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May course in Spain to teach "global competence"

(Feb. 6, 2004 – Palm Beach Gardens) Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach Gardens will offer a nine-day cultural diversity class in Spain this May to study Spanish culture: history, art, architecture, cuisine, geography, music and dance. The three-credit course may be used as an elective toward an associate or bachelor's degree.

Participants do not have to speak Spanish because readings and lectures will be in English, said Professor Alyse Schoenfeldt, Ed.D. Students who do speak Spanish will have ample opportunity to use it, she said.

"The course objective is to broaden one's horizons, to become more aware of other cultures and to specifically learn about the Spanish culture," Schoenfeldt said. Prof. Schoenfeldt, a Harvard graduate, has 30 years experience teaching foreign languages and once held an endowed chair in multicultural studies at PBCC. She is a strong proponent of teaching people "global competence," she said.

The study abroad course will include visits to see Madrid's Royal Palace, the Prado Museum, El Greco's work in Toledo, the medieval walls of Avila, Salamanca, which is known for the oldest university in Spain, the Roman aqueducts in Segovia, the Valley of the Fallen, a monument paying tribute to those who died in the Spanish Civil War, and a flamenco concert.

Although general registration at PBCC begins April 12, those who plan to take the cultural diversity class should contact Prof. Schoenfeldt before registering. The \$2,338 price for traveling expenses, including airfare, hotel, tours and some meals, is guaranteed if paid before March 1. In addition, participants will pay the cost of college tuition. To find out more, call Alyse Schoenfeldt at (561) 207-5050 or e-mail her at schoenfa@pbcc.edu

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