

Frequently Asked Questions for CRJU 3600: Comparative Criminal Justice: Spain

What is the description of this course?

This Semester-long course exposes students to the variety of ways that criminal justice systems are organized and operate around the world. Often times, practitioners and scholars are unaware of other approaches or points of focus elsewhere that could improve the decision making process in the criminal justice practice in particular and benefit the academic field in general. These different approaches by other systems will be examined, and the course includes a required visit to Spain.

What is Barcelona like?

See this [flow motion video](#) of the city.

What are the course requirements?

To attend class meetings, and complete all the course work set out in the syllabus including travel abroad.

What are the expectations for me on the trip?

You will attend and participate in ALL activities that are official part of the trip and write a journal about the trip. Failure to attend and participate actively in ANY of the activities will result in a failing grade for the class.

What is the expense for the Abroad Experience Component of this class?

The out-of-pocket expense (above your typical cost of tuition, fees, textbooks, etc.) for the Spain Trip (Feb 27-March 5, 2016) is **\$2050.00** paid by check, money order or credit card to Nova Southeastern University.

What additional costs are there?

Every student must purchase travel insurance. It is not included in the trip fees paid to the university. The travel insurance policy must include trip cancellation, trip interruption, medical, and emergency evacuation, and repatriation. Additional costs will be incurred to cover medical insurance and/or a passport where one does not have these already. Additional costs include daily expenditures for meals (other than breakfast), incidental travel in the city, souvenirs, etc.

What does the \$2050.00 cover for the Europe Trip?

The price of the trip includes roundtrip airfare from Miami International Airport (MIA) to Barcelona; bed and breakfast in Barcelona; transportation to/from airport and local transportation to various Criminal Justice agencies/locations and 1 city tour.

What if I do not speak Spanish?

While the residents of Barcelona primarily speak Catalan, English is a mandatory course in school in Spain, so many of the younger people in Barcelona speak or, at least, understand English.

Will I need an international phone plan or calling card?

You may do so, but it is not necessary. The city of Barcelona is blanketed by free WIFI, so you can use your smartphone to make free text messages/emails and in some instances even calls back home.

Will there be block/group seating on the international flights?

There will be an attempt to accommodate those who prefer that, but it not guaranteed as airlines make only a certain number of seats available for group seating.

Will students share rooms at the bed and breakfast? How will roommates be determined?

In order to make this trip affordable, students will share rooms (up to four beds per room) with students of the same gender. Those who wish to share rooms with particular colleagues will be given preference over those who do not mind who they share rooms with.

Important Dates to Remember

Date	Action	Contact Person
October 12, 2015	Winter course Registration commences	Student
Monday, November 2, 2015 by 5:00 PM	Turn in: Application Form Release Form Copy of Passport 1 st Deposit- \$1100	Dr. Alejandra Parra- Office of International Affairs- Horvitz Building-2 nd Floor
Friday, January 22, 2016 by 5:00 PM	Final Deposit- \$950. Proof of Travel Insurance	Dr. Alejandra Parra
Wednesday, 01/06/16 @6:00-7:55PM	Classes begin	Dr. Kakoti
Friday 02/27/2016 PM	Departure to Spain	Dr. Kakoti
Wednesday, 04/27/15	Final Exam	Dr Kakoti

NOTE: Once payment is made – **NO MONEY IS REFUNDABLE.**

What else do I need to do prior to trip?

Enroll and attend class meets–CRJU 3600 “Comparative Criminal Justice: Spain”

What happens to my grade and payment if I cannot go on the trip?

The trip is a **REQUIRED** component of the course; therefore if you do not go on the trip, you will receive a **failing grade for the course**, and **forfeit your entire payment to NSU**.

What else do I need to bring on the trip?

- Passport – Passports must be valid for at least 6 months following the end of the trip. If you have a non-U.S. passport, it is your responsibility to contact the Office of International Students and Scholars. If you are NOT a United States citizen additional visas may be required, requiring an appointment at least four weeks in advance of travel with the Spanish Consulate in Coral Gables. You will not be seen without a prior appointment obtained online
- Proof of insurance card: there are various options you can locate online.
- Emergency contact information
- Medications that you take daily or as needed for asthma/allergies, etc.,
- Credit card or ATM card. Credit Card = Visa or MasterCard. American Express is not recommended. ATM cards should work pretty much everywhere. If you bring US dollar bills there is a transaction fee of over 6% to convert dollars to Euros, which is higher than the normal ATM/Credit card transaction fees. US Dollar bills are not accepted in most places. You should probably try to obtain some Euro bills stateside before the trip. Notebook/tablet/journal to record your experiences.
- A laptop computer is not recommended.

What if I do not have a passport?

To obtain an expedited Passport (8 Business Days) ,you will need to make an appointment (877-487-2778) and physically visit the Miami Passport Agency, 1501 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 210, Miami FL 33132
<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/information/where-to-apply/agencies/miami.html>

Cost for a new expedited passport is currently \$140 application fee, plus \$25 execution fee, plus \$60 expedite fee.

What if I have additional questions prior to leaving for the trip?

There will be regular briefings during class about the trip, and an orientation prepared by the Office of International Affairs.

In the meantime, if you or your family members have questions, feel free to contact Dr. George Kakoti at gk181@nova.edu or phone (954) 262-7678.

CLASS IS LIMITED TO 18 PARTICIPANTS