International airport).
- B. Transportation for all off-campus visits (shuttle, bus, or rapid transportation)
- C. Eight nights lodging in EOI campus housing including breakfast, lunch, dinner
- D. Two group meals: Orientation Tea and Cultural dinner
- E. International health insurance coverage for the duration of the program.

Expenses NOT included in the CCSJ European Summer Session program fee are:

- A. Airfare to/from your home city to Madrid.
- B. All non-program activities will be a personal cost and are not included in the program.
- C. Independent travel before or after the program.

- D. The exact cost of educational fees will be announced by the Program Director during the January meeting.
- E. Passport renewal or passport application fees.
- F. Daily personal expenses such as souvenirs; personal items; going out at night; and city transportation, such as subway, taxi, and bus fares would be extra. Costs may vary depending upon a person's actual needs and wants. Bring comfortable shoes.
- G. Some lunches and dinners on a daily basis may be paid by the student if they are not on-campus.
- H. Personal transportation costs in-country to participate in non-program organized activities.

10. Schedule of Payments

The Program Fee of \$1200 will be billed to your student account in the spring. Tuition will be billed in January and is subject to the College's customary refund policies.

Note: This course will be designated by the registrar's office as a spring course. Tuition fees for this 3 credit hour course are additive to your regular tuition bill.

11. Withdrawal from Program - Students must contact Advising in person documenting any withdrawals from the intended study abroad program. Students will be lose their \$100 deposit and be responsible for any costs incurred.

12. Visas and Travel Documents

All students will need a valid US passport or appropriate passport/documentation from their country of citizenship. U.S. citizens do not need a visa for visits to Spain of up to 90 days for tourism or business.

If you are not a US Citizen, please check the country's web page to determine if you will need to apply for a tourist visa. Copy of passport identification page due to the Advising office by March 14th, 2017

13. Application Process and Procedure

EARLY APPLICATION Deadline: December 13th, 2017

FINAL APPLICATION Deadline: January 10th, 2017

This program incorporates a competitive selection process for high performing undergraduates. Students who register after 10 students and have submitted their registration forms will be placed on a waiting list and accepted as space permits.

14. Student Financial Aid

TBD Financial Aid may be available, see the financial aid office for details.

15. Scholarships

Scholarships do not apply for this particular program.

To obtain more information visit: www.ccsj.edu/saeurope



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Questions regarding Online Passport Application and Visa:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/information/fees.html>

Application Information

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Student Interest Form

Name: _____ **ID:** _____

Major: _____ **Year of Study:** _____

Email: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Address: _____

Complete the above and an advisor will be in touch regarding the next steps. Thank you for your consideration.