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Advanced Studies Abroad



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ACADEMIC YEAR
2025 - 2026

CASA BARCELONA

PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE	
LOCATION	Barcelona, Spain has long been considered Spain's most progressive city, and is a well-established center of political, social, and cultural activism. At a crossroads of Roman, Visigoth and Islamic civilizations, Barcelona is justifiably proud of its past. At the same time, its progressive spirit has made it one of the most modern and cosmopolitan cities in the world. Students who wish to learn about the contemporary political, social, cultural, linguistic, and economic challenges facing Spain and Europe will find Barcelona to be an ideal venue for study.
HOST INSTITUTION(S)	Universitat de Barcelona (UB) Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) (fall only & full year students in spring)
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	Spanish; Catalan
PROGRAM DATES	Fall Semester: <i>Late August to late December</i> Spring Semester: <i>Mid-January to late May/June</i> Academic Year: <i>Late August to late May/June</i>
COURSEWORK	<p>All students enroll in a combination of courses totaling 29-32 ECTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Pro-Seminar CASA Course (8 ECTS), focused on specific aspects of Spanish & Catalan language and local history, society, and culture; (2) Students choose 1-2 CASA course(s) (6 ECTS each) offered through CASA Barcelona/Universitat de Barcelona; (3) Students typically choose three university courses offered by local partner universities and totaling 15-18 ECTS. <p>University courses can be taken across a range of disciplines at one or more of the program's partner universities (see above).</p> <p>During the pre-departure phase of the program, the CASA Barcelona team will contact all students with detailed information regarding how to pre-select classes at local partner universities.</p> <p>Students must make a pre-selection of classes before their arrival in Barcelona and will need to consult the course offerings on the distinct web page of each respective university.</p> <p>To help students with the course selection process, students have academic counseling sessions with the CASA Barcelona team. These sessions take place remotely before arrival and in person once students have arrived in the city, before the beginning of classes at the local universities.</p>

HOUSING	All students are housed at Beyoo Living Marina , a residence hall, in single rooms with a private bathroom/shower. The resident hall includes a cafeteria/restaurant with meal plan options as well as shared kitchens on every floor. More information can be found on our website .
INTERNSHIPS & VOLUNTEERING	Accounting for 30% of the Language and Cultural Pro-Seminar course , students can select between doing rigorous academic research in a selected topic or undertaking an internship or volunteering placement at a local institution . For those opting for internships and volunteering, CASA Barcelona students participate in a wide range of sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academic placements closely related to the student's field of study - STEM, art & culture, marketing & communication, economics & business, international relations & political sciences, NGOs & language, edition & translation. ● Educational placements at local primary and secondary schools or at the Language Services department of the Universitat de Barcelona. ● Volunteering in hospitals or local NGOs dedicated to supporting the local community (children with long-terms illnesses, refugees, the elderly, immigrants, the LGBTQ community and the homeless are just some of the communities served by this initiative).
EXCURSIONS	Academic excursions and field trips typically include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guided tours of the city and one to three-day excursions as part of the Pro-Seminar ● Cultural activities: cooking workshop, theater night, tapas night ● Exploring Catalonia
PROGRAM COSTS	Visit the CASA Barcelona website for information on program fees and financial aid .
HEALTH INSURANCE	All students are enrolled in an accident and sickness plan through Sanitas Spanish health insurance (included in program fee). Students are also enrolled in International SOS, through Brown University. International SOS should be used for all incidents outside of Spain, mental health counseling in/outside of Spain, and all safety and security emergencies and evacuations.
APPLICATION PROCESS	
APPLICATION DEADLINES	FALL 2025 (tentative) February 1: Preferred Application Deadline (<i>Visiting Students Only</i>) March 1: Final Application/Nomination Deadline March 15: Post-Acceptance Commitment Deadline SPRING 2026 (TBD) Check the OGE Visiting Students webpage for updates.

<p>HOW TO APPLY</p>	<p>Open to students from all academic disciplines who have completed a minimum of six semesters of college-level Spanish (or the equivalent). Students who have not reached the six-semester Spanish level, but have completed a combination of at least intermediate/advanced Spanish and some Catalan coursework are also encouraged to apply. This program is open to both Brown students and non-Brown / visiting students.</p> <p>Visiting students should visit Brown's Office of Global Engagement website for more information on how to apply. CASA students should visit their home school study abroad office.</p>
<p>VISA REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>All students going to Barcelona (including those with a non-Spanish, EU passport) will need to apply for a Spanish student visa at a Spanish Consulate(s) with jurisdiction over their home school and/or state of permanent residence. As the process can take up to 10 weeks at some Consulates, it is important that students have a valid passport – 6 months beyond the program end date – at the time of applying.</p>
<p>TRANSCRIPTS</p>	<p>CASA Member School Students: All transcripts will be sent directly from CASA Barcelona onsite staff to each member school.</p> <p>Visiting Students: All transcripts will be sent directly to Brown University. Brown's Office of Global Engagement (OGE) will send students' official Brown transcript, along with CASA course transcripts, and local host institution transcripts directly to students' home schools. Please visit the OGE website for more information.</p>
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