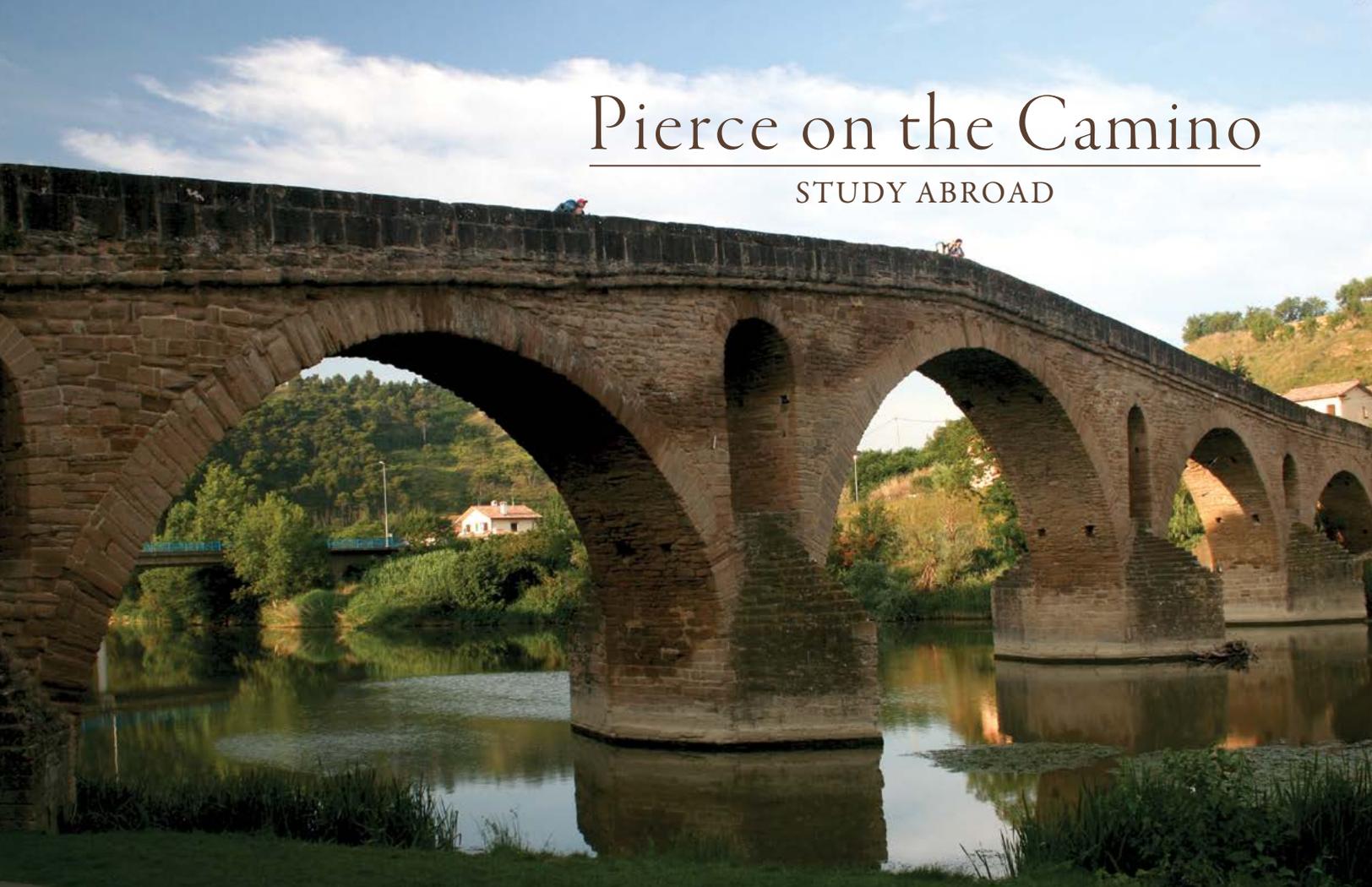


Pierce on the Camino

STUDY ABROAD



The world is waiting for you.

The Franklin Pierce Study Abroad Program on the Camino de Santiago immerses you in the same journey that pilgrims have experienced for a thousand years.

Walking as a pilgrim with other Franklin Pierce students and a professor, carrying a backpack, staying in pilgrim hostels, country inns and monasteries, you travel on foot between 10 and 15 miles each day. Slowing down to “human speed,” leaving behind the ordinary concerns of your daily life, and unplugging from the Internet and cell phone, brings rich rewards that are rare in today’s world. You’ll enjoy the intimacy of prolonged solitude, the beauty of the natural world, the gratitude from many acts of kindness extended to you, and the joy of sustained conversation with fellow pilgrims from all over the world.

“Modern-day pilgrimage is a journey toward self-awareness, acceptance and a renewed commitment to live an authentic life. I constantly met new companions as I walked to Santiago. The easy way that people from all over the world could spontaneously create community along ‘the way’ never ceased to move me and gave me a taste of the joys of being a global citizen.”

~ Dr. Douglas F. Challenger, Professor of Sociology

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Program Summary

This semester-long international program involves approximately 12 students who participate in a long-distance walk through southern France and across northern Spain along the old pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela. The Camino is a sacred path that dates back to ancient Celtic, Roman, and Medieval times, and is walked today by thousands of people each year. This unforgettable journey will challenge you to grow intellectually, physically, and spiritually.

Perhaps the most important aspect of walking the Camino is that it grants time for serious reflection as the pilgrimage becomes its own self-creating experience. You are also free to walk alone, engage with the European locals practicing your French and Spanish language skills or with fellow foot-travelers from around the world. Every week you walk with a different group of fellow students whom you get to know well through spending time together and taking responsibility for one another's safety. You will keep a personal journal and a "Pilgrim's passport," to be stamped at each hostel, monastery, government and cultural site visited—from the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela.

On occasion, your group is responsible to shop and cook a meal for your entire Franklin Pierce group. Together you walk across varied terrain and in all kinds of weather until you reach the famous Cathedral of St. James in the city of Santiago de Compostela. Once back in the United States, you will integrate the lessons of the Camino into your life at home and write a final reflective essay on the overall experience.

Costs

The actual cost of the Camino Study Abroad Program can vary based upon on airlines, exchange rates, etc., but will be finalized during the spring preceding your pilgrimage. In addition to regular fall tuition and room and board, you will be charged a program fee. Your room and board fees are applied to lodging and meals on the Camino. The program fee covers all travel expenses (air, train, bus, shuttles), special tours, and museum visits while abroad. All financial aid (federal, state, private and Franklin Pierce aid) applies to The Camino Study Abroad Program.

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Camino Courses

(Students earn up to 15 course credits)

- Languages for Travelers
(3 Humanities GLE credits)
- The Camino Seminar
(3 Social Science GLE credits)
- The Camino Pilgrimage I
(3 Humanities GLE credits)
- The Camino Pilgrimage II
(3 Arts & Design GLE credits)
- OPTIONAL
3-credit Directed Study

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