

## Office of International Programs

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# ZARAGOZA, SPAIN – Fall, Spring or Year (Universidad de Zaragoza)

### APPLICATION DEADLINES:

**Spring Semester: October 1 (Early Acceptance: April 1 of prior year)**

**Fall Semester: February 15 (Early Acceptance: November 1 of prior year)**

## WHO?

To participate as a VU student (i.e., you would continue to receive any VU financial aid and the credits you earn would be considered VU rather than transfer credits):

- You must have completed Spanish 204 plus at least one other 200-level class by the time you would begin the program.
- You must have at least a 3.0 overall GPA and sophomore, junior or senior standing to participate in the program. (Start inquiring freshman and sophomore years).
- You must be approved by the selection committee (the Spanish faculty and representatives from the Office of International Programs).

## WHAT?

- VU students will enroll for a semester or a full-year program at the Universidad de Zaragoza. Students will study 5 days a week at the *Centro de Español como Lengua Extranjera* (Center of Spanish as a Foreign Language, from now on: CELE), located in the middle of the main campus of the university. Upon arrival to Zaragoza, students take a placement exam to evaluate their linguistic competence, which places them into 6 different possible levels. Each level offers three categories of contents: Communicative Functions, Grammar Content and Socio-cultural Content. Each level has a personalized curriculum for each one of the six levels, so that students can potentially find the exact match in terms of former instruction of Spanish and language competence.
- In addition to the language and socio-cultural courses at the CELE, students have the option of enrolling in one, or possibly two, additional courses in a discipline of their choice such as History, Art, Geography, Business, Sciences, or Engineering. This option is available to students who are genuinely interested in challenging their language skills and capable of performing at a high academic level, as all content is in Spanish.
- Internship and service learning opportunities are available upon request.

## WHERE?

- Zaragoza is a medium-size European city, in an advantageous location, equidistant between Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Bilbao, and France, which makes it a center of communications and cultures. At the same time, it is not a tourist city, such as Madrid or Barcelona, offering students a relaxing ambience

ideal for language immersion. Because of the natural geographical location and its history, Aragonese people are open and welcoming towards visitors. In a city with 2,000 years of history, the streets are filled with monuments from various cultures and religions making Zaragoza an excellent example of what a global city can be.

- Students are housed with host families located throughout the city, arranged through the CELE. You may have a roommate who is another program participant. Meals are provided by the host family.

## HOW?

- Consult with your academic advisor and with one of the Spanish professors as early as possible. Freshman year is not too early to begin thinking about studying in Spain. With careful planning you can be sure that the courses you take in Zaragoza will meet your major, minor or general education requirements, and that you will complete your degree program in four years.
- Obtain a study abroad application form in the Office of International Programs (OIP) or online.

## HOW MUCH?

- *Tuition and General Fee:* Students pay the same tuition and general fee to Valparaiso University for the term(s) abroad. Any scholarships or financial aid apply, except for aid that requires on-campus participation (work-study and some athletic and music scholarships). Such on-campus aid will be automatically re-instated the term the student returns to VU.
- *Air fare:* Students can expect to spend in the neighborhood of \$1200 to \$1400 for travel to and from Spain. Oftentimes, cheaper internet deals are not for longer-stay, round-trip airfare.
- *Housing and Meals:* Students are placed in homestays, arranged through the CELE. Students can expect to pay approximately 600 euros per month. In most cases, meals are included in the total fee, and will be provided by the host family.
- *Spending Money:* Count on spending at least as much as you do in Valpo (probably more), though this amount varies greatly depending on your spending habits and how much you travel. Previous students estimated they spent \$2000 to \$3000 per semester. If you buy a Eurail pass, you can expect to spend an extra \$317-\$747, depending on what kind of a pass you purchase.
- *Awards:* Students are encouraged to apply for outside study-abroad scholarships online at [www.studyabroadfunding.org](http://www.studyabroadfunding.org). Federal Pell Grant recipients are automatically eligible to apply for the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship for up to \$5,000 towards a term abroad ([www.iie.org/gilman](http://www.iie.org/gilman)).

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