



UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Zaragoza Exchange

Study at the Crossroads of Spain!

The University of Rhode Island and the *Universidad de Zaragoza* have developed a one-to-one student exchange program with focus on engineering and business subject areas. It is an affordable program enabling students to study at the partner institution for a semester or year without sacrificing progress toward the degree at home. The first students were exchanged in the fall of 2000, with three to five students now being exchanged in each direction annually.

Location: Spain's 5th largest city, Zaragoza is home to 700,000 inhabitants at the crossroads of Northern Spain. Located in the province of Aragón, Zaragoza lies midway between Barcelona and Madrid. The Ebro River flows through the province of Aragón, which is also intersected by portions of the Iberian mountain range in the south, and the Pyrenees in the north along the border with France.

Classes: The *Universidad de Zaragoza* was founded in 1542 as a research institution, adding teaching thirty years later. It now offers breadth and depth in many disciplines, preparing its students for all fields, from industry to medicine. Assuming you complete the scheduled courses successfully, your work will transfer to URI with full credit. You will have the option to study engineering at the *Centro Politécnico Superior (CPS)* or to take special Spanish language and culture courses for foreigners at the main campus. The *CPS* has programs in Computer Science, and Industrial, Telecommunications, Chemical, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. (It is also possible to take courses at *CPS* which will fulfill some URI general education requirements.)

Housing: Students arrange their own housing in Zaragoza, either in shared

apartments or in independent student residences, called *colegios mayores*. The *Universidad* has a student accommodation service to assist students in securing housing in Zaragoza.

Dates: Classes at the CPS are offered in the fall and spring semesters (October through January and February through July). The Spanish for Foreigners program is offered on the American university schedule (September through December and January through May), and is also offered as a summer program in Jaca in the province of Huesca, Spain. IEP students may opt to study in Zaragoza during the fall semester when doing their 6-month internship consecutively, however if the internship will be completed during a different academic year students are advised to study in Zaragoza during the spring/summer semester.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Students with good academic standing (at least a 2.5 GPA). Though aimed at students in engineering, computer science and business fields, the program is open to students in a broad range of disciplines.

Generally speaking you will need to have completed Spanish through the sixth-semester level.

There are ways to accelerate your learning of the language, however. If you are a freshman or sophomore at this point, and get started on your Spanish right away, then you will be able to go to Zaragoza for a semester or year during your junior or senior years.

Start now by signing up

for Spanish. You can accelerate the process by attending URI's Spanish program in Salamanca, Spain next summer, Zaragoza's Spanish program in Jaca, Spain, or another intensive program. You can do two semesters worth of Spanish (up to 9 credits) in the four-week program in Salamanca!



Special points of interest:

- Earn credit towards engineering, business, and Spanish degrees abroad.
- Improve your Spanish communication skills.
- Gain invaluable international experience.
- Become more marketable in today's global workplace.

IEP student, Jaime De La Zerda, at the Aljaferia in Zaragoza.

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*The University of Rhode Island—Universidad de Zaragoza Exchange Program is based on the reciprocal exchange model. For every URI student who studies in Zaragoza, there is a Zaragoza student who studies in Kingston. Students pay tuition and fees at their home institution, which facilitates the retention of financial aid and scholarship awards. **The study abroad program fee paid by URI students who participate on the URI-UZ exchange is roughly equivalent to the cost of in-state tuition and fees, making this a real bargain for out-of-state students!** (Note that out-of-state Centennial Scholarships are adjusted accordingly.)*

How Much Will It Cost?* 2002-2003

In-state Tuition (Exchange Fee)	\$3670**
Round-Trip Transatlantic Transportation	Varies \$800-\$1000
Health Insurance	\$641 May be waived with comparable plan
Room & Board	\$2100
Books	\$200
Passport and Visa	\$175
Travel in Europe	Varies
Incidentals	Varies

*The expense outline is approximate and intended for planning purposes only

**Scholarship Aid/Financial Aid applies as usual.

Check out the CPS on the Web!
apollo.cps.unizar.es

(click on ERASMUS then incoming students)

Here's What the Students Say...

“Yo aprendí y disfrute mucho durante mi estancia en Zaragoza y nunca la olvidare, ya que pase los mejores momentos de mi vida. Cuando tenía que regresar a EEUU, estaba muy triste de irme, y dejar a todos los amigos que había conocido en Zaragoza. Y al llegar a EEUU me sentía fuera de lugar, porque había cambiado mucho como persona y echaba de menos el ritmo de vida que tenía en España.”

-Jimmy De La Zerda, ELE, '04



Centro Politécnico Superior (CPS) main building in Zaragoza

“Before starting my internship, I spent a semester studying in Zaragoza, Spain. I chose to study there mainly to improve my Spanish. I felt that I did not have the skills necessary to communicate and express myself clearly in a work environment. Studying in Zaragoza helped me gain the confidence I was looking for and also gave me a great learning experience outside the classroom. Through my classes, I met people from all over the world (Japan, Sweden, England, Germany, and Mexico) who were also studying there. I learned about different worldwide customs from them while we all learned about the culture of Spain.”

-Dara Swanson, CVE, '03



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