

THE UNIVERSITY JACOBEOAN CREDENTIAL FOR THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

- Do you attend or have you attended a University?
- Would you like to do the Way of St. James pilgrimage as a "University Pilgrim"? ...complete the pilgrimage with a **special Pilgrim's Pass** in order to obtain the University Pilgrim "Compostela" certificate?
- ...pass through all the Universities located on the official Way of St. James?
- Additional information is available at this website: www.campus-stellae.org

1. WHAT IS THE WAY OF ST. JAMES?

The Way of St. James –a route as old as the ancient Kumano Road in Japan- leads to the venerated tomb of St. James, apostle of Jesus Christ, located in St. James' Cathedral in the city of SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (Galicia, the province in the north-west corner of Spain).

From the early Middle Ages up to today, pilgrims have made their way to this shrine from all over Europe. Over the centuries, different official routes have been established. However, the original Way of St. James still begins, as it has for more than a thousand years, in the pilgrim's own home and finishes at the shrine.

2. WHY THIS INITIATIVE?

The **University Jacobean Credential** and the **University Jacobean Certificate** is an initiative implemented in 2002 by Alumni Navarrenses (University of Navarra) and other Spanish Universities along the Way of St. James, aiming to spread greater cultural and religious knowledge of the Way of St. James internationally.

3. SERVICES & BENEFITS

For this pilgrimage Alumni Navarrenses offers the University Pilgrim a **University Jacobean Credential**, which is a special Pilgrim's Pass or record for University students.

With the University Jacobean Credential the University Pilgrim can

- **obtain shelter in the refuges** along the Way of St. James
- Upon arrival at Santiago de Compostela, **obtain the traditional Compostela**, the document awarded to pilgrims by the Catholic Church, which certifies that the pilgrim has completed his pilgrimage *pietatis causa* (The pilgrim must obtain the necessary stamps along the route to prove that he/she has completed at least the last 100 km of the pilgrimage on foot or the last 200 km of the pilgrimage by bicycle or on horseback).
- **obtain the University Jacobean Certificate** (a special "Compostela" certificate for the University Pilgrim).
- receive **certain special offers and discounts** provided by cooperating firms (hotels, bookshops, sportswear, etc.) For more information see: www.campus-stellae.org.
- Some universities give **academic credits** to students who accomplish the Saint James University Pilgrimage partially or entirely.

4. WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All pilgrims, whether or not they are "University Pilgrims," can apply for the UNIVERSITY JACOBAN CREDENTIAL, but only a "University Pilgrim" as defined below can obtain the University Jacobean Certificate.

"University Pilgrim" means any student, former student, graduate, teacher, or former teacher from any University in the world.

5. WHAT IS THE CREDENTIAL?

The **University Jacobean Credential** is a document issued by Alumni Navarrensens to those University Pilgrims who wish to travel the Way of St. James with this special goal: to complete the pilgrimage, passing through all of the universities situated on one of the official routes (for example, the so called French Route) of the Way of St. James.

The University Pilgrim must obtain the seal or stamp of all the universities on his/her chosen official route on a document called the University Jacobean Credential.

If there is more than one University in a city, getting a seal from just one will suffice for that city. The seal of any University outside of Spain along the European routes of the Way of St. James is, of course, especially welcome.

This University Jacobean Credential replaces the ordinary pilgrim's credential that is offered by other authorities, ecclesiastical or otherwise (bishop, parish, associations of Friends of the Way of St. James, etc).

Both the ordinary credential and the University Jacobean Credential are valid to collect the necessary seals and stamps along the Way of St. James to obtain the traditional "Compostela" in Santiago; however the University "Compostela" can only be obtained with the University Jacobean Credential.

6. WHAT IS THE CERTIFICATE?

The **University Jacobean Certificate** of the Way of St. James is comparable to the traditional and famous "Compostela" (the document awarded to pilgrims by the Catholic Church, which certifies that the pilgrim has completed the pilgrimage *pietatis causa*), but it is *not* meant as a substitute for it.

In other words, the University Jacobean Certificate is a special "Compostela" certificate for the University Pilgrim.

7. HOW TO OBTAIN THE UNIVERSITY JACOBAN CREDENTIAL AND WHAT TO DO WITH IT ON THE PILGRIMAGE

You can apply for the credential over the internet (www.campus-stellae.org) or by ordinary mail. The University Jacobean Credential will be sent to you by post. You can also obtain it by asking in person at the Oficina Alumni the day you reach the campus of the University of Navarra on your pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

To accomplish the University Pilgrimage to Santiago, you must complete at least one of the Spanish routes of the Way of St. James to Santiago de Compostela. Along the way, you must obtain the official seals or stamps from all of the universities you pass through along your chosen route (if there is more than one University in a city, then just one stamp will suffice). These serve as proof that you have accomplished the University Pilgrimage so you can obtain the University Jacobean Certificate from the University of Navarra.

Either before or after the pilgrimage, the University Pilgrim should obtain the seal or stamp of their (current or former) University on the labelled space of the University Jacobean Credential. In this way, all the Universities of the world can take part in this initiative.

8. HOW TO OBTAIN THE UNIVERSITY JACOBAN CERTIFICATE (the University Pilgrim's "Compostela")

After completing the Way of St. James along any of the official routes, send a photocopy of your stamped University Jacobean Credential to:

OFICINA ALUMNI
Universidad de Navarra
Edificio Central
31080 PAMPLONA
SPAIN

You may also bring your credential in person. In this case, go to the Central Building (EDIFICIO CENTRAL) and ask for the OFICINA ALUMNI.

The requirements for the University Jacobean Certificate are the following visible seals or stamps on your University Jacobean Credential:

- a) the **seals or stamps of at least the Spanish universities** located along your chosen route of the Way of St. James (the seal of one University per city is enough if there are several),
- b) the **seals or stamps** obtained along the official Way of St. James, at least two per day (obtained in refuges, parishes, associations of Friends of the Way of St. James, town halls, tourist offices, bars, etc.),
- c) the **seal of the pilgrim's University** on the indicated section of his/her University Jacobean Credential,
- d) the **seal of the Pilgrims' Office** at Santiago de Compostela, which certifies that you have finished the Way of St. James under the ordinary conditions.

As soon as we in Oficina Alumni receive the necessary documentation, we will send you free of charge your UNIVERSITY JACOBAN CERTIFICATE, which certifies that you have completed the UNIVERSITY PILGRIMAGE.

9. THE DIFFERENT ROUTES

The routes are not always called by the same names, but the most commonly known are the following:

Main Routes

The French Route (via Lemovicensis; via Turonensis; via Podiensis; via Tolosana) over which the Christians of the East, North, Centre and South of Europe entered Spain and then made their way to Santiago.

Other main routes include the Northern Route, The Primitive Way, The Silver Route, The English Way, The Portuguese Way, and The Italian Way.

Secondary Routes in Spain

The Ways of Madrid, Valencia, Alicante; The Catalanian Way, The Way of Our Lady and The Ebro Route, among others, are the secondary pilgrimage routes.

**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA-ROME
(The VIA ROMÆA)**

Our UNIVERSITY PILGRIM PASS is also valid for a pilgrimage following The Via Francigena from Santiago to Rome, taking any of its three routes: The classical Way over Monginevro (the border between France and Italy near Torino); the Northern or Alpine Way over the Great San Bernardo Pass; or the Coastway over Ventimiglia.