**Universidad de La Rioja, Spain**

**This exchange emphasizes cultural and language immersion in Spanish.**

Universidad de La Rioja is located in Logrono, Spain, in the northern wine region along the famed Camino de Santiago. It is where the Monasteries of San Millán de la Cogolla, **cradle of the first words written in the Spanish language,** are situated. These monastic sites are included among UNESCO’s World Heritage Sites. Founded in 1992, it represents an academic center devoted to the promotion of Spanish language and culture.

**Campus Information**

The University of La Rioja (UR) is located on a modern campus in Logroño, capital of La Rioja, where 7,500 students are registered on courses in 26 undergraduate programs, Doctorates, Masters and other postgraduate courses.

The University of La Rioja campus is on the outskirts of the city, and a short distance from the centre of Logroño, with a metropolitan area of 150,000 inhabitants. Logrono is located on the famed *Pilgrim's Route to Santiago de Compostela.*

**What will it Cost?**

Tuition: FHSU tuition/fees paid at FHSU

Housing, travel, visa, medical insurance, etc. shall be responsibility/paid by student.

Host institutions will try to help with finding housing.

**Summer term**, students normally stay at the dorms or they chose homestay.

- Homestay cost: 650 Euros/month

- Dorms: 350-450 Euros/month (to be confirmed with the students residence when booking it. It depends on availability)

**Regular terms:** as well as the above two options, they can share a flat with other students. Approximate cost 250 Euros/month.

**Terms of Exchange**

2 students from each institution/year (4 semesters)

**When can you go?**

**Academic year 2016-2017**

Autumn, winter and spring terms have each 150 hours of Spanish language classes plus 45 hours of cultural courses:/195 hours per term. **YOU MUST APPLY MONTHS IN ADVANCE, AS ONCE YOU ARE ACCEPTED YOU WILL NEED A VISA FOR REGULAR TERM PROGRAMS.**

**Winter term: January 9th – March 17th 2017**

**Spring term: March 22nd – June 7th 2017**

**Summer term: June 26th – July 21st 2017**

Summer term has 20 hours per week/80 hours per course, Monday to Friday, includes:

* Registration on the chosen course
* Educational materials
* Guided tours around the city, tourist sites and museums chosen by the organization as well as nearby places of interest (Museums, Wine Cellars etc.)
* Certificates and diplomas
* Medical and travel insurance
* Farewell Spanish meal
* Access to the University of La Rioja facilities

**Academic year 2017-2018**

Autumn term: October – December 2017 (dates to be confirmed) // June 2017

**Programs**

The first day of the course, students take a test to confirm their knowledge of Spanish. Teachers distribute classes according to the levels.

With regards to the cultural courses, students will attend three of these courses per term: <http://fundacion.unirioja.es/en/espanol_subsecciones/view/103/complementary-courses>

Three of the complementary courses students may choose: Spanish Literature, Spanish culture and civilization and Spanish business.

**Accommodation** is not included in the tuition fee. You may find different options at: <http://fundacion.unirioja.es/en/espanol_subsecciones/view/42/accommodation>

**Applications**

To sign up for the course, please follow the instructions at: <http://fundacion.unirioja.es/en/espanol_secciones/view/92/application-and-registration>

 As soon as we receive the documents required, we will send you the acceptance letter of the University of La Rioja and the insurance policy so you may start with the procedures concerning your trip. Visa?

**Airports** Best is Bilbao (150 km) or Madrid (350 km). There is a small airport in Logroño with flights to/from Madrid. Information about transport from the airports to Logroño at: <http://fundacion.unirioja.es/en/espanol_secciones/view/36/how-to-get-to-logrono>

And about La Rioja and Logroño at [www.lariojaturismo.com](http://www.lariojaturismo.com)

**Course Credit**

Student will need to work with his/her FHSU department, the Registrar, and Study Abroad office BEFORE travel to determine course credits.

**Contacts**

FHSU Study Abroad Office: [studyabroad@fhsu.edu](mailto:studyabroad@fhsu.edu)

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