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**SPAIN AND PORTUGAL SELECTED AS MCCC  
STUDY ABROAD LOCALES FOR 2013**

*Community Members Invited to Join Students on Trip*

MONROE, Mich. – The fountains of Madrid, the cathedrals of Barcelona and the palaces of Cordoba are some of the highlights of a trip to Spain planned in May by Monroe County Community College.

Area residents interested in joining the 18-day tour of Spain and Portugal can attend one of four information meetings planned in September and October.

“We’re going to experience some amazing history and culture, from the room in Cordoba’s palace where Columbus asked Queen Isabella for permission to visit the New World, to the famous Gaudi cathedral in Barcelona,” said Dan Shaw, assistant professor of humanities and journalism.

Besides Shaw, who is leading the trip and teaching a Photojournalism course, Professor of Political Science Joanna Sabo is teaching a Comparative Politics course and Associate Professor of Art Gary Wilson is teaching an Art Appreciation course.

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Students can take one, two or all three of the 3-credit courses. Community members also are encouraged to join the tour, whether they take the courses or not. The cost is estimated at about \$4,100, without course tuition.

The trip will include two days in Lisbon and Evora, Portugal, followed by eight days swinging through Cordoba, Granada, Seville, Toledo and Madrid, Spain. The last eight days will be spent in Barcelona.

“We plan a stay-over in one city at the end of each of our Study Abroad trips, so students can become immersed in the culture,” Shaw said.

“Barcelona is a great city for the extra time, partly because of the side trips we can take to the beaches of the Mediterranean and the mountains of northern Spain.”

This will be MCCC’s fourth Study Abroad trip. Sabo and Wilson took students to Western Europe, Southeast Asia and Central Europe in 2007 and 2009. Shaw joined them for a 2011 trip to Austria, Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic.

The four informational meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, Sept.19, 4 p.m., La-Z-Boy Center, Room 257

Thursday, Sept. 27, 12:30 p.m., La-Z-Boy Center, Room 271

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m. La-Z-Boy Center, Room 257

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m., Whitman Center, Room 4.

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