January 2014
Seminar in Spain!

Three weeks in Valladolid and Madrid!

January 5-25

The curriculum of this program focuses on:
- Concept and practices of bilingual education in Spain
- Spanish language acquisition
- Introduction to selected aspects of art and history

The program is designed to be academically rigorous and trans-disciplinary, and employs methods that include traditional classroom teaching, lively and engaged discussions among participants, and selected readings.

Spain is an extraordinarily diverse and historically complex and fascinating country. Among much else, students will be interested to learn more about Spain’s early history, the 700 year of al-Andalus (7th-15th cc), its Golden Age, its Imperial Age, its Civil War (1936-39), its period under Franco (1939-1975), its transition to democracy, and its accession into the European Union. In some ways, Spain can be seen as the country in Europe that has gone through the greatest changes!

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*You do not need to have any particular skills in Spanish to join the trip. On the other hand, language classes will meet all students’ needs. If you are a fluent speaker, your classes will focus on culture and literature.

- Study Spanish language*
- Learn about bilingual education in Spain
- Stay in the historic city of Valladolid and travel to local sites of interest
- Live with a family to practice your Spanish and learn about local culture and customs
- Study Spanish life & culture, including a basic understanding of contemporary educational and social issues
- Tour the world-famous Prado Museum in Madrid and explore Spanish masterpieces