

## Accommodations

Students will share a room with 2-3 other students. Hotels will be 3-star or better. Continental breakfasts will be served at our hotels daily. We will have some group dinners; you will have the freedom to go out for other dinners. Lunch is on your own.

## Activities

- Cultural tours, and city sight seeing, Flamenco shows
- Attend professional sporting events



## Fees: \$TBA

(cost estimates will be available approximately mid-March)

## Deadlines

Applications available on StudioAbroad:  
<https://gustavus.studioabroad.com/>

Applications available: April 1, 2013  
Early applications due: April 15, 2013  
Last day to apply: July 31, 2013

## Enrollment

Min:20 Max:40 students

## Tentative Dates

Jan. 3-7 on campus  
Jan. 10-26 traveling



## About the Course Leader



**Mike Middleton** is a certified and experienced teacher with nearly thirty years experience. He is a native of England, having completed his undergraduate degree in Leeds, and post-graduate studies in Sheffield. His father's family lived in Aston, a suburb of the second biggest city Birmingham, from 1862. Aston is

the home of top England Premier League team Aston Villa. He was lucky enough to play for the Villa for three years as a youth, and recently returned to the UK after spending two years coaching at the Academy of arch-rival team Birmingham City (the Blues). He is yet to tell his family of the betrayal! He has travelled within Europe, Spain in particular, on a number of occasions.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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# JANUARY INTERIM: SPAIN 2014

## SPANISH SPORT AND CULTURE



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## About the Course



Currently in perhaps its most glorious era, Spanish soccer is presently dominating Europe. We will explore how soccer, and sport in general has influenced the rich cultural traditions of one of Europe's most majestic countries. Through a variety of learning opportunities including in-depth study of Spanish culture and history, interaction with the locals including playing matches, of and reflective journal writing we will seek to learn how sport defines every-day life in Spain. As well as the two course leaders, we will also have a full-time tour guide escort the group throughout the trip. Games will be scheduled against both men's and women's teams.



## Locations

**Madrid:** The magnificent architecture of old Madrid: the elegant squares, the Bull Ring, the Prado Museum. Take a tour of Santiago Bernabeau Stadium and the club museum, to hear of the great likes of Puskas, DiStefano, and the Los Galacticos. Play the first game on tour.

**Segovia:** A city defined by its Roman and Medieval monuments, embroideries, textiles and it's sense of well being.

**Toledo:** A city known for its great artistic beauty, and rich traditions. On tour, visit the Primate Cathedral.

**Cordoba:** Discover the cultural history of the Iberian Peninsula, the Plaza de la Corredera- a historic gathering place.

**Jaen:** Walk the scenic route of the Caravans.

**Granada:** Explore the medieval Moorish quarter. Visit the caves of Sacromonte.

**Alicante:** Discover the beautiful Mediterranean Costa Blanca coastline with 150 km of beautiful sandy beaches. Play a game against the locals.

**Valencia:** Valencia, the home of paella and wonderful gastronomy: The City of Arts and Science's. Wonderful architecture and Mediterranean coastline.

**Xativa:** The historic town with a scenic hilltop castle.

**Requena:** The wine producing town of Valencia.

**Barcelona:** Home of the great FC Barcelona - tour the Camp Nou, discover the great history of the team and see where the likes of Messi, Xavi and Iniesta apply their trade. The panoramic city tour includes world famous architecture by Antoni Gaudi: Casa Batllo, Casa Mila, and the Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Cathedral - an unfinished masterpiece.

**Figueres:** Visit the eclectic Dali Museum.

**Girona:** View the Cathedral and explore the El Call and the quaint old quarter (Forca Vella).



## Requirements

- Compliance with stated Interim Experience eligibility policy. A personal statement describing your interests in this course.
- Comfort with international travel. Having the ability to travel, work, and learn in a large group.
- An interest in discussing sport and how it relates to culture, history, political economics, religion and national pride.
- An enthusiasm for sport, new places and people.
- An ability to play soccer is an advantage as we will play some games. However, game participation is not mandatory nor is it a graded course component.
- Grade based on a journal writing project, written book reviews, small group presentation, final paper, quizzes, discussion and participation.