SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN TOLEDO, SPAIN

The Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages, and the University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM), currently coordinate a four-week, study abroad program in Toledo, Spain. Each year, approximately eight UT-Martin students participate in the program. The first UTM students participated in the Toledo, Spain, program in 2008.

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 the third week of June to the third week of July. The “Don Quijote” Package (homestay with a Spanish family) costs approximately $4,250 USD; the “Sancho Panza” Package (stay in the student residence hall) costs approximately $4,275 USD. These prices include round-trip airfare from Nashville to Madrid, transportation from Barajas Airport in Madrid to Toledo and back, tuition, room and board, cultural package (with two excursions and optional classes), and access to university facilities. The program of study will include courses in Spanish conversation, grammar, and Spanish literature for advanced students. There are several levels of instruction and each class has a maximum of twelve students. All classes 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 upon completion of the program.

Student must obtain a U.S. passport and attend an orientation session of about an hour in the spring prior to participation. Students also need to provide two additional passport-sized photos at least six weeks before departure and obtain travel insurance of the duration of the program.

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