

## **New Innovative Course: The Camino de Santiago as a Place for Learning and Exchange**

**OTTAWA (Ontario), Tuesday, November 5, 2024** — Saint Paul University is pleased to announce the launch of a new interactive course focused on a section of the famous Camino de Santiago, in the Navarre region of Spain. Initiated by Rector Louis Patrick Leroux and based on the principle of experiential learning and openness to the world, this initiative will be led by Professor Anna-Maria Moubayed and will offer students an immersive pilgrimage experience that is both interactive and reflective, blending history, art, and culture. The course is open to the public and will take place from May 4 to May 14, 2025. Course content will be delivered in English, with discussions conducted in French, Spanish, or English.

Under Professor Moubayed's guidance and with a team of researchers from Canada, Spain, and the United Kingdom, this unique program adopts an experiential approach that encourages students to walk along the Camino de Santiago while exploring the socio-historical and artistic dimensions of the places they pass through. By visiting architectural monuments, local businesses, and absorbing Spanish music, myths, and arts, participants will gain a multidisciplinary perspective to better understand the meaning, purpose, and power of this centuries-old pilgrimage.

The course also addresses crucial themes such as spiritual growth, cultural exchanges, and local economic impact. It is open to individuals speaking English, French, and Spanish, offering an enriching and inclusive experience. Students will have the opportunity to explore the socio-cultural narrative of this millennial route while joining the many pilgrims who have traveled it over the centuries.

By integrating the concept of walking education, this course emphasizes the importance of walking as a means of introspection and reflection. By traversing this historical path, students engage in a tradition deeply rooted in human history, thus fostering personal and literary discovery.

Saint Paul University is convinced that this initiative will not only enrich students' academic journeys but also their personal development as global citizens. The course is also open to the public.

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