

**HOLY CROSS MAYMESTER PROGRAM 2020 ~ SPAIN**  
**“A Tale of Two Cities: Madrid, Barcelona**  
**and the Construction of National Identit(ies) in Contemporary Spain”**

**FACULTY:** Holy Cross Professor Ellen Lokos (Spanish, Montserrat) and Professor Juan Iso (Syracuse University in Madrid).

**DATES:** Departure from the USA on Saturday, **May 16, 2020** with arrival in Madrid the next morning on **Sunday, May 17** and return to the USA from Barcelona on **Monday, June 15, 2020**.

**INFORMATION SESSION: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 4:00 PM in Stein 423**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Madrid and Barcelona are two of the most exciting cities in Southern Europe. In this month-long, immersive seminar we will explore the different ways in which Madrid and Barcelona have been represented throughout time until the present day, in order to construct a regional/national identity. Utilizing a variety of modalities and resources including literature, film, museums, excursions, gastronomy and folklore, *A Tale of Two Cities* will consider how issues of race, religion, gender, class, sexuality and ethnicity offer new perspectives on the production of urban spaces, displaying the city as a malleable, multicultural space that is lived, experienced and transformed through the practice of everyday life. As a central part of the seminar, students will *practice* Barcelona and Madrid with visits, excursions and walking tours to emblematic spaces of the two cities in order to examine the connection between urban spaces and the shaping of Spanish/Catalan identities. The cities' rich cultural and historical destinations are easily accessible on foot and serve as educational resources that enrich readings and classroom study. Students will gain exposure to Spanish language skills and cultural literacy while they immerse themselves in the everyday life, arts, culture, and history of today's Spain.

**CREDIT:** Students receive the equivalent of one Holy Cross course credit; the class satisfies the *Cross Cultural* common area requirement and can fulfill an academic deficiency.

**LANGUAGE:** No prior knowledge of Spanish is required. Students will enroll in a non-credit beginning or intermediate-level language class, depending on their proficiency. Students with more advanced knowledge of Spanish will also be accommodated.

**HOUSING:** Students live in the Hostal Persal in Madrid, in Plaza del Angel, conveniently located in the center of the city within walking distance of most major monuments and museums. In Barcelona, students will reside at the Hostal Eixample, also very centrally located. Classes take place on site where students are housed in both cities.

**COSTS:** The *estimated* cost of this 4-week program is *between \$7,200 and \$7,500*. This includes tuition, housing, all course-related excursions, and two celebratory dinners at restaurants in Madrid and Barcelona. Round-trip airfare or flight credit to Madrid and from Barcelona is included. There is no meal plan, but students will have access to good, reasonably priced restaurants and markets in both Madrid and Barcelona. Breakfast is included. **NOT INCLUDED:** passport expenses, personal expenses, meals. Students should expect to spend a minimum of \$750 -\$1000 on their food. *Extremely limited* financial aid is available for this program.

**APPLICATION DATES:** Applications open **Monday, September 30, 2019** and the deadline is **Friday, November 15, 2019** via the online application system at <https://sa.holycross.edu>

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Prof. Ellen Lokos at [elokos@holycross.edu](mailto:elokos@holycross.edu); Prof. Brit Smith at [bsmith@holycross.edu](mailto:bsmith@holycross.edu); call Study Abroad at 508.793.3082, email [studyabr@holycross.edu](mailto:studyabr@holycross.edu) or visit the Office of Study Abroad in Smith 216.

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