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Spain Direct Enroll (abstract)

Spain and Spanish-speaking countries are a major study abroad destination for students in the College of Liberal Arts, and yet the College offers only one such opportunity; a summer session faculty-led program that serves those with upper-level language skills. Given the existing traffic, it goes to reason that participation may be encouraged to increase by custom designing a semester-long experience in Spain for every level of language learner, and offering coursework in the Liberal Arts disciplines. A flagship program in Spain, a supervised direct enroll that would appeal to both independent-minded students and those requiring additional support, and a program vetted for curricular match, would have the potential to attract greater participation and make planning ahead for study abroad easier on the student. The universities of Pompeu Fabra, Seville, Pablo de Olavide, and possibly Abat Oliba, have been identified as potential sites for further investigation. One faculty and one staff representative will visit in October to evaluate the facilities, environment, services, and academic offerings, conferring with departments upon return, to identify a site and move forward with establishing a direct enroll program, ideally for implementation in fall semester 2014.