Immerse yourself into the Spanish language and culture by taking courses especially for foreign students! This exchange program allows students to study in a supportive environment while participating in Spanish Language and Culture courses. This program is open to UVM students from all academic departments. The University of León has a strong Office of Exchange Students specifically geared toward the integration of students into the community. You may be able to participate in the Padrino Programme which matches you with a native student who will show you around the University and the city of León.

The University of León is situated within the ancient city of León, which dates back to 68 B.C. and served as an important crossroads for Northern Spain. Today, with a population of 150,000 people, León is a manageable and hospitable city for visitors. It is also a prosperous, fast-developing modern provincial capital which has proudly preserved all the charms of a very important and rich historic past. León also touts its low crime rate as an attractive feature for visitors. Cultural events are ongoing throughout the year: fiestas, recitals, sport competitions, theatre, concerts, cinema, art exhibitions and night life.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Students must have completed at least one year of full-time study in a UVM degree program and must remain registered a full time student during the period of study in Spain
- A minimum of 2 semesters of Spanish is required
- Students must be in good academic standing at UVM with a minimum GPA of 3.0

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For more information, visit the websites of the Universidad de León and OIE at:
http://www.unileon.es/ or http://www.uvm.edu/oie/exchange/
APPLICATION PROCESS AND DATES OF THE EXCHANGE:

- Students can study for an academic year or semester.
  
  **Fall Term** – Early October to mid-December
  
  **Spring Term** – Contains two separate terms mid-January to late March and early April to mid-June
  
  **Full Academic Year** – A full year of study at the University of León amounts to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) which is roughly equivalent to 30 UVM credits.

- Students must first complete a UVM Exchange Application. UVM Exchange Applications, including Academic Reference Forms, may be downloaded at: [www.uvm.edu/oie/exchange](http://www.uvm.edu/oie/exchange)

- Complete applications must be submitted to the Office of International Education (OIE) by August 10th for spring semester priority placement, or by January 10th for fall or full year priority placements

- Once nominated, students will be required to fill out an application for the Universidad de León.

- Upon acceptance, students must complete a Study Abroad Approval Form (SSAF) with the OIE. Students are responsible for obtaining a passport, visas, and any other necessary documents. Due to lengthy processing times, students should apply for the visa and passport immediately after acceptance into the program. For more information, visit the Spanish embassy website: [http://www.mae.es/embajadas/washington/es/home](http://www.mae.es/embajadas/washington/es/home)

FINANCES:

- All participants are required to pay a UVM study abroad fee of $500 for a semester or year.

- **Costs per semester**: Students pay UVM’s exchange tuition rate (currently equivalent to in-state tuition) and student fees to UVM.

- **Students will be responsible for paying their room and board** in León.

- Students are responsible for booking travel, purchasing books, paying passport fees, and other personal expenses.

- Students may need to obtain a student visa and additional health insurance.

- **This exchange program qualifies for the transfer of State, Federal and UVM financial aid when applicable. Tuition remission benefits apply.** Aid packages will be recalculated according to the program costs. Consult a Student Financial Services advisor for the full details of your aid package.

Each UVM student that participates on this exchange program opens a spot for an international student to study at UVM! *Go abroad and help bring the world to UVM!*

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