



Spring Break Study Abroad - Spain

Agronomy/Economics 496: Agricultural Production, Business, and Trade in Spain

March 10-21, 2016 (Spring Break)

The focus of this program of study is to compare agricultural production, business, and trade in Spain and the United States. This 3-credit course involves a trip to Spain from March 10 through March 21, 2016 and meets the international perspective requirement. While in Spain, ISU students will visit farms, agricultural businesses, important sites in Madrid and Barcelona, and will interact with the faculty and students of the University of Lleida's School of Agricultural and Forestry Engineering in Lleida, Catalonia. Class meetings will be held Wednesday 5:10-6:30 pm during the spring semester. Enrollment limit: 25 students.



What some students have said:

► *"Programs like this are an investment into my future, as well as into the future of agriculture. I really have seen great returns on my investment so far."*



► *"Traveling with the professors was enjoyable and I feel like I got to know them better and enjoyed our conversations. The different points of view that everyone brought to our discussions were valuable."*

► *"The Roman Empire ruins that are 2228 years old were awe-inspiring and jaw-dropping to me. I have never been a history buff, but when presented with these pieces of history, I have gained a greater appreciation for what I saw. "*

► *"Not only do I have great stories to tell, incredible pictures to share, but knowledge of another culture."*

Tentative itinerary, March 10-21, 2016 (ISU spring break)

- **Friday** - Travel to Madrid, city tour, visit US Embassy.
- **Saturday** - Visit Royal Palace and other sites of interest in Madrid.
- **Sunday** - Visit important sites of interest in Madrid, take fast train to Lleida.
- **Monday** - Meet faculty and students at University of Lleida.
Overview of economic aspects of Spain and agriculture in Spain.
Tour University of Lleida campus and research facilities. Visit winery.
- **Tuesday** - Visit Guissona Food Corporation (fully integrated animal production cooperative).
Visit swine farm and the newer dehydrating plant.
- **Wednesday** - Visit commercial seed factory and alfalfa dehydrating plant. Visit annual agricultural and machinery fair in Mollerussa.
- **Thursday** - Travel to Ebro Delta. Visit sites with orange, horticulture, and rice production.
- **Friday** - Visit remains of Roman amphitheatre in Tarragona, and medieval Monastery of Poblet. Travel to Barcelona.
- **Saturday** - Visit sites of interest in Barcelona (Cathedral, Sagrada Familia and other Gaudi buildings, medieval downtown, etc.).



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Program fees:

\$2900 per student (airfare, buses, lodging, admission fees, city tours of Madrid and Barcelona, and some meals)

Financial support available:

- Agronomy Travel Fellowship:
<http://www.agron.iastate.edu/academic/undergraduate/scholarships.aspx>
- Agriculture Study Abroad Office (0018 Curtiss Hall):
<http://www.agstudyabroad.iastate.edu/funding.htm>
- ISU Study Abroad Financial Aid link:
<http://www.studyabroad.iastate.edu/isu-financial-aid/>

Informational meetings:

Tuesday, October 13,
4:10pm- 5:00pm in
2026 Agronomy Hall;

Wednesday, October 14,
5:30pm-6:30pm in 360A
Heady Hall

Application:

- Online at <http://isuabroad.iastate.edu/>
- \$10 application fee payable in person at the Agriculture Study Abroad Office (0018 Curtiss Hall)
- Deadline: November 1, 2015

For course offered in 2013 (this program goes to Spain every 3 years): <http://www.econ.iastate.edu/classes/econ496/lence/spring2013/>