LLEIDA FALL 2008
APPLICATION INFORMATION

Program Brief

The Fall 2008 WMU student exchange program at the Universitat de Lleida (UdL), one of Europe’s oldest universities, offers qualified WMU students the opportunity to live and study in historic Lleida, a city founded in the 6th century BC that now numbers about 125,000 inhabitants. All courses taken at UdL transfer for credit at WMU and UdL tuition is waived for WMU students in the program, who as exchange students pay their tuition to WMU during their stay in Lleida.

A. Eligibility

WMU undergraduate students:
1. Must be at least 18 years old at the time of application and must have junior standing by the beginning of the program in Lleida.
2. Priority will be given to students who have completed either SPAN 3220 or SPAN 3240 and at least one additional 3000 level or higher SPAN class with a minimum average grade of 3.25 in all Spanish classes.

WMU graduate students:
1. Must have graduate standing by the beginning of the program in Lleida.
2. Priority will be given to students who have completed a course in Spanish culture, Spanish history, or Spanish linguistics during undergraduate or graduate education with a minimum average grade of 3.25 in all Spanish classes.

B. Criteria for Selection

Students will be selected for the exchange based on:
1. Strong overall academic record and Spanish language competence
2. Demonstrated ability to do successful work in university courses given in Spanish
3. Three faculty recommendations, two of which must be from WMU Spanish faculty members
4. A written application and an interview in Spanish
5. Evidence of maturity, independence, responsibility, and self-motivation
C. Application Process

1. All interested students should read the Lleida Program Description, located online at http://homepages.wmich.edu/~rvann/WMU_Student_Exchange_Lleida.html
2. Completed applications (including the application form, a complete transcript, an essay, and three references submitted directly by faculty to the department) are due by April 1, 2008 in the Department of Spanish, 420 Sprau Tower, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008. Early application is encouraged and appreciated.
3. Students will be notified of their admission status in this program as soon as possible after the date of their application.
4. Students accepted for admission will have to complete additional necessary paperwork. Students without a passport valid through Fall 2009 should apply for one immediately. Students will be required to attend an orientation meeting with the WMU Faculty Program Director before departure for Lleida. The current WMU Faculty Program Director is Dr. Robert E. Vann.

D. Financial Aid

1. Students who already receive financial aid (university, state, federal) will likely be able to use it for study in Lleida. Questions about this matter should be directed to the Foreign Study Coordinator in the Haenicke Institute for Global Education.
2. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for the President’s Scholarships for Study Abroad in Spanish and the Travel/Study Abroad Awards in Spanish, as well as the President’s Award for Study Abroad, the Ruth Y. Kirby Scholarships in Spanish and the Sue C. Mardis Scholarship for Women: Study Abroad in Spanish. Applications are available in the Department of Spanish, 410 Sprau Tower (387-3023).
3. In addition to these awards, a variety of study abroad grants and scholarships are available through the Haenicke Institute for Global Education. These awards include: The Understudied Cultures Grant, Minority Scholarships for Study Abroad, as well as other External Grants. Information and applications are available in the Haenicke Institute for Global Education, B-200 Ellsworth Hall (387-5890).
4. All students are urged to inform themselves of these opportunities at the earliest possible date in order to meet the application deadlines.

E. Deadlines

Carefully complete the attached application form and read the Lleida Program Description. Return the application form and the required documents to 420 Sprau Tower by the deadline date.

Fall 2008 application deadline:
April 1, 2008, 5 p.m.

For additional information see the Lleida Program Description and the program website
http://homepages.wmich.edu/~rvann/WMU_Student_Exchange_Lleida.html

Email questions to: robert.vann@wmich.edu
LLEIDA FALL 2008
APPLICATION FORM

(Before completing this form the applicant should read the Program Description and the Application Information)

Name _________________________________ WIN __________________________

Date of birth _______ Country of citizenship ________________________

Local Address ________________________________________ Phone ____________

Permanent Address ____________________________________ Phone ____________

E-mail Address___________________________________________

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Total Earned Credit Hours: _______ Currently Enrolled Credit Hours: _______

Declared undergraduate major(s):__________________________________________

Current Overall GPA: _____ GPA in all Spanish courses: _____

List all college-level Spanish courses taken and grades received.

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List the names of three faculty (two must be WMU Spanish faculty members) submitting recommendations on your behalf:

1. ___________________  2. ______________________  3. _____________________

Do you have a passport valid for travel through Fall 2009? ______________________

Please attach a typed essay no longer than one page long detailing (1) your reasons for wanting to take part in this program and (2) why, given other qualified applicants, you feel you should be selected for participation in this program.

Please attach a transcript of all college work completed to date, or indicate in the following space if you would prefer that this information be obtained from university computer records at no cost to you. Would you like the Department of Spanish to access this information for you? Yes _____ No _____

Once your file is complete, depending on the strength of your application and the recommendations written on your behalf, you may be contacted to schedule an interview with the WMU Faculty Program Director.

I certify that the information I have given in all parts of this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand the serious academic nature of this student exchange program, that participants must meet the academic and behavioral standards of Western Michigan University and the Universitat de Lleida, that any student who does not meet those standards may be dismissed from the program at any time, and that refunds are subject to applicable WMU policies for students who are dismissed or who withdraw for any reason after the program has commenced. Western Michigan University reserves the right to cancel or revise this program if necessary.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date ___________________

Return completed applications to: Department of Spanish, 420 Sprau Tower, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5338

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
April 1, 2008, 5 p.m.
Name of applicant ________________________________________________________

I waive my rights of access to this form which, when completed, will be used for the purpose of evaluating my qualifications for participation in the above-mentioned student exchange program. (Sign below only if you waive access).

Signature ________________________________________  Date __________________

To faculty member making recommendation: If the above waiver is not signed, the applicant will have access to this completed form upon his/her request. Please return this form directly to the Department of Spanish, 420 Sprau Tower, Western Michigan University by April 1, 2008. Your timely response will be appreciated, since incomplete applications cannot be processed. Thank you.

1. How long and in what circumstances have you known the applicant?

2. Please describe the applicant's performance in your class.

3. Based on your knowledge of the applicant's academic background, intellectual competence and performance, how would you describe the applicant?
   ____ Superior student    ____ Good student    ____ Below average student
   ____ Excellent student    ____ Average student
4. How would you describe the applicant with regard to seriousness of purpose and responsibility?

5. How would you describe the applicant with regard to maturity, independence and self-motivation?

6. Do you think the applicant would be a good student to select for participation in this exchange program?
   ____ Yes, definitely       ____ Perhaps not
   ____ Yes, with some reservations   ____ No

7. Please explain your answer to question (6).

Please answer question 8 only if you are a Spanish instructor.

8. Based on your knowledge of the applicant's Spanish language competency, overall academic background and performance, do you believe that he/she can do successful work in a regular class at Universitat de Lleida?
   ____ Yes
   ____ Yes, given certain conditions
   ____ Would probably have substantial difficulty
   ____ No

Name of recommender ______________________  Signature _____________________
Title ____________________________________   Date _________________________

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Title ____________________________________ Date _________________________

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Thank you!
Western Michigan University
Student Exchange Program in Catalonia, Spain
FALL Semester 2008 at the Universitat de Lleida

Lleida
Fall 2008

RECOMMENDATION FORM
(To be completed by a WMU faculty member)

Name of applicant ________________________________________________________

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