

University of Santiago de Compostela

Location: Santiago de Compostela,
Galicia, Spain

University website:

<http://www.usc.es/en/index.html>

Program type: medical Spanish, 4th year
electives are also available upon
request

Program dates: summer (July)

Program duration: 4 weeks

Special requirements: students must register with and pay tuition to USC

Application due date: determined by USC

Faculty contact: Robert Casanova, MD & Simon Williams, PhD

Description

Program:

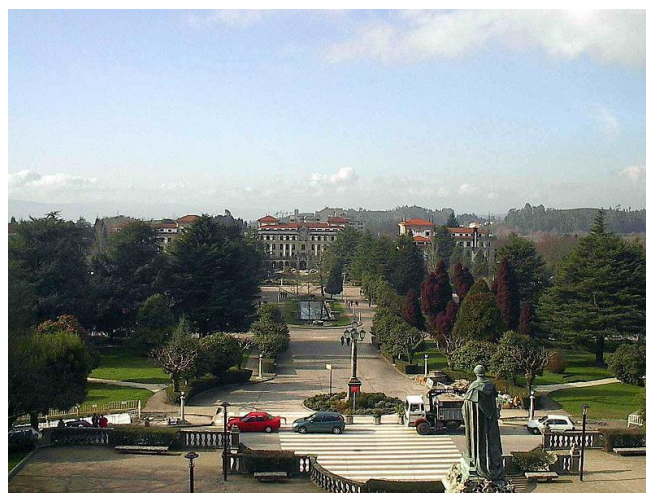
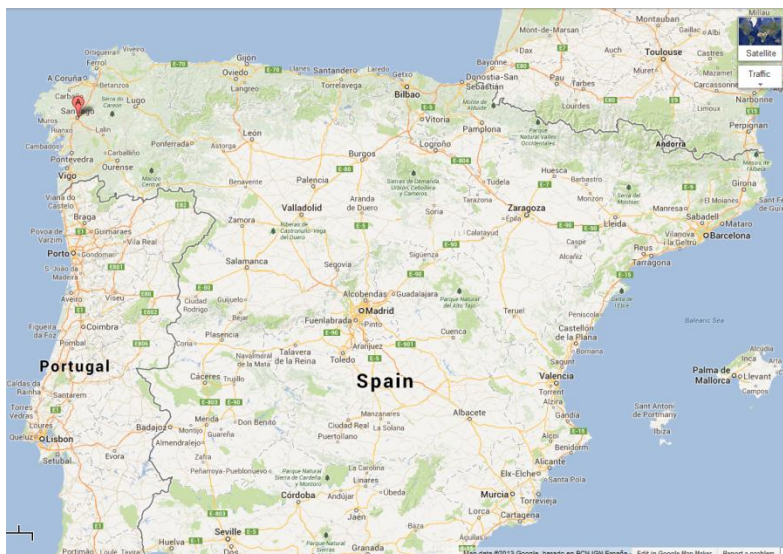
Faculty and clinicians from USC have designed a comprehensive and innovative curriculum that will provide valuable clinical experience in an international health setting and language instruction that will satisfy the Basic Medical Spanish requirement for the second year of medical school. A typical week

includes 16 hours of language instruction and 20 hours of clinical exposure consisting of shadowing a local physician.

This program is both intensive and immersive. While the program is open to beginner Spanish speakers, we recommend students have some exposure to Spanish prior to the course.

Campus and country:

The University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) is a public university located in the city of



Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain. A second campus is located in Lugo, Galicia. It is one of the oldest extant universities in the world.

The university traces its roots back to 1495, when a school was opened in Santiago. In 1504, Pope Julius II approved the foundation of a university in Santiago but it was not formally established until 1526. In 1555, the institute began to separate itself from strictly religious instruction and began to work towards developing other academic fields, including the emerging science fields.

Today the university's facilities cover more than 1,300,000 square meters. The university is comprised of 30 centers, nearly 80 departments, more than 60 degree programs, and numerous installations such as research institutes, residence halls, sports and cultural facilities, and libraries. The university has more than 2,000 faculty involved in study and research, over 42,000 students, and more than 1,000 staff working in administration and service.

In 2009, the University received the accreditation of Campus of International Excellence by the Ministry of Education (Spain), recognizing USC as one of the most prestigious universities in Spain.

The location of the university, Santiago de Compostela, is the capital of the autonomous community of Galicia in northwestern Spain. The city has its origin in the shrine of Saint James the Great, now the city's cathedral, which is the destination of the Way of St. James, a leading Catholic pilgrimage route originated in the 9th century. In 1985 the city's Old Town was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Estimated cost: \$6,000 (\$4,000 tuition + airfare)

Housing, meals, and in-country transportation: Dormitory housing and meals are included in the cost of tuition.

Visa and passport:

All students must have a passport that is valid for 3 months after departure from the host country. A visa isn't necessary for the short duration of stay.

Pre-departure requirements: <http://www.ttuhs.edu/cima/requirements.aspx>

Additional information:

Department of State country specific information:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1024.html

CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/sp.html>

WHO: <http://www.who.int/countries/esp/en/>