## Third-Semester Spanish in Spain Summer 2018



By Dakota Stewart, 2013 participant

Now in its sixth year, this program offers students the opportunity to finish their foreign language requirement abroad in the beautiful city of Seville, Spain. Seville is approximately 2,200 years old and lies in the southwestern part of Andalusia. The location provides a yearround subtropical climate, making it an ideal location for studying abroad. The fourth largest city in Spain, Seville surrounds three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Alcazar palace complex, the Cathedral of St. Mary and the General Archives of the Indies.

Instructor Jennifer Jarvis-Denny is the group leader and professor. She has been teaching SPAN 2113 for years and is excited to be teaching the course for the sixth time in Spain. She has worked with Texas Tech University's Center in Seville to create an experience that will give students a true taste of Spanish culture and history while studying the language and living with host families. Participants will also visit sites of historical and cultural importance in Seville and the surrounding area.

The excursions include an overnight to Granada and Córdoba, as well as local excursions to La Rábida, the Roman ruins of Itálica and Mérida, La Catedral and a bullfight. All entry fees or tickets to required sites, museums and events are included in the program cost.

The on-site staff at the TTU Center provides the logistical support, organizing all excursions, providing the classroom space and selecting the host families. In addition, TTU's Center also provides an arrival orientation to help students settle into Seville. That orientation includes a tour of Seville, a bus pass, housing in a local hotel, and all meals during the orientation program. Students move into their host family homes after orientation is over.

Applications are "first-come, first-served," with a cap of 26 participants. Acceptances are sent within two weeks of the completion date, excluding holiday breaks. Students in their first semester may be accepted provisionally pending a GPA of at least 2.5 at the end of fall semester. See <u>Karen Elmore</u> for required study abroad advising.

