

SIHS AUTUMN 2017 EXPANSION

After 25 years of success in intensive summer study, **this Autumn 2017** SIHS—in cooperation with the University of León (ULE)—is happy to expand its mission of **International Understanding** to the same outstanding students & institutions who have been eager to learn and acquire academic, cultural, linguistic & personal competence at the highest level.

These outstanding participants—from Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Hamilton, Holy Cross, Washington&Lee, Amherst, Carleton, Williams, Stanford, Bucknell, Grinnell, Swarthmore, Colby or Smith, to just name SIHS' 14 main enrollment providers—are the Program's greatest asset. It would be educationally unfair not to offer also a regular term to these amazing students, who have been saying for the past 25 summers that SIHS has been “the most educational, rewarding, enriching, memorable & fun experience in their lives.”

Furthermore, it seems mandatory to give it a try during present-day hard times, hoping to extend International **Understanding & Peace** for the same high quality students and institutions that have made SIHS an educational success.

As in the case of Summer, the Autumn term will require a minimum of 15 talented student participants. **The SIHS Autumn 2017 term in León (Spain) follows the same educational features that have made SIHS in summer a model of abroad study.** But let's briefly summarize SIHS highlights in AUTUMN 2017:



Harvard's Aidan Chávez selfie at 18th century monastery of Gradafeles in SIHS 2016 visit.

- 1) DURATION: 16 weeks from Sept. 4 (Barcelona arrival) to December 22, 2017 (Madrid departure).
- 2) APPLICATION (rolling admissions):
 - a) AUTUMN Early Acceptance by March 31, 2017.
 - b) AUTUMN Regular Admission by May 15, 2017.
 - c) An [AUTUMN Application Form](#) is enclosed in this web page.
- 3) CURRICULUM:
 - a) Two-tier levels: “A” for intermediate Spanish students; “B” for advanced ones.
 - b) 3-week Orientation around Spain for a cultural/linguistic immersion full-credit course (at intermediate, advanced and superior levels):
 - 1) SPANISH 202: Intermediate Grammar/Composition (Moro), & Culture/Conversation (Yebra).
 - 2) SPANISH 222: Advanced Language/Composition (Moro), & Civilization/Conversation (Yebra).
 - 3) SPANISH 322: History/Art (Prof. Yebra), & Syntax/Communication (Prof. Moro).
 - c) Two Curricular programs:
 - A) SIHS exclusive curriculum at ULE's Centro de Idiomas (6 more choices):
 - 4) ART/MUSIC 212: Spanish Choir & Flamenco Dance. Prof. Conservatorio. (2 credits)
 - 5) POLITICAL SCIENCE 232: Cataluña, Euskadi, León: Nationalism & Autonomy. Moro. (4 credits)
 - 6) SPANISH 242: Medical, Technical & Commercial Spanish. Prof. Moro. (4 credits)
 - 7) HISTORY/ART 332: The Intercultural Way: El Camino de Santiago. Prof. Yebra. (4 credits)
 - 8) LITERATURE 342: The Secret Boom of Leonese literature. Prof. Carriedo. (4 credits)
 - 9) SOCIAL SCIENCE 412: Spanish Labor and Culture in Theory & Practice. Prof. Yebra. (4 credits)
 - B) ULE's regular courses with Spanish students. At least 5 more selected choices, such as:
 - 10) SPAN/ENGLISH 422: Translation or Treason: English/Spanish & viceversa. English Dpt.
 - 11) POLITICS/ECONOMICS 432: Política, Policy & Economy in Present Spanish & World Crisis.
 - 12) SOCIAL SCIENCE/LAW 442: Spanish & Global Health Care & Bioethics. Anthropology Dpt.
 - 13) EARTH SCIENCES/LIT 452: Science vs. Literature: Sustainability in Quixotes/Efficient Mills, Productive/Deadly Reservoirs (Benet/Llamazares) & Rising Solar Energy (Hemingway). Team.

14) ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURE 462: Urbanistic & Architectural Order & Disorder in Spanish Master Architects/Engineers. Architecture Dpt.

As an extension in time of the SIHS summer Program, therefore, the AUTUMN term will offer a similar “a la carte” curriculum (including longer academic Internship opportunities) with an important addition: regular University of León courses for those students with an adequate linguistic level, well prepared after a 3-week long Orientation, which includes a full-credit Language/Culture course. Grades are certified by official transcripts from the Universidad de León and the SIHS.



SIHS 2016 Fieldtrip: Comillas hotel view (photo by Nitsa Weld)

4) AUTUMN FEES:

SIHS has made every effort to avoid hidden costs, so our fees cover all expenses announced from arrival in Barcelona on September 4 to departure from Madrid’s airport on December 22. SIHS is a mid-price Program, half way between low-price plans with massive enrollments offering the essentials while veiling a higher cost under “optional” activities, and higher-price programs similar to SIHS in educational offer. SIHS Autumn period may be longer than other programs, offering a personal approach within authentic Spanish contact—academically, culturally & linguistically—, including an educationally sound agenda through rich Orientation & Study Trips combined with regular classes in an “a la carte” curriculum, full room & board in families or college dorms, and an exciting Spanish-only habit. SIHS fees are:

A) Early Acceptance:

- [\$7,075 Summer Program Fee: Application by Feb. 28, 2017.]
- \$20,975 Autumn Program Fee: Application by March 31, 2017.
- \$27,550 Summer & Autumn Programs Fee: App. by March. 31, 2017 (save \$500!).

B) Regular Admission:

- [\$7,375 Summer Program Fee: Application by April 15, 2017.]
- \$21,375 Autumn Program Fee: Application by May 15, 2017.
- \$28,050 Summer & Autumn Programs Fee: App. by May 15, 2017 (save \$600!).

Autumn fees include tuition (4-5 full credits), full room & board in León and in 3-4 star hotels during Orientations and Study Trips, group visits, group activities with Spanish students, group entertainment (Director’s dinner, *Apertura* & *Clausura* ceremonies, lectures, presentations, Farewell party, etc.), choir, flamenco dance or gym

activities, ULE sport and cultural privileges, basic medical insurance, a \$50 cultural fee per student, and miscellaneous expenses. Not included are U.S. and transatlantic transportation, passport fees, some study materials, and personal expenses.

As all SIHS activities are educationally essential, 75% of our fees can be considered the allotment for tuition-related expenses.

An initial deposit of \$500 is due within two weeks of acceptance (non-refundable). The balance must be paid by May 31 for Autumn (\$20,475 or \$20,875) or Summer/Autumn combined (\$27,050 or \$27,550). Half of the payments received (excluding deposit) will be refunded to any student who withdraws between May 31 and June 20. There will be no refund after June 20 for Autumn or Summer/Autumn combined.

According to Spanish law, internships for foreign students must be framed within an academic course, and are part of SIHS regular Autumn curriculum after the 3-week Orientation period.

Please note that while SIHS has attempted to calculate all costs as accurately as possible, the Program fee is nevertheless based, in part, on current tariffs and exchange rates. For this reason is subject to change. Checks should be made payable to "Summer Institute of Hispanic Studies" and sent to:

**Elenitsa Weld, Summer Institute of Hispanic Studies,
Box 165, Clinton, NY 13323**

- 5) LODGING: full room & board in Selected Spanish families or college student dorms.
- 6) OTHER DISTINCTIVE FEATURES:
 - a) Strict adherence to a constant, Spanish-only pledge.
 - b) Invitational course & lectures by American members of Advisory Board & Administration.
 - c) Small classes led by ULE professors (academic quality & cultural immersion are paramount).
 - d) 24 days (& nights) of study trips (Orientation & Fieldtrips) all over Spain (& Europe), together with 8 shorter trips around León, not to mention a rich variety of other cultural activities.
 - e) Meticulous attention to individual student needs.



SFA'S 2016 Orientation: Alhambra's Torre de la Vela with Granada and Sierra Nevada in the background.