SPAN 3325 – The Way of Saint James: An Epic Trail to the Essence of Spain

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**Location:** Spain

**Dates:** May 7 - June 3, 2019

Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela has deeply influenced the spiritual and physical landscapes of Spain and has remained until today as a major heritage site. For this reason, this course explores, from a multidisciplinary point of view, the origins, development, and influence of The Way of Saint James in the life and culture of Spain. Through a close examination of literature, art, history, cultural, and religious issues, we will learn how the cult of Saint James and The Way itself has contributed to shape Spanish national identity.

The program will take place in Spain during four weeks and it will include a walking trip along several sections of the medieval French Way, specifically from Roncesvalles to Santo Domingo de la Calzada and from Ponferrada to Santiago de Compostela. Additionally, students will visit several major Spanish cities relevant to the history of the Way (Pamplona, Logroño, Burgos, Leon, and Santiago) and Madrid. Thus, students will walk through four of the autonomous communities that configure the map of Spain and experience first-hand the commonalities and differences among them.

**FEES:** Cost is approx. $7,625.00