



The Facts in Brief:

Course satisfies a Humanities, Spanish major/minor, Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations minor, and RTS credit given by special arrangement with professor.

Course offered in English no Spanish required.

Open to ALL Merrimack College students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the College.

Travel dates: May 21 – June 3, 2012 (13 days!)

Cost: \$3,500 USD (\$1,000 deposit and application due December 1, 2011)

Scholarships are available and sponsored by the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations.

To submit an online application please visit:
www.merrimack.edu/studyabroad



Upcoming Information Session dates:

**Wednesday, October 12
1-2 p.m. AND 5-6 p.m.
Augie's Pub**



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Crossing Borders: *Convivencia*

**A study travel course to Spain and Morocco
SPA3750
May 21 – June 3, 2012**





The Course

What it is

Travel throughout Spain and Morocco to examine “La Convivencia” (co-existence) of Jews, Christians, Muslims in the Medieval period (711-1492). Explore the sites, history, and art of these three religious groups, and learn how they understood one another and interacted. As you trace the footsteps of members of this religious triad, imagine what it was like live in Medieval times, tolerating one another despite various cultural differences. By visiting places such as Jewish quarters and synagogues, Muslim neighborhoods and “medinas” and Christian fortresses, observe how these diverse flavors still intermingle in modern Spain and Morocco.

In preparation for this journey the class meets spring semester on Tuesday nights from 6-8pm.



What

A study travel course that combines in class learning with the opportunity to travel and bring to life lessons learned. Participants will attend weekly classes and activities. The course combines assigned readings, written assignments and examinations with class room discussion. Upon return students will be required to submit a final reflection paper/journal.

Who

The course is open to all Merrimack students. Merrimack faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the College may participate in this experience without completing the coursework and earning credit. No particular knowledge of Spanish language or history is required.

When

May 21 – June 3, 2012

Where

Visits to various cities in Spain & Morocco including:

Seville - El Alcazar; La Giralda; La Catedral;
 Córdoba – La Mezquita and the Old Jewish Quarter
 Granada – Albaicín Quarter, La Capilla Real La Alhambra and optional Arabian Baths

Morocco: Algerias; Tangier; Rabat; Rif Mountains, Fez; Casablanca, Chefchaouen; and Ceuta.

Cost and Application Details

Cost:

\$3,500

Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Boston to Spain
- 13 nights accommodation (double occupancy) including 4 night home stay in Morocco
- Breakfast +1 additional meal each day in Spain. All meals included in Morocco.
- 24 hour emergency services
- Insurance for the duration of the program
- Round trip train and boat journey across the Strait of Gibraltar
- Tickets and entry fees for activities that are a part of the course

Apply

Please visit www.merrimack.edu/studyabroad for additional information and application. The application deadline along with deposit of \$1,000 is due **December 1, 2011**.

Questions:

Please contact Lisa Cavallaro in the Office of World Languages & Cultures at 978.837.5376 if you have questions. The office is located in 202 Sullivan Hall.

“What a trip! I am pleasantly exhausted, completely satisfied, and I think I speak for everyone on the trip when I say that our purpose was fulfilled. We returned to the USA with a deeper understand of “Convivencia” and carry it in our minds and especially in our hearts. I knew very little about Spanish history and culture before the trip. Now I have fallen in love with Spanish history and its people! I feel a renewed sense of purpose. I want to make a difference now, and I have so much to do. Thank you for this tremendous opportunity, for showing us Spain and all its complexity, and for exploring Convivencia, which is at its very heart and now is in mine.”

Elisa Kirschhoffer '09