

# ACADEMIC SERVICES

## Study Abroad

As reflected in its mission of preparing students for active roles in a democratic society, Franklin Pierce University supports learning in settings outside of the classroom and in international programs of study. By pursuing studies in a foreign country for a year, semester or summer, students gain enriching cultural experience and a broader perspective on the world. The University recognizes the value of such study as a part of a liberal arts education. In addition to its own programs abroad, students may choose to study abroad through other providers but Franklin Pierce financial aid is not portable. Students seeking to study abroad to reach out to Student Financial Services for guidance on billing and aid in relation to the related study abroad trip.

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Most study abroad programs are open to students in good standing who have completed two semesters of study at Franklin Pierce University, and who meet the GPA and other requirements of each program. Students should discuss planning for a study abroad program with their academic advisor and contact the International Studies programs office to get information on programs that are approved by the University.

## Pierce on the Camino

Franklin Pierce offers a unique study abroad program that takes students on a semester-long walk on an ancient pilgrimage trail in Spain – the Camino de Santiago. The journey begins in the coastal city of San Sebastian, where for two weeks students study Spanish intensively, complete a seminar about pilgrimage and the Camino, and get to know each other, as they finish their final preparations before beginning to walk for the next two months.

Leaving home, walking and carrying a backpack, staying in hostels, country inns, and monasteries, walking with other Franklin Pierce students and a professor, students travel on foot between 8-12 miles a day.

The Camino is one of the most beautiful treks in the world; it meanders along trails and gravel paths, through small villages and major cities, and over three mountain ranges for over 500 miles across the entire section of northern Spain. It is a trail with a rich history that dates back to ancient Celtic, Roman and Medieval times and has been walked by millions of people over the centuries.

Slowing down to “human speed,” leaving behind the ordinary concerns of daily life and immersing oneself in the rituals and routines of the Camino brings rich rewards that are rare in today’s world – the intimacy of prolonged solitude, the sensuous experience of being in nature every day, the gratitude from many acts of kindness, and the joy of sustained conversation with others in your group and with people from all over the world.

The journey is an unforgettable adventure of group travel that engages students 100% in active learning and challenges them to grow on many levels—intellectually, physically, interpersonally and spiritually.

For information about billing and financial aid implications, please contact Student Financial Services at [osfs@franklinperce.edu](mailto:osfs@franklinperce.edu) or 1-877-372-7347

## Affiliated International Program

Franklin Pierce University partners with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). This organization provides unique opportunities for students to participate in internships and study abroad while earning Franklin Pierce credits. CIEE offers students short-term programs as well as the opportunity to study within their degree program for an entire semester. Students can select programs of study from more than 40 countries and 60 cities around the world.