



Consortium for Advanced Studies in Barcelona

Overview

The Consortium for Advanced Studies in Barcelona (CASB), a collaborative initiative involving **Brown, Chicago, Cornell, Harvard, Northwestern, Princeton, and Stanford**, provides students with a unique opportunity to have direct access to three distinguished Spanish universities. The program is designed for students in all disciplines with advanced Spanish skills who are looking for serious and rigorous academic study.

CASB students are immersed in the local university environment and take most of their courses at one or more of the Consortium's partner universities: Universitat de Barcelona (UB), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), and Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF). Comprehensive student services support the academic and social experience.

Barcelona is a bilingual city, and program participants have the opportunity not only to improve their fluency in Castilian Spanish but also to gain a working knowledge of Catalan. Single semester students who arrive with proficient oral and written skills in Catalan and full-year students who have acquired Catalan proficiency during the fall term may have the option to pursue content courses in Catalan. Exposure to the complexities of both languages provides students with a deep understanding of the rich cultural mosaic of Catalonia and greater Spain.

The City

With a population of five million and an impressive array of museums, architecture, art, and entertainment, Barcelona is one of the most important intellectual and cultural centers of Spain. Barcelona is justifiably proud of its past as a crossroads of Roman, Visigoth, and Arabic civilizations. At the same time, its progressive spirit has made it one of the most modern and cosmopolitan cities in the world.

The region's vast historical, cultural, linguistic, and artistic legacy is an ideal looking glass through which to examine key political, social, economic, and cultural issues affecting Spain, the Mediterranean region, and the whole of Europe today. Barcelona is just half an hour from sandy beaches, three hours from the majestic peaks of the Pyrenees, and two hours from the French border.

Barcelona Universities

CASB partners with three distinguished Barcelona universities whose combined course offerings provide students with an array of opportunities in the humanities, social sciences, physical and natural sciences, art, and architecture.

HIGHLIGHTS

<http://www.casbarcelona.org/>

SEMESTER AVAILABLE: Full year or one semester (fall or spring)

ELIGIBILITY: A minimum of two years of college-level Spanish language or equivalent. B average in the fall and spring preceding the semester abroad.

COURSES: Princeton students are required to take all courses in Spanish or Catalan.

HOUSING: single in university residence hall

FINANCIAL AID: Students approved to study in Spain for Princeton credit may use university financial aid to meet expenses.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- March 15 for fall semester or full year.
- September 30 for spring semester.

- **Universitat de Barcelona** (www.ub.edu) founded in 1455, enrolls more than 70,000 students. Offering 75 undergraduate degrees, over 90 doctorate programs, and 390 postgraduate courses, UB is the largest of the ten universities in Catalonia and the second largest in Spain.
- **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona** (www.uab.es) was established in 1968 and enrolls more than 50,000 students. The state-of-the art Bellaterra campus in Cerdanyola del Vallès is home to most of its departments, institutes, and services. Seventy-eight degree programs are available at UAB, covering a wide range of fields, including the humanities and arts, social sciences, health sciences, and experimental and technological sciences.
- **Universitat Pompeu Fabra** (www.upf.edu) is a dynamic institution established in 1990. Today it enrolls 11,000 students and offers courses in all fields – from experimental, health, and life sciences to human and social sciences and technical studies – on an expanding campus in the heart of the city, stretching between the Ramblas and the district of Poblenou, site of the 1992 Olympics.

Academic Calendar

	Spring 2012
Arrival	January 13
Pro-Seminar	January 16 - 27
Classes Start	February 2
Classes End	July 16

Academic Program

Each semester, program participants take one course offered by the CASB Center and three regular university courses. In addition, students take a Language and Culture Proseminar, a mandatory three-week pre-session course geared toward preparing advanced Spanish and/or Catalan language students to function well in the academic and social context of Barcelona.

Students provisionally choose courses during the semester prior to participation in the program by reviewing the course schedules of each university. Students should review their course choices with academic advisers at Princeton during this pre-selection period. All three universities provide a wealth of courses taught either in Castilian Spanish or Catalan.

N.B. Students attending the program for a full year may select courses offered through all three universities. Due to academic calendar differences, however, students studying in Barcelona for the fall may only choose courses offered by UPF or UAB. Those studying in Barcelona for the spring may only select courses offered through UB and UAB. UB courses are not available to fall-term-only students, and UPF courses are not available to spring-term-only students.

Information on finding courses offered in Spanish at the three Barcelona partner universities is available from the Office of International Programs.

Princeton Credit

At the end of the semester abroad, students will be issued a transcript from the program. It will be reviewed by the Office of International Programs for credit. Courses must be pre-approved and passed with the equivalent of a C or above to receive Princeton University credit. A copy of the transcript will be sent to the student's academic department at Princeton. The Princeton University transcript indicates the program or university attended, its location, and the courses for which students earned Princeton credit, but no letter grades. Grades for independent work completed during the semester or year abroad are recorded on the Princeton transcript and count in the Princeton GPA. Credit is not given for courses taken on a pass/fail basis.

Housing

CASB houses students in the Residencia Melon District-Marina, which has 427 individual rooms that cater to a mixed Spanish and international student population. CASB students have an individual room with a private bath. The single rooms open up to a common living room and kitchens that CASB students share with ten flatmates, creating an apartment-like atmosphere. Amenities include internet access, television, closet and shelf space, desk, single bed, and bed linens. The facility also provides a swimming pool and access to a fitness gym. The residence is beside the Marina metro station and the tramway line, ten minutes from UPF and downtown.

Students are required to sign a housing contract to secure their housing space for the duration of their period of study. Students will be billed for housing directly by Princeton. Please note: all semester-only students are required to live in CASB-assigned housing.

On-Site Staff and Facilities

Consortium operations in Barcelona are managed by a Resident Director and Program Assistant who coordinate orientation, advising, CASB Center classes, and housing for students. The CASB Center is located at c/Balmes 13, a short walk from UB and steps away from metro and train lines that serve students attending classes at UAB or UPF.

Expenses

CASB Fees: CASB fees for the academic year 2011-12 are \$12,437 per semester. This figure includes tuition, related academic programming, and program-sponsored excursions.

Housing: The housing cost is \$ \$4,884 (Estimate) for fall term 2012 and \$ \$7,164 (Estimate) for spring term 2013 plus a one-time housing registration fee of \$324 (non-refundable).

Note: You will be billed by Princeton for your CASB tuition and fees and for your housing.

Living Expenses: Living expenses will be approximately \$3,000 for fall term 2012 and approximately \$4,300 for spring term 2013. Living costs include books, food, local transportation, and daily living expenses.

Travel: Students are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from Barcelona. Round-trip fare from New York to Barcelona is approximately \$1300.

Insurance: All students are required to carry health insurance. Student health insurance that is valid overseas may be purchased through Princeton University for \$925 per semester. Students who are covered by other insurance plans must confirm that they will be covered overseas while studying abroad.

Visa: Student Visas must be applied for at the consulate with jurisdiction over your state of permanent residence or the state in which you attend college. It is strongly recommended that you apply as soon as possible—**as early as three months in advance**—to allow enough processing time. **It takes a minimum of seven weeks to process this type of visa.**

A Student Visa is required for all nationalities, except citizens of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

The fee for the Long Stay Student Visa (more than 90 days) is \$140 for U.S. citizens and \$81.00 for other nationalities. For Russia, Ukraine, Macedonia (ARYM), Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania, and Moldavia, the fee is \$47.25; for other nationalities, \$81.00. **Consular Fee can ONLY be paid in money order issued by the United States Postal Services, payable to Consulate General of Spain.**

NOTE: If the period of study in Spain is longer than six months, you must submit a FBI Background Check, notarized and legalized by the “Apostille of the Hague.” (Local police background checks are no longer accepted as of June 15, 2010.) **This process can take 12 weeks, so it is important to plan ahead!**

Passport: Students are responsible for ensuring that their passports are valid for their entire stay in Spain. Passport fees are \$110 (application fee) plus a \$25 execution fee. Fees are \$110 to renew your passport. For further information on renewing or obtaining a passport, please consult the U.S. State Department passport website at www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html.

Application

The CASB application is available in the Office of International Programs or on the Office of International Programs website. For fall term or the full-year academic year, the application deadline is **March 15**. For spring term, the application deadline is **October 1**. Students should complete the application, secure the required references and transcript, and submit materials directly to the Office of International Programs before the deadline.

The Princeton Study Abroad Approval Form, available on the Office of International Programs website at <http://www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/forms/approval/>, is due by **November 1** for students applying to be abroad in the spring and by **May 1** for students applying to study abroad in the fall or for the full year. The Princeton approval form is reviewed by the Committee on Examination and Standing, which grants final approval to participate in the program. Students who have secured the approval of the Office of International Programs and their department are normally approved by the Committee.

Financial Aid

Students who are approved to study in Spain for Princeton credit may use Princeton University’s financial aid to meet expenses abroad. Students need to complete a budget form, available from the Financial Aid Office or from the Office of International Programs. The Financial Aid Office will review the budget and adjust the financial aid award as appropriate. The budget should include tuition, room, board, travel, books, and personal expenses.

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