TO: PARTICIPATING STUDENTS  
Summer Abroad Program in Spain

FROM: Peter Reich  
Program Director

RE: Additional Information & Instructions

DATE: May 19, 2003

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Hopefully, you have completed your travel arrangements to and from Spain. Below I share with you some additional information about your stay in Santander as well as the academic program. If we have already discussed any of these topics, just consider this information to be a helpful reminder.

EXCHANGING MONEY

Just a reminder that it might be wise to obtain some European currency before leaving the United States. The new European currency is called EUROS, and you should educate yourself as much as possible about it and be sure to understand the rate of exchange. Be mindful that most banking institutions charge a fee for currency conversions. The exchange rate can vary from one institution to another, and can vary from day to day. The more money you exchange, the more you may wish to shop around for the best rate, particularly when in Spain. Chances are, you will need money immediately upon arrival in Spain for food, drink and ground transportation.
UNIVERSITY OF CANTABRIA

I am happy to inform you that our contact at the University of Cantabria (UC) is Gemma Castro. Gemma is the Director of the International Relations Office at UC. She speaks fluent English. I found her, the staff and other administrators to be quite pleasant, and wonderful hosts when we visited the campus for last year's program. If you need a contact address before arriving in Spain for mail or any direct correspondence, Gemma has agreed to allow us to use the following address:

Gemma Castro, Directora
c/o Whittier Law School Summer Program
Oficina de Relaciones Internacionales
Edificio de la Facultad de Derecho y Economicas
Universidad de Cantabria
Avda, Las Castros, s/n
39005 Santander, SPAIN

PROGRAM HOUSING INFORMATION

The following addresses are to the program housing:
(Please take note of the address of your building so that you can make sure you arrive to check-in at the right place)

Hotel Las Brisas
Trav. De las Castros, 14
39005, Santander, SPAIN
Telephone: 942.27.09.91
Fax: 942.28.11.73

Apartamentos Las Brisas
Avda. De Castaneda, 17
39005, Santander, SPAIN
Telephone: 942.27.09.91
Fax: 942.28.11.73

Remember if you are calling from the United States, you will dial 011 (international) + 34 (country code for Spain) + the number indicated above.

Housing Assignments

Attached is a listing of each participants housing assignment. From this list you will have the location of each participant. On this list, you will notice that the program housing is in two separate buildings located in close proximity. The program housing covers the period of June 1st to July 2nd and includes breakfast. You should know that the apartments have fully equipped kitchens and essential cookware. The hotels do not have refrigerators, however, management has kindly agreed to allow us to use the hotel refrigerator for minor items. Although, I do not imagine that everything will be perfect, let’s do our best to be good guests and represent Whittier Law
School in the best possible way, for we would like to have the option to return to these facilities for future Summer Programs. Please note that we have made every effort to provide each participant with comfortable accommodations.

**TRAVEL**

By now, all of you should have completed your necessary travel arrangements. If you have not done so, you must act immediately! Airfares are likely to increase, and there is always the risk that you will have difficulty finding space on a convenient flight. If you need assistance, please contact Jamie Robinson at 800.808.8188 ext.129 or myself. We can refer you to travel agencies, airlines and/or website.

*Are you arriving by air into Madrid?*

I hope that you have made arrangements for at least a one night stay-over, for the jet lag will eventually catch up with you. Again, your travel agency or airline can assist you with hotel arrangements. There is a direct train service between Madrid and Santander. You might be wise to obtain a current schedule through your travel agent or airline instead of waiting to figure it out all at once when you arrive, even if you are an experienced traveler. I also recommend that you purchase whatever ticketing you can in advance to avoid unnecessary details and confusion once you arrive in Spain. Those of you who have traveled extensively know all too well that things that seem simple here in the United States can become rather complicated in another country. I do not think it matters much how many times you have traveled overseas, you will still be doing yourself a big favor by arranging as much of your travel in advance.

*Are you arriving by air into Bilbao?*

Many of us will arrive by plane into Bilbao, Spain, a city located 46 miles away from Santander. That is approximately 1 1/2 hours away from Santander by ground transportation. It is to my understanding that the train service between Bilbao and Santander is not as accommodating as the bus service. There is a bus schedule attached for your convenience. Car rentals are also available. Please check with you travel agent or airline to check rates and specific requirements.
**Getting around in Santander...**

Once you arrive in Santander, you will likely need to take a taxi to Las Brisas. The taxi is the most convenient way to get around Santander and it should also be inexpensive.

The University and Las Brisas are within walking distance from the beach, shops and various entertainment. Santander is a very easy city to get around in. There is a good bus system, which is very economical. For example, 10 bus tickets will run as low as 4 EUROS.

**IMMIGRATION**

**U.S. PASSPORT**

You must have a valid U.S. PASSPORT for this trip. In the event that you do not have a U.S. PASSPORT, you will need to apply for one immediately. There are several agencies and companies via the internet that can expedite this process for you within as little as a few days, of course for a fee. Please know that your passport will also be necessary and required to re-enter the Unites States. Please check the expiration date of your passport to ensure the validity during your stay abroad and for your return to the U.S.

If you are questioned by any immigration official, simply inform them that you are participating in a month-long academic program at the University of Cantabria in Santander.

**EARLY ARRIVALS / LATE DEPARTURE**

Please be reminded that the official dates for the program housing are from Sunday, June 1\textsuperscript{st} through Wednesday, July 2\textsuperscript{nd}. If you plan to arrive earlier than June 1\textsuperscript{st} or depart after July 2\textsuperscript{nd}, it will be your responsibility to make your own arrangements. The housing fee that you paid for your stay at Las Brisas does not cover your housing before June 1\textsuperscript{st} or after July 2\textsuperscript{nd}.

Please note: If this concern applies to you, you should contact Peter Reich at extension 235 or Jamie Robinson at extension 129 immediately. One of us should be able to advise you and assist you as best we can.
ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Course Syllabus
The syllabus for each class will be distributed on the first day of class in Santander.

Course Materials
We are working on making sure that everyone has the appropriate material for the courses. For your convenience, you may purchase the photocopied course materials through our Faculty Services Department by contacting Henrietta Johnson at 800-808-8188 extension 259. Course Books will be available through the Whittier Law School Bookstore. Remember that you must have all course materials and books for each class. Attached is a Course Material / Book List.

ORIENTATION

There will be an orientation meeting on Sunday, June 1st at or about 8pm located in the Las Brisas Hotel lobby. For those of you who will not reside in the program housing, please take note of the address under the PROGRAM HOUSING INFORMATION section.

At this orientation, everyone will be given a map along with directions to and from the university. Instructions on how to get to your class will also be included.
Classes will begin on Monday, June 2\textsuperscript{nd} and end on Friday, June 27\textsuperscript{th}.

\textbf{Monday, June 2\textsuperscript{nd} (Tentative Schedule)}

- 9:00am All Students and Faculty meet at the International Relations Office
- 9:30am Tour of University of Cantabria campus
- 10:10am - 11:00am 1\textsuperscript{st} Meeting of Classes that are scheduled to begin at 8:45am
- 11:10am - 12:00pm 1\textsuperscript{st} Meeting of Classes that are scheduled to begin at 10:05am
- 12:10pm - 1:00pm 1\textsuperscript{st} Meeting of Classes that are scheduled to begin at 11:45am

\textbf{REGULAR CLASS SCHEDULE}

- 8:45am - 9:55am Comparative Family Law
- 8:45am - 9:55am International Business Negotiations
- 10:05am - 11:15am Intro. To Spanish Law & Legal Systems
- 10:05am - 11:15am International Environmental Law
- 11:30am - 12:40pm International Protection of Computer Software

\textbf{EXAMINATION SCHEDULE}

- Monday, June 30\textsuperscript{th} 9:00am - 11:00am Intro to Spanish Law & Legal Systems
- 11:00am - 1:00pm International Environmental Law
- Tuesday, July 1\textsuperscript{st} 9:00am - 11:00am International Business Negotiations
- 11:00am - 1:00pm Comparative Family Law
- International Protection of Computer Software
COURSE MATERIAL/BOOK LIST

Comparative Family Law
Professor Calvin Peeler

- Notebook: This course requires a regular spiral notebook to be turned in to the professor at the end of the course.
- Photocopied Materials available through Faculty Services Department
- Price: $13.00

International Environmental Law
Professor Peter Reich

- Book: Casebook on EU Environmental Law (2002) by Kramer
- Available through Whittier Law School Bookstore
- Price: $58.95

International Business Negotiations
Professor William Hernandez Requejo

- Book: Negotiating Globally (2001) by Brett
- Price: $36.00
- Available through Whittier Law School Bookstore
- Photocopied Materials available through Faculty Services Department
- Price: $7.50

Introduction to Spanish Law & Legal Systems
Professor Gozalo Lopez

- Course Materials will be made available to you in Spain
- Price: unknown

International Protection of Computer Software
Professor Richard Gruner

- Price: $80.00
- Available through Whittier Law School Bookstore
- Photocopied Materials available through Faculty Services Department
- Price: $7.50

Faculty Services: 800-808-8188 ext. 259
Whittier Law School Bookstore: 800-808-8188 ext. 434
or you may visit www.legalbooksdistributing.com to order online.
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

There will be 2 classrooms utilized for the program. There will also be an office for the Program Director and another for faculty. Faculty will post their office hours so that students can make appointments. The University has a computer lab that you will have access to, however, restrictions may apply. For your convenience, there are internet cafes located throughout Santander.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The ABA requires that some class time be substituted with visits and tours to local sites of interest. Professor Lopez has helped to schedule visits to local legal institutions. An updated copy of the program calendar will be distributed to you at the orientation. Arranged guided tours to popular cultural sites to be announced.

LIVING IN SANTANDER

Weather

June can be the nicest month of the year, but it can also be wet. The nights are usually cool. Be sure to bring spring and summer clothes as well as your rain gear. Something warm for the evening is suggested. The best way to describe the climate is to compare it to coastal Southern California in June....with occasional rain.

The Sport Pavilion

This is a sports facility available to you, located very close to Las Brisas. If you plan to use this facility often, you may purchase 14 sessions. Last year the price was 20.43 EUROS. (Please note: The prices quoted are not guaranteed)
Las Marimbas

There is no swimming at the university swimming pool. However, there is a public swimming pool available to you. Expect to pay anywhere from 22.24 EUROS to 33.63 EUROS to use the pool. The prices are based on how often you use the pool. Also, keep in mind that Las Brisas is located directly across the street from the beach!! (Please note: The prices quoted are not guaranteed)

U.S. State Department Information on Spain
Attached you will find the official U.S. Government Memorandum providing current information on travel to and from Spain.

MEDICINE

If you travel with any medications, prescription drugs or over-the-counter remedies, please make sure that all are properly labeled. It may be wise to have a small first aid kit with some of the medicine you tend to have on hand in your home medicine cabinet. For example, Aspirin, Tylenol, Pepto-Bismol, etc. It might be difficult to find the same or similar substitutes for those medicines that you have become accustomed to and to which respond well to you.

Although some health insurance companies may pay “customary and reasonable” hospital costs abroad, very few will pay for medical evacuation back to the United States. Medical evacuation can easily cost $10,000 or more, depending on your location and medical condition. One of the main advantages of health and emergency assistance policies is that they often include coverage for medical evacuation to the United States. Even if your regular health insurance covers you for emergencies abroad, you should consider purchasing supplemental insurance to cover medical evacuation.

The CDC recommends the following vaccines (as appropriate for age):
- Hepatitis A. You are not at increased risk in Northern, Western, and Southern Europe.
- Hepatitis B. If you might be exposed to blood, have sexual contact with the local population, stay longer than 6 months in Southern Europe, or be exposed through medical treatment.

Precautions no matter the destination:
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Because motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury among travelers, walk and drive defensively. Avoid travel at night if possible and always use seat belts.
- Always use latex condoms to reduce the risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.
- Don’t eat or drink dairy products unless you know they have been pasteurized.
- Don’t share needles with anyone.
- Never eat undercooked ground beef, poultry, eggs, and unpasteurized dairy products. Raw shellfish is particularly dangerous to persons who have liver disease or compromised immune systems.

SEXUAL OFFENSE POLICY
Whittier Law School will not tolerate sexual offenses under any circumstances. Sexual offenses are defined as any sexual act against another person, forcibly or against that person’s will, or not forcibly or against the person’s will where the victim is incapable of giving consent. These include forcible rape, forcible sodomy, forcible oral copulation, forcible penetration with an object, and forcible fondling. Sexual offenses also include acts of unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse such as incest and unlawful sex with a minor. Any act defined as a sexual offense by the California Penal code is considered a sexual offense at Whittier Law School. The act of voyeurism, defined by the California state Penal Code in section 647 k, is also considered a sexual offense at Whittier Law School. Any Whittier Law School student, faculty member or staff member who commits a sexual offense will be subject to the Law school disciplinary procedures, which depending on the nature of the offense can result in suspension, expulsion, or termination of employment. Further, those who commit a sexual offense may additionally be subject to prosecution by external authorities.

Students who are victims of a sexual offenses are encouraged to notify Whittier Law School Security Officers, Dean of Students, and Administrative staff.

Students who are victims of a sexual offense are further encouraged to seek appropriate medical attention and to get help and support such as counseling.

**LAW SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

Allegations of sexual offenses by students will be adjudicated through the Law School Dean’s Appointees following the procedures outlined in Whittier Law School Code of Student Conduct section of the policy manual. Violators are subject to sanctions outlined in this manual, up to and including suspension and expulsion from the Law School.

In any disciplinary action, the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during the proceedings. Both the accuser and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of any formal proceedings. If the person claiming to have been offended requests a change in academic or work arrangements as a result of the alleged offense, reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate such requests.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONCERNS & INFORMATION**

Please feel free to address any additional questions, concerns and/or questions to Peter Reich at 800-808-8188 ext.235 or Jamie
Robinson at ext.129.

I look forward to seeing you all in Spain. I wish you all a very safe and fun journey!

Best wishes,

Peter Reich
Peter Reich
Program Director