



International Studies Education ~ Study Abroad
Intensive Spanish Summer Program – Aula-Toledo, Spain



Neumann University has partnered with Aula Toledo to offer students intensive Spanish language courses and an enriching cultural immersion experience, at a reasonable cost to students.

Program features include:

- Intensive 3-week program = 3 Neumann University Spanish credits (at appropriate level)
- Courses conducted in Spanish by native Spanish faculty, focusing largely on conversation
- Housing, in home-stays with local Spanish families, is arranged by the school
- Extracurricular cultural activities

Location

Toledo is a picturesque, medieval, hilltop town located just 25 minutes by high-speed train from downtown Madrid. It is known as the “city of three cultures” and is home to a multitude of art-filled mosques, synagogues, churches and museums. This World Heritage City’s labyrinth of narrow streets, plazas and inner patios exude charm, a living monument to the city’s former Roman, Jewish and Muslim inhabitants. Toledo is a vibrant city - full of restaurants, cafes and clubs - where walking is by far the best way to get around.





The Program

This intensive Spanish language program is located in the heart of Toledo's old city at a private language school named Aula Toledo. Class sizes remain small, usually consisting of no more than eight students, and offer students the quality and personalized attention needed to encourage rapid and intensive Spanish language acquisition. In addition to the normal course time, students may also choose to receive individual tutoring. Aula Toledo also provides a variety of cultural activities throughout the program that are designed to provide each student with a deeper appreciation of Spanish language, life and culture. More information on Aula Toledo can be found [here](#).

Courses Offered

Spanish 101, 102, 201 and 202. Students complete an on-line test prior to arrival to determine the appropriate language level. Classes are multinational, and students from other countries are also at Aula Toledo learning Spanish. Classes are held Monday through Friday, following this approximate daily schedule:



10:00-12:00am Review, grammar and conversation practice

12:00-12:30am Break

12:30am-2:30pm Review, grammar and conversation practice

2:30-3:00pm Lunch/siesta break

3:00-5:00pm Workshops, centering around cultural activities and conversation skills

Week three of the program consists mainly of conversation workshops, designed to reinforce the material learned during the first two weeks. Students who successfully complete this three week Spanish course will earn 3 semester credit hours from Neumann University.





Program Fees for Summer 2010

Payable Directly to Aula Toledo	
Tuition (3 credits), home-stay housing & half board	998 Euros (~\$1500)

Additional Estimated Expenses - Payable Directly to Vendo

Passport (valid for 10 years)	\$100
Airfare	\$800 - \$1200
Visa Fees	No visa needed
Textbooks	20 Euros
Supplemental Health Insurance (includes evacuation)	\$35
Meals and personal expenses - not including extracurricular travel	\$150 - \$200/week

Housing

To augment classroom learning, students are housed with local Spanish families for the duration of the program. These home-stays provide an enriching 24-hour Spanish experience, and are a great way to experience the customs, cuisine, philosophy and everyday life in Spain. Aula Toledo has a network of families eager to host students at their homes, all of them directly supervised by the team of Aula Toledo. All families are located in the town center or have a quick and easy access to it.

The host family provides a room, half-board during the week, laundry service and all linens and towels. Some homes have wired or wireless internet access. Student rooms are single occupancy and are furnished with a single or double bed, desk and cupboard. Bathroom facilities may be shared or en-suite, depending on the home.

Meals and Personal Expenses

Host families provide students two meals per day during the week: breakfast, and then your choice of lunch or dinner. Since dinners in Toledo in the summer are very light and informal, students often choose to have lunch daily with their host family. All weekend meals are the students' own responsibility. Students may typically use the host family's kitchen, though specifics should be discussed upon arrival. Former students suggest you plan to spend between \$150 to \$200 per week on food, local transportation, postage, laundry, theatre visits, personal expenses, etc. This amount will vary according to students' interests, habits and personal tastes.

Program Staff

Aula Toledo's programs are coordinated by Maite Lopez, the school's director. Ms. Lopez and her staff are readily available to assist students in their transition to life in Toledo, providing academic support as well as assistance with travel logistics and housing.

Air Travel

Students should plan to arrive in Madrid on the Sunday morning prior to Monday's start date. Since flights to Europe are overnight flights, you will have to depart the US on a Saturday evening to arrive in Madrid on a Sunday morning. Local transportation between the airport in Madrid and Toledo can be arranged by the Aula Toledo staff, as requested.

Qualifications

The program is open to all undergraduate students. The minimum GPA for admission to the program is 2.5. An excellent record of personal responsibility and a high level of maturity are also required. Applicants to Aula Toledo's program should have a demonstrated interest in Spain, a desire to become proficient in Spanish, and an openness to learning about Spanish culture and society.

Terms available: Summer. (Aula Toledo offers short-term courses throughout the year, but no semester-long study abroad program is offered here)



Aula Toledo

Program Dates for Summer 2010: This three-week program begins every other Monday, May through August. Please see the dates below for the exact start dates of the various Spanish levels:

SPAN 101: May 9, July 4 or 18

SPAN 102: May 23, June 27, July 4 or 18

SPAN 201: May 9, June 6, 13 & 27, July 4 or 18

SPAN 202: May 23, June 13, July 4 or 18

Application Procedure – First Steps

1. Apply for a passport
Speak with the International Studies Education (ISE) staff
2. Submit completed [Neumann University Study Abroad Form](#) and Student Release Agreement to the ISE office
3. Purchase supplemental health insurance policy at <http://www.culturalinsurance.com/enroll.asp> and provide proof of insurance to ISE
4. Complete [Aula Toledo's on-line enrollment form](#) six to eight weeks before anticipated program start date. A deposit of 499 Euros will be required at this time. Final payment is due upon arrival in Toledo.

For Students from Other US Colleges & Universities

Students from other US colleges and universities who successfully complete this 3 week intensive Spanish program may receive Neumann University transfer credit. Visiting students should complete the program registration steps below. Upon successful completion of the program, Neumann University will send one formal transcript to the visiting student's home institution. This transcript will list course name and level, credit hours and grade received.

5. Complete [Aula Toledo's on-line enrollment form](#) six to eight weeks before anticipated program start date. A deposit of 499 Euros will be required at this time. Final payment is due upon arrival in Toledo.
6. Email Neumann University's ISE Coordinator (contact info below) to request a 'Non-Matriculated Application & Registration Form' and Student Release Agreement
7. Complete form and mail back to ISE Coordinator, along with payment by check of the appropriate fee and signed copy of the Student Release Agreement
8. Purchase supplemental health insurance policy at <http://www.culturalinsurance.com/enroll.asp> and provide proof of insurance to ISE
9. Submit the above documents to ISE at least one month prior to program start date

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