

The following information will be published on the Courses page of the Summer Sessions Website :			
Course Title:	The Way of Saint James, An Epic Trail to the Essence of Spain.		
Course Number:	SPAN 3325	Course Credit:	3
First Instructor:	María P Pintané	First Instructor Email:	Maria.p.pintane@vanderbilt.edu
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Program start date:	May 9th	Program end date:	June 4th
Program location(s): (City, Country)	Spain: Madrid, Pamplona, Burgos, León, Santiago, A Coruña		
If program goes to multiple countries (US included), please indicate specific start and end date for each country			
Does this course fulfill any AXLE credit? If so, what?	Yes; HCA		
What are the pre-requisites (if any) for enrolling in this course?	SPAN 3302 OR AP-5		
What is covered in the student budget: (how many nights of housing, how many meals, travel, any necessary supplies textbooks, visa, admission to museums, etc.)	(Housing, Breakfast & dinner, travelling inside Spain, admission to museums, etc.)		
What is <u>not</u> covered in the student budget: (e.g., international airfare, supplies, visa costs, meals, etc.)	(Airfare, lunch, transportation to the airport last day)		
Visa needed for US passport holders?	NO		
Please provide the course description below:			
Leave behind your everyday life, become aware of yourself, of your own limits... and go beyond them!			
<p>Pilgrimage to Santiago has deeply influenced the spiritual and physical landscapes of Spain and has remained until today as a major heritage site that attracts thousands of pilgrims every year for diverse reasons. Having this in mind, this course explores, from a multidisciplinary point of view, the origins, development, and influence of <i>The Way of Saint James</i> in the life, and culture of Spain. Through a close examination of the religious and political discourse, history, art, literature, and films, students will learn how the cult of Saint James and the route itself has contributed to shape Spanish national identity, and to dynamize Spanish modern economy.</p> <p>The program will take place in Spain during 4 weeks and it includes a trek along several sections of the medieval route known as the French Way, more than 200 miles in which students will have to immerse themselves in the culture of the Way. Additionally, students will visit several major Spanish cities relevant to the history of the route (Pamplona, Logroño, Burgos, León, and Santiago) and Madrid. In total, we will cross four autonomous communities and experience first-hand the revitalization of northern Spain thanks in part to this pilgrimage route.</p> <p>During the course, the physical route will be the classroom where we will discuss the socio-cultural significance of this millenary tradition. At the end of the walking route, in Santiago, students will participate in a cooking workshop with a local chef to learn how to prepare some of the local culinary traditions.</p>			

