

FAQ. Frequently Asked Questions. The León Program in Spain

How many credits will I earn?

Students enrolled in the program will take two classes for a total of six credits. If you need to take more credits, contact the Faculty Program Director (carlos.javier@asu.edu).

What kind of a city is León?

The description from lonelyplanet.com follows: "León's astonishing cathedral is one of the finest in Spain, but, spectacular as it is, the cathedral is merely your entry point to a very charming city. By day you will encounter the León with its roots firmly planted in the soil of northern Castilla: a rich concentration of austere beautiful architecture, a loyal Catholic heritage that has made the city one of the premier attractions along the Camino de Santiago and a conservative and often inward-looking populace that is fiercely proud of its independent past. By night, León is taken over by the city's large student population, who provide it with a deep-into-the-night soundtrack of revelry that floods the narrow streets and enchanting plazas of the city's picturesque old quarter, the Barrio Humedo. It is a fascinating and intoxicating mix." (lonelyplanet.com)

What do the Program Fees include?

The program fee includes housing and three meals/day in León, organized overnight excursion to Barcelona, entrance to monuments/museums included in academic visits, and international health insurance (check online for more details).

What type of lodging does the program offer?

Students are housed in carefully selected family households. The program fee provides for three meals a day and laundry service. Check online for more details <https://studyabroad.asu.edu/?qo=SpainSummer%5FLeón>

How far is Madrid from León?

The train from León to Madrid it takes two hours and fifty minutes. You will get information and advice about the best travel options.

How is the weather in León and what kind of clothes should I bring?

The weather is pleasantly warm during the day and cool in the evening. The average temperatures range from 80° to 90° (high) and 60° to 70° (low). We recommend light summer clothing and a jacket or sweater for cool evenings. More details will be provided at the orientation meetings.

What happens if I get sick during summer?

The Program fee includes health insurance. The Program director will help you utilize the health insurance.

Will I have a free weekend to travel on my own?

Yes, there is one free weekend for the students to travel independently. Additionally, following the four-week academic session, students are free to pursue additional independent travel. The cost of all independent travel is

additional and is not included in the basic Program fee. You will get information and advice about the best travel options. For travel during the four-week program, check online for more details or contact the Program Director.

How easy is it to travel to other European countries?

There is a small airport in the city of León with flights to Paris, Barcelona, and other cities. But León is 2 hours and 50 minutes from the Madrid airport. From Madrid it takes only two hours to fly to London, Amsterdam, Paris, Rome, Zurich, Berlin, the Canary Islands, Mallorca, Ibiza...

How will I be able to get cash for personal expenses?

Spain uses the EURO as its national currency. The most convenient option is to bring a debit card and use the ATMs there to withdraw cash from your bank account. There can be charges associated with some of the banks to use their ATMs, but these charges are usually lower than the charges that might be incurred exchanging traveler's checks or cash.

Do I need a visa to travel to Spain?

No. US citizens participating on study abroad programs under 90 days do not need to obtain a student visa from Spain. If you are a citizen from another country, check with the Spanish Consulate.

Where should I buy a cell phone?

International cell phones are a very convenient way to stay in contact with your parents and friends. Cell phones can be purchased once you arrive in Spain. Make sure to shop around for the best deal. I recommend buying an international phone card when you arrive to Madrid or León, and add minutes on it as you need them. They are less convenient, yet much more economical. You may also use Skype.

What type of comments do students write when they evaluate the Summer Program to León?

"My study abroad in León provided me with a great opportunity to work on my conversational Spanish skills living with my host family. I was also able to learn to adapt to a new environment and culture and be independent."

"My host family was incredible and if I could go back again I would do it all over again."

"I now have an even better level of fluency with the language which will help me with my career in a globalized world."

"I would highly recommend this program."

"What three things shouldn't be changed in the program? The professor/director, the location, the curriculum."