Overview
The Consortium for Advanced Studies in Barcelona (CASB) is a collaborative initiative involving Brown, Chicago, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Northwestern, Princeton, and Stanford. The program is designed for students in all disciplines with advanced Spanish skills who are looking for serious and rigorous academic study. The Woodrow Wilson School offers a policy seminar in the fall semester.

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. Comprehensive student services support the academic and social experience. Students can participate in non-credit internships in a variety of areas: art & culture, education, marketing & communication, business, international relations, consulting, NGOs, science & technology, and language & translation.

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

- **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. UAB offers 78 degree programs, covering a wide range of fields.
- **Universitat Polytecnica de Catalunya (www.upc.edu)**, founded in 1971, is a public university specializing in architecture, health sciences, engineering, economics, and applied mathematics. It offers 68 undergraduate degrees within its 11 campuses and regional centers, 23 schools, and 42 departments.
- **Universitat Pompeu Fabra (www.upf.edu)**, established in 1990, enrolls 11,000 students and offers courses in all fields—from experimental, health and life sciences to human and social sciences and technical studies.

The Setting
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.

**IN BRIEF**

**WEBSITE:** http://www.casbarcelona.org/

**SEMESTER AVAILABLE:** Full year or one semester (fall or spring); WWS policy seminar is offered in the fall semester.

**PROGRAM DATES:** early September to late December for fall; mid-January to late June for 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:** Courses are available in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, art, and architecture. 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. Students must complete a budget form, available from the Undergraduate Financial Aid Office. The budget should include tuition, room, board, travel, books, and personal expenses.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** March 14 for fall or full year; September 20 for spring
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. WWS students also take the required Policy Task Force.

The four Spanish universities offer numerous courses in diverse disciplines. 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 four universities provide a wealth of courses taught either in Castilian Spanish or Catalan.

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.

Students attending the program for the fall or full year may take courses at any of the four Spanish universities. Spring semester students may choose from UAB, UB, and UPC.

Student Life
Consortium operations in Barcelona are managed by a Resident Director, Student/Academic Support Services Coordinator, and a Special Activities Coordinator. 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.

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: semester-only students are required to live in CASB-assigned housing.

Application Process
The CASB application and CASB General Information form are 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 14. For spring term, the application deadline is September 20. 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/process/academicyear/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.