

## **Information Sheet**

### **Camino de Santiago May Term**

### **2009**

**Dates** In Spain: May 13-June 4. Students must be in Madrid by the morning of Wednesday, May 13. Thus, students flying from the United States must leave on Tuesday, May 12. We begin walking from Burgos, Spain (a bus ride north from Madrid on the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup>) on May 14. For departure after the May Term, students will arrive in Madrid on Thursday, June 4. Students should not make arrangements to leave Spain until Friday, June 5.

**Course number** SPAN 433. This course is cross-listed with PAGS.

**Semester Credit Hours** 3

**IPO Application deadline October 15, 2008.** Applications are available from the International Programs Office in the Landrum Bolling Center. Students must apply through IPO in order to participate on this May Term. Students CANNOT enroll themselves into this course during registration.

**May Term Leaders/Instructors** Chris Swafford in Spanish and Hispanic Studies and Holly Woodruff in Counseling Services. Both are experienced pilgrims.

**May Term Course and Program Description** This course is a 3-week peregrination across the original pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. The pilgrimage to Santiago was the third most popular site in Medieval European cultures. This course has three dimensions: The first dimension is in the spirit of traditional pilgrimage. We will explore what a pilgrimage means and our understandings and practices of spirituality/meditation/relaxation as we walk to Santiago. The second dimension is historical and cultural. We will be learning about the cultures of northern Spain, from both contemporary and historical perspectives. The third dimension is peacemaking. A pilgrimage is an invitation to interior transformation and thus to greater inner peace. As we engage in walking meditation we will consider the relationship between interior peace and international peace and peacemaking. Of course, we will encounter people from all over the world as we walk the Camino.

**Program Site** Northern Spain

**Living Arrangements** In Madrid and Burgos, students will stay in hotels. On the road, we will stay at as many of the pilgrim “albergues” as we can. We may occasionally stay in a hostel or hotel.

**May Term Travel** Students are responsible for their own travel to and from Madrid, Spain. All student travel during the May Term is included in the program fee. Information about student travel will be available to participants after the selection process is completed.

**Eligible Students** Eligible students are undergraduate college students, Earlham graduates, and other students who have been given permission to enroll by the International Programs Office. The Camino attracts pilgrims from all over the world so you will be able to hear and practice many languages. In the area in Spain through which we are walking, the two predominant languages will be Spanish and Galician. Although no Spanish is required for the May Term, some knowledge of Spanish will enrich your cultural experience during the pilgrimage. **Students must be able to walk an average of 15 miles per day during the pilgrimage.** Training will be necessary during the 2009 spring semester.

**Pre-Departure Orientation** Students accepted for participation in the program are required to participate in orientation sessions during the Spring Semester, 2009. Orientation will prepare the students for the cross-cultural experience and may include readings, and films about pilgrims and journeys as well as discussions relating to health and diet while on-site in Spain. Students will also engage in walking training.

**Program/Course Costs** Students will provide their own transportation to and from Madrid, Spain. Students will be charged a program fee of no more than \$3,800, which includes room and board, and any on-site costs associated with the course or program.

**Additional personal costs** Each student will need to plan for additional money to cover round-trip airfare, personal expenses such as a passport, and costs for independent travel and incidentals and gifts. A passport is necessary for travel to Spain.

**PROGRAM PLANS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**