Dates & Costs

SPRING

Spring term: Late January – Mid May

• 11 weeks of training
• 3 training sessions per week
• 2 friendly matches
  • Team jersey
  • Gym membership
• Trip to watch a Sevilla FC match

Program Requirements

Students must be playing soccer on their varsity team back at their home university.

*This price is purely for the Soccer program and is an additional cost on top of the overall program (tuition and fees still apply).

For more information, please visit
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About the program

Soccer is a big part of the Spanish culture and the country’s most popular sport, with Spain having won the World Cup in 2010 and the European Championships in 2008 and 2012. Sevilla is also well-represented within the sport, with the teams Sevilla FC (Europa League Winners ‘14’ ’15 and ’16) and Real Betis Balompie who compete in the Spanish league, “La Liga.”

This is what some of our US “Futbolistas” participants have to say about the program!

"Fútbol here is something that cannot be compared to soccer back in the states." - Cesar Hernandez (UW-Platteville)

“I highly recommend the soccer program with SAIIE”
- Josh Kufara (Christopher Newport University)

I believe this opportunity truly gave me the ability to experience an entirely different world through the people and many different obstacles I faced. I have been so blessed to have been able to experience something like this and I will never forget it. - Chelsea Rangel (University of Dubuque)

How does it work?

Students enrolled on the SAIIE Soccer program must choose between 12 and 18 credits from a range of academic courses. Alongside their studies, they are placed in a local soccer team for 3 weekly training sessions and at least two friendly games. All training sessions are conducted in Spanish, take place in the evenings and are generally 1-2 hours long. They are held at each team’s corresponding practice field, all of which are made of artificial turf. The men's team typically consists of 20 players, whereas the women’s team usually has 16 players.

SAIIE has collaborated with the semi-professional Sevillian soccer clubs Triana CF, Calavera CF and Azahar CF.

“Soccer is simply a sport in the US; in Spain it is a lifestyle. I cannot thank SAIIE enough for this incredible, once in a lifetime experience.”

Chase Donley
Lesley University

Located in the heart of the bustling city centre of Seville, Spain, the Spanish American Institute of International Education (SAIIE) is a study abroad institution affiliated to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville which provides academic programs in partnership with University of Seville and EUSA University Private Center.

Our programs are based around three main goals: academic excellence, cultural immersion and social integration. With the development of our new sports programs, we are now also able to help students achieve these goals through a sports environment where they can develop their athletic abilities whilst being surrounded by the Spanish culture and people. The Soccer program gives male and female college soccer players the chance to train with native Spanish athletes alongside their studies at SAIIE and still earn credits for their time abroad.

We aim to give students a truly eye-opening experience: homestay with Spanish families, daily cultural activities, intercambio program (Spanish language partnerships), day and weekend trips, volunteering opportunities at local schools, and experienced and friendly on-site staff.

“Juega al Fútbol en España.”