

## SALAMANCA, SPAIN

Salamanca is part of the Spanish region known as “Castilla y León” (Castile and Leon). The city is famous worldwide for its culture and for its student atmosphere. The University of Salamanca, founded in 1218, is said to be the third oldest university in Europe.

Thanks to its heritage and the charm of the city itself, Salamanca is considered one of the most beautiful Spanish cities. Salamanca is also where the purest Spanish (or “Castellano”) is spoken, which makes the city a popular destination for students wanting to learn Spanish. As one of the most important university cities in Spain, Salamanca supplies 16% of Spain’s market for the teaching of the Spanish language. Because of this, Salamanca attracts thousands of international students, thus creating an exceptionally diverse environment.



## HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

Harrisonburg, an independent city in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia, is home to James Madison University. The city’s historic compact downtown enables visitors to park and walk to a variety of fascinating arts and cultural attractions. The city offers a variety of culinary options, a thriving arts community, access to endless outdoor adventures, a lively downtown, and a diverse mix of performances, annual events, and festivals. Harrisonburg is home to a variety of ethnic groups, including Hispanics, who account for 16% of Harrisonburg’s population.

Harrisonburg is just minutes away from the Shenandoah National Park, George Washington National Forest, and Blue Ridge Parkway, making it an ideal spot for outdoor adventure and exploration. It also allows students to appreciate picturesque views during their activity of choice.



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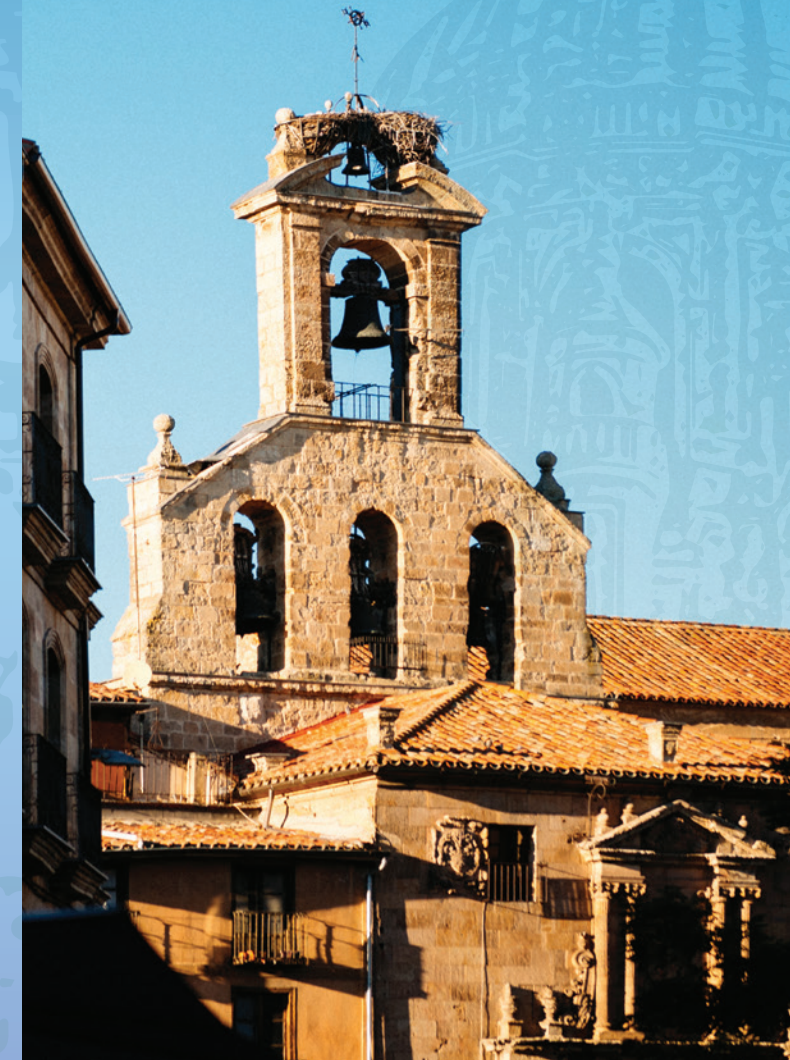
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## THE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR EDUCATORS DUAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

This program is designed for applicants who have full-time jobs and want to further their education in Spanish. Students in the Spanish Language and Culture for Educators (SLC) program are exposed to the Spanish culture and life in Europe and in the United States. Candidates to the program should be comfortable interacting with people from other cultures and backgrounds and should be enthusiastic about improving their Spanish language skills.

Students in the SLC graduate program will live in Harrisonburg during the first summer and in Salamanca for the second summer. Both cities are easy to navigate by foot and have excellent public transportation systems. SLC students are provided with resources to help them discover both cities and to explore each city's treasures.

### HOW TO APPLY

Students must submit an online application to the James Madison University Graduate School:

[www.applyweb.com/jmug](http://www.applyweb.com/jmug).

For additional information visit the program's website at: [www.jmu.edu/slcmasters](http://www.jmu.edu/slcmasters).

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students earn a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree with a concentration in Spanish Language and Culture for Educators from JMU, and a Salamanca Master's Degree for Teachers of Spanish as a Foreign Language from USAL. The SLC Dual Master's Degree is an 18-month program in which students spend one summer in Harrisonburg, Virginia, at JMU, one summer in Salamanca, Spain, at USAL, and three additional academic semesters (fall, spring, fall) in online classes at the students' home locations.

### THE DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM IN SLC ENABLES STUDENTS TO:

- Teach Spanish as a second/foreign language\*
- Learn about the Spanish culture and language
- Master their Spanish speaking, listening, and writing skills

\*Does not provide licensure

### FACULTY

The faculty for the program will consist of doctoral-level instructors from both universities who will work collaboratively to provide students with a rewarding experience. All courses taught by USAL faculty will be in Spanish.



## COURSES

Students are required to complete a total of 36 continuous credits of graduate coursework, based on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges, and receive the commensurate number of credits from the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) from USAL. The program has three primary focus areas: Spanish Linguistics, Pedagogical Foundations, and Spanish Culture.

In summer I at JMU, students take nine credits of Spanish Linguistics covering Spanish grammar, Spanish varieties, and history of the Spanish language. In fall I (online), students take nine credits of Pedagogical Foundations covering curriculum theories and issues, learning theories, and research methods. In spring I (online), students take three credits of Spanish Culture and three credits of research project. In summer II at USAL, students take nine credits of Spanish Linguistics and Culture covering Spanish grammar, standards of Spanish, and fundamental texts of Spanish. In fall II (online) students take three credits for their research project.

Research Project – students finish the program by completing a research project that serves as the capstone experience and allows them to integrate the different focus areas.

## ACCOMMODATIONS AND FACILITIES

Students are responsible for finding their own housing for each summer. However, support is available, if needed.

### DATES\*

#### SUMMER I:

Mid-June – late July in Harrisonburg, Virginia

#### FALL I ONLINE SEMESTER:

Late August – mid-December

#### SPRING I ONLINE SEMESTER:

Mid-January – Early May

#### SUMMER II:

Mid-June – late July in Salamanca, Spain

#### FALL II ONLINE SEMESTER:

Late August – mid-December

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE: Mid-March

Non-refundable deposit is due when student's signed admission contract is returned to JMU.

\*This is an 18-month program, which commences in the summer only.

### COSTS\*

Program cost includes:

- Tuition and fees
- JMU- and USAL-based support services
- Orientation program
- Academic excursions and transportation
- Program activities during the summers at JMU/USAL

\*Details of dates and costs are posted on the website.

