



Casa de lenguas romances

Romance Language House – Reed Hall

Application for Spanish speakers

The current residents of the *Casa de lenguas romances*, along with the faculty of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, invite you to consider residence in the *Casa* for the 2016-2017 academic year. Please take a few minutes to read this document.

Overview

Located in the Romance Languages House (Reed Hall), the *Casa de lenguas romances* provides a unique, Spanish and Portuguese-speaking living environment for students who wish to practice and improve their language skills. Parallel to this language immersion, students living in the Casa gain significant insights into the lives, customs and values of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking peoples.

In conjunction with the Spanish and Portuguese Clubs, and assisted by three Assistants from the University of Málaga (Spain) and National University of Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina who live in the house, students organize frequent programs centered on topics related to Luso-Hispanic cultures. (In recent years film series, guest lectures, field trips, and a paella dinner have been highlights.)

Applying

All students who wish to live in the Casa shall apply to the Department of Spanish and Portuguese by filling out the attached application. Signed applications should be turned in to **Professor Shawn Stein (M10)** or Department Coordinator Elizabeth Zizzi in the main office of Bosler Hall no later than **March 25th** for the 2016-2017 school year (or as the need emerges). Students off campus may send the application via email to steins@dickinson.edu. The uppermost admission criterion is ability and demonstrated willingness to conduct oneself at all times in Spanish and/or Portuguese. Exceptional first-year students may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Preferences for selection will be given in the following order:

1. Rising junior and senior majors.
2. Students who are native speakers of Spanish and have demonstrated interest in helping to teach their culture and values to non-native speakers.
3. Students who have completed Spanish 201 (116) or its equivalent who are majors of Spanish or Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies and have demonstrated a commitment to studying abroad in a Spanish-speaking country during their junior year.
4. Students who have not yet completed Spanish 201 (116), but who plan to be majors of Spanish or Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies, and/or plan to spend the junior year abroad in a Spanish-speaking country.
5. Students who have not completed Spanish 201 (116).

Residency Requirements

1. Students must indicate their agreement to adhere to Dickinson College’s norms of conduct as expressed in the “Code of Conduct” (see the Student Handbook, pp. 60-71) as well as the obligations set forth by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese in the statement of “Responsabilidades de los residentes de la Casa de lenguas romances” (see below). Students who are selected to live in the Casa for the coming year will be asked to sign this pledge. Accepted students will also be asked to sign a pledge confirming that they will not participate in the general Dickinson Housing lottery for the following year. Although students can rest assured that rooms will be assigned on the basis of seniority, it is unlikely that final room assignments will be made before the pledge must be returned.
2. Students must enroll in at least one course in Spanish or Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Studies during their year’s residence in the Casa.
3. There are three leadership roles available in the house. Please indicate any that may be of interest to you:
House Manager _____ House Counselor _____ House Events Liaison _____
4. Are you also applying to be an RA? _____. Are you also applying to live in another special interest house? If so, would you accept our offer first? _____

Solicitud

- ___ Me gustaría vivir en la Casa de lenguas romances durante el año académico 2016-2017.
- ___ Me gustaría vivir en la Casa de lenguas romances sólo durante el semestre de otoño 2016.
- ___ Me gustaría vivir en la Casa de lenguas romances sólo durante el semestre de primavera 2017.

1. Nombre y apellido: _____
2. Casillero HUB _____
3. Teléfono _____
- 4a. Año académico **este año (2015-2016)**:
 1. _____ primer
 2. _____ segundo
 3. _____ tercer

4b. Si la respuesta anterior es "1" o "2"

- Planes para el tercer año:
- a) estar en Dickinson _____
 - b) estar en Málaga (¿semestre/s?) _____
 - c) estar en Mendoza _____
 - e) otro _____

6. Especialización académica: a) _____
b) todavía sin declarar _____

7. Visitas o vivencias en países hispánicos:

- a) ninguna _____
- b) _____
(Incluya el lugar y la duración de la estancia)

8. Nivel de español:

- a) hablante nativo _____
- b) superior _____
- c) bueno _____
- d) modesto _____

9. Clases de español tomadas en Dickinson, y profesor/a de la clase:

10. Clases de español o LALC planeadas para el año académico 2016-2017:

11. Nivel de otra lengua romance: N/A _____ Otra lengua _____

- a) hablante nativo _____
- b) superior _____
- c) bueno _____
- d) modesto _____

12. Tipo de habitación preferida:
doble _____ triple _____ no tengo preferencia _____

Posibles compañeros/compañeras de cuarto con quien(es) me gustaría vivir:

Haremos todo lo posible para respetar las preferencias indicadas, sin embargo, sólo se aceptarán las solicitudes más justificadas. La prioridad es que los estudiantes de la misma habitación hablen la misma lengua romance.

12. Explique brevemente, en esta hoja, por qué desea vivir en la Casa de lenguas romances y las contribuciones que piensa hacer a su ambiente cultural.

Responsabilidades de los residentes de la Casa de lenguas romances

Me hago responsable de hablar español durante las horas en que yo esté en la Casa, con la única excepción siendo la presencia de personas que no comprenden el español. Me comprometo también a participar activamente en los encuentros culturales y sociales tanto de la Casa como del Club de Español, y de asistir a la Mesa Española todas las semanas. Trataré de animar a los compañeros a hablar español y de ser también participantes activos en la vida intelectual y social de la Casa.

Como residente me comprometo a las siguientes cosas:

- respetar la casa y el lugar en que vivo
- ser responsable por los daños causados a la casa, a menos que tales daños se puedan atribuir a un individuo o individuos concretos
- respetar la intimidad, derechos e integridad de los otros residentes de la casa
- respetar la intimidad, derechos e integridad de los residentes vecinos
- seguir las normas de conducta establecidas en el "Student Handbook"

Entiendo que el no cumplir con este compromiso puede resultar en mi expulsión de la Casa de lenguas romances.

He leído y comprendo este documento:

Firma _____ Fecha _____

Nombre y apellido _____