Climate Change in Spain

**Capstone Class** (CAP:140 2 credits)

Tentative Dates: 5/13 - 5/28/2011

Estimated cost: $3000 (est.)

No Spanish language skills needed!

One week in Northern Spain / Oviedo –

One week in Southern Spain / Jaen

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What can we learn from the Spanish way of life to reduce climate change?

* Climate change is already occurring in Spain
* Spain’s public policies encourage renewable energy development
* The Spanish life-style is prosperous, pleasant, but less damaging to the environment

Students in the class will:

1. Examine their own life-style and the American life-style before going to Spain.

⬩figure your own carbon footprint and how to reduce it

⬩ consider the American cost of energy compared to Spain.

1. Observe the Spanish life-style and culture and how it is pleasant, but easy on the environment…

⬩talk with Spanish students (in English) about their lives in Spain

⬩get around by bus and ride a high speed train (efficient transportation)

⬩observe life at 2 Spanish universities

⬩visit the Alhambra, built centuries ago, yet designed to keep occupants comfortable in a very hot climate!

1. Enjoy trying out the Spanish life-style

⬩discover the pleasure of walking in a city where everything is close by!

⬩visit the beach, the plaza where Spanish families congregate,

⬩visit bars to try traditional tapas (snacks) and restaurants to try Spanish foods.

1. Learn about government policies that promote energy conservation and renewable energy development…

 ⬩visit one of the largest solar arrays in the world

 ⬩visit a wind turbine

 ⬩visit a cave where climate change is being studied!

Before we go, we'll:

* learn to count Euro change
* learn some “restaurant Spanish” and how to order in a restaurant
* work on projects in teams.

More at <http://www.uni.edu/studyabroad/climate-change-capstone-spain>