Spain: Teacher Assisting
Open to: Students enrolled in the College of Education

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
Ourense, Spain: This program offers an opportunity for students in the College of Education to explore the educational system and cultures of the Galicia region in Northern Spain. Students will also be teaching in the local schools, either in English or Spanish based on student needs. Students will be placed depending on two considerations: 1) Their certification needs dictating placement at the secondary or elementary level 2) Their major/minor needs if secondary. There is no language prerequisite for this program. Students will participate in a dual placement program that facilitates half a semester placement stateside and half a semester placement abroad during the teacher assisting semester. Students will be housed with host families, thereby immersing them in Spain’s culture. Students will explore Ourense by taking a tour of the city and trips to The Plaza Mayor, the Cathedral, the Capilla del Cristo, the Ponte Vella (Old Bridge), and the Spa and Thermal area. Additional cultural experiences include weekend trips to Santiago de Compostela, a leading Catholic pilgrimage route originated in the 9th century and home to Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Students will also spend a weekend in Albergue “Os Biocos” where they will go hiking, make astronomical observations, visit medieval castle "Castillo de Castro Caldelas", explore Roman mines, and see century old chestnut and oak trees. This experience could greatly impact a student’s ability to teach in a multi-cultural setting. It will also offer students the opportunity to experience another culture and assist in the creation of culturally competent students and educators.

Cultural Information

WHEN CAN I GO?
October 25 – December 6, 2017 (6 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Program participants will stay with host families.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
This program is intended for Education majors and/or minors admitted into the GVSU College of Education. There is no language prerequisite for this program. Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA (3.0 for graduate students), and be registered for Teacher Assisting EDI 330/331, EDF 310, and EDR 320/321 as co-requisites.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application. APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): March 1, 2017
Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view Non-GVSU Student Information.

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
Students will register for a total of 11 credits

- **EDI 330/331: Methods and Strategies of Teaching** (5 credits)
- **EDF 310: Organizing and Managing Classroom Environments** (3 credits)
- **EDR 320/321: Content Area Literacy** (3 credits)
- **EDT 370: Technology in Education** (if needed)

**One course can fulfill one Issues requirements**

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: $4,185.

Includes

- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Accommodations
- Most meals
- Some field trips
- All ground transportation

Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition is included in your Fall Tuition
- Additional meals ($200)
- Passport ($140)
- OPTIONAL Excursion to Madrid and Portugal ($1,600)
- OPTIONAL ISIC ($28)

**Total Estimated Cost: Total Projected Cost (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = $6,153**

FINANCIAL AID
To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.

**Non-GVSU Students**: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school’s study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for more information on these and other grants/scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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