

SPAN 1001.01 Preparing for Immersive Experiences: Strategies for a Successful Study Abroad Experience

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W 2:10-4:10pm (one 50-min. session: 1/11; six weekly 2-hour-sessions: 1/18-2/22)

This seminar will introduce the basic tenets of the proposed Immersion Vanderbilt program and approach discipline-specific responses and opportunities to develop creative and independent projects during a student's four years at Vanderbilt. By introducing the general concept of immersion and then by grounding immersive experience within the disciplines, students in this seminar will have opportunities to engage, to question, and to forge change. Students in this seminar will work with a faculty seminar director to identify experiences and projects that could well shape them for the rest of their lives.

This specific seminar capitalizes on students' passion for diversity, global networks, and their willingness to be challenged. It exposes students to the hallmarks and opportunities of being a world citizen, so students will be better able to chart their own course toward cross-cultural competence. This iSeminar advances awareness of the multidisciplinary dimensions of an international immersive experience to ensure it has a lasting positive impact on their personal, academic, and professional development.