Location
The North Carolina Consortium for Study Abroad, in cooperation with the Universidad de Cantabria, offers a fall or spring semester abroad program in Santander, Spain. On this program, which began in 1985, undergraduates from six North Carolina campuses, as well as qualified students from other institutions, have the opportunity to spend a semester in the coastal city of Santander, taking classes from Spanish professors in Spanish geography, literature, art, history and language.

One of the country’s most fashionable resorts in summer, Santander is a beautiful city set on a sparkling bay on Spain’s northern coast, approximately 300 miles from Madrid and 150 miles from the French border. A one-day ferry links the city to England. Santander is also within easy reach of some of the most beautiful mountain scenery in Spain, as well as the caves of Altamira, which have been called the “Sistine Chapel of Prehistoric Art,” and the picturesque village, now a national monument, of Santillana del Mar.

Timeframe
The Semester in Spain program is only offered during the fall or spring semester.
• Fall: September to December
• Spring: January to April

Academics
Students can earn 12 - 15 credit hours on the Semester in Spain program. Students will take the mandatory Intensive Spanish Grammar course the first month of the program. After the first month, students will then take their elective courses and the additional grammar course concurrently until the end of the program. Students are required to take the mandatory Spanish grammar course and at least 2 or 3 electives. The courses below are the only courses offered with this program. This program is an Intensive Spanish language and culture program and is designed to fit the Spanish minor and major curriculum. For this reason, students are not able to take courses in English or any other courses other than those listed below:

- Required Spanish Grammar Course
- Electives:
  - Introduction to Spanish Literature
  - History of Spain
  - Spanish Art and Geography

Elegibility
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Prior language study requirement: four semesters or more of Spanish

Excursions
An integral aspect of the Semester in Spain program is the travel beyond Santander made available to students. Various excursions are carefully designed to complement the academic program. The Faculty Director will design these excursions each semester. Students will visit various points of interest in the region as well as two to three weekend-long excursions. These usually include a three-day tour to Madrid, Toledo and Salamanca. In the past, trips have also been taken to Santiago de Compostela, Granada and Barcelona. These excursions are mandatory and are subject to change based on program discretion and the current economic conditions.

Housing
Participants will be housed in carefully selected homestays located within easy access (either by foot or by city bus) to the Universidad, to downtown, and to the beaches. One student will be assigned to one Spanish family where they will have the opportunity to live along side of and learn from Spanish locals. This aspect of the program is what makes Semester in Spain such a special experience. By living in a homestay, students will not only be able to learn more about the Spanish culture, but will also drastically improve their Spanish language skills.

Program costs includes
- Round trip airfare from Charlotte, NC to Madrid, Spain
- Homestay
- 3 meals a day
- Laundry expenses
- International health insurance
- Tuition
- Excursions

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