North Central College
Cardinal Destination Course Abroad
(May Term)

SPAIN

Green Spain: A Treasured Past,
A Sustainable Future

TENTATIVE DATES
May 4-20, 2020
Led by Prof. Jelena Sánchez

CARD 361-4

Course Description

This course will cross the boundaries of traditional disciplines to look at the relationship between humanity and the environment from a new perspective. Students will explore the innovative and sustainable measures Spain has taken to preserve its archeological treasures, art collections, natural landscapes, and urban spaces, as it seeks to mitigate the impact of society, tourism, and pollution. Immersed in the most sublime World Heritage cities, students will discover that the preservation of cultural and natural heritage is at the root of Spanish identity.

Itinerary Highlights

- Experience Green Madrid, one of Europe’s most eco-friendly cities
- Discover the colossal Roman Aqueduct in Segovia
- Tour the magnificent Alhambra Palace & Gardens in Granada
CARDINAL DESTINATION COURSE ABROAD (MAY TERM)

A Cardinal Destination Course Abroad (CDCA) is a short-term, faculty-led, group international travel course that takes place in May Term and has a linked prerequisite course in the preceding Spring Semester.

ENROLLMENT STEPS (To participate in a CDCA, you must enroll in and successfully complete its prerequisite course in Spring Semester 2020.)

- Meet with your academic advisor to understand how enrollment in the CDCA and linked prerequisite Spring Semester course will affect your academic plan or Individualized Transition Plan (ITP).
- Register ON MERLIN for the spring semester course, CARD 360-1 (2 credits).
- Register ON MERLIN for the linked summer semester CDCA, CARD 361-4 (1 credit).

- October 25, 2019: Enrollment for CDCA closes (or before, if course capacity is met).
- If you are not in a spring semester linked course, you must have instructor consent to enroll in the CDCA.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION (CGE) REGISTRATION

- November 1, 2019: Students enrolled in a CDCA will begin a registration process through the Center for Global Education.
- December 1, 2019: Proof of a valid passport is due. (Current passports must be valid through November 2020 for May term travel, six (6) months past your return travel date.)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Course and Itinerary Questions
- Professor Jelena Sánchez, Assistant Professor of Spanish jsanchez@noctrl.edu, 630.637.5275

General CDCA Questions
- Kimberly Larsson, Executive Director, CGE kmlarsson@noctrl.edu, 630.637.5289

ESTIMATED COST & PAYMENTS

$3,700-$4,200 based on 24 enrolled students

- Airfare & host country transportation estimate: $1,600
- Program fee estimate: $2,100-$2,600
- NOT INCLUDED: Meals (other than those listed in the itinerary), optional entertainment and excursions, excess baggage charges, personal items (telephone charges, laundry fees, room service, souvenirs, etc.), departure taxes (except U.S.), passport fees

CDCA TUITION

- All May Term CDCAs are worth one (1) academic credit.
- The one (1) credit tuition fee for a May Term CDCA is offset by a financial aid credit for any student enrolled full-time at North Central College during the 2020 Spring Semester.
- Contact the Office of Financial Aid in the fall semester to inquire about financial aid options for May term courses abroad.

PROGRAM FEE

- November 1-15, 2019: $500 non-refundable deposit due to North Central College
- March 23, 2020: Program fee balance billed to your student account

AIRFARE

- December 2019: $500 non-refundable airfare deposit billed to your student account
- January-March 2020: Balance of airfare billed to your student account

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

- Refund schedules for airfare depend on individual airlines; faculty leaders will inform all participants of the relevant deadlines and policies.
- If an enrolled student withdraws from the CDCA before March 15, 2020, then 50% of the remaining balance of the program fee will be refunded.
- If an enrolled student withdraws from the CDCA after March 15, 2020, then 100% of the program fee is forfeited.
- Withdrawing from a CDCA does not withdraw you from the linked spring semester course.
- If you withdraw from the linked spring semester course, you will be withdrawn from the CDCA and you will be responsible for any associated fees (airline or program fees) as outlined in the Cancellation and Refund Policy above.
- If you fail the linked spring semester course, you will be withdrawn from the CDCA and responsible for any associated fees (airline or program fees) as outlined in the Cancellation and Refund Policy above.
- Successful completion of the spring semester linked course is REQUIRED for participation in the May Term international travel section.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- North Central College provides all students enrolled in a CDCA a primary emergency medical insurance policy for the course dates abroad.
- Every student participant is required to abide by the College policies as outlined in the North Central College Student Handbook and by the expectations outlined in the course syllabus. If, in the judgement of a faculty/staff leader, a student has violated the course expectations or College policy as stated in the Student Handbook, the student may be sent home at his/her own expense. In such circumstances, a student’s parents may also be notified and additional disciplinary action may be taken by the College upon the student’s return to the United States.
- All CDCA enrolled students will be required to attend a pre-departure information session.