

NEW SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN TOLEDO, SPAIN

The Department of Modern Foreign Languages and the University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM), with cooperation from the Mid-Continent Consortium for International Education, have just established a new Study Abroad Program in Toledo, Spain. Located in Castilla-La Mancha, the region where Don Quijote and Sancho Panza had many of their adventures, Toledo features winding cobbled streets and breathtaking architecture. Founded in the pre-Roman era on a bend in the Tagus River, Toledo has been an important intellectual and political center for a succession of civilizations including the Romans (who ruled from 193 B.C. to 410 A.D.), the Visigoths (410 A.D. to 711 A.D.), the Muslims (711 A.D. to 1085 A.D), and the Spanish. Toledo has also been home to a vibrant Jewish community, the culture of which can still be seen in its picturesque neighborhood in the city's Old Quarter. Toledo's artistic masterpieces are thus the product of heterogeneous civilizations and three major religions—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Toledo was designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986.

The Study Abroad Program in Toledo lasts four weeks, from June 28 to July 26, 2008. The "Don Quijote" Package (homestay with a Spanish family) costs \$4,275; the "Sancho Panza" Package (stay in the newly refurbished residence hall) costs \$3,975. These prices include round-trip airfare from Nashville to Madrid, transportation from Barajas Airport in Madrid to Toledo and back, tuition, lodging, travel insurance, and access to all the facilities of the University of Castilla-La Mancha. The program of study will include courses in Spanish conversation, grammar, and Spanish culture and civilization. All courses are taught by native speakers from the UCLM faculty in the newly remodeled San Pedro Mártir Building, located in the heart of Toledo. Students may transfer six to eight credits from UCLM to UTM for their participation in the program. Participation in the Toledo Program will satisfy the immersion experience requirement for Spanish majors.

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