

IES Barcelona, Spain

Liberal Arts & Business

IAP Academic Notes

While in Barcelona, you take 15–19 credit hours per semester. IES Abroad Barcelona offers a wide range of academic opportunities, which can be summarized into five course types:

- **Spanish language courses** are worth 3-7 credits and are offered at the IES Abroad Center. These courses range from the 100- to the 400-level; Spanish language course enrollment is required.
- **Area studies courses** are worth 3 credits and are offered at the IES Abroad Center in English and Spanish in a wide range of disciplines.
- **Internships** are worth 3 credits and combine project-based placements in finance, media, service learning or at an educational organization with a required seminar. Internships are only available if you place in the advanced Spanish language level.
- **Estudios Hispánicos (hispanic studies) courses** are worth 1.5-3 credits at the University of Barcelona and 3 credits at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra. They are specifically designed for international students and are available in a wide range of disciplines, in both Spanish and English.
- **University courses** at local universities are in Spanish and English, and you take these classes alongside local Spanish students. Courses may be worth 2-4 credits.

For more information on the courses, please consult either the IES website or the IES handbook.

Registration

IAP will register you for a special “Study Abroad Course” for the term(s) you will be studying abroad; therefore, it is not necessary for you to register on the UW-Madison campus. This is a temporary registration, which will be converted into graded UW-Madison credit after the completion of your program.

Prior to departure, you will be asked to complete a course registration form along with a Spanish language placement test. More information about these items will be sent directly by IES and can be read about in the IES student pre-departure information booklet.

Limits and Load

All participants must enroll in the required Spanish language course for the semester. A typically course load is 15-19 credits per semester but IES requires all students to register in a minimum of 15 credits per semester.

Equivalents and Course Equivalent Request (CER)

Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison “equivalent” and the grade you receive in the course also transfers back to be recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. In order to establish UW-Madison course equivalents for your study abroad courses, you will submit a Course Equivalent Request (CER) through your My Study Abroad account. The deadline to submit the CER is by the end of the fourth week of classes. Detailed information on the UW course

equivalent process that you will use through your My Study Abroad account is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and in your My Study Abroad account under the academics tab.

Please note that every course you take abroad must be awarded an equivalent UW course. There are no exceptions. It is important to start the equivalent process as soon as possible to avoid any delay in posting your study abroad courses to your UW Madison transcript.

It is also important to remember that course equivalents are determined based on the CONTENT of the course, not the language the course is taught in. If you are taking a course taught in Spanish, do not assume that you will receive a Spanish equivalent for the course.

SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES: Students will only receive Spanish language equivalents for novice and intermediate level course work. Advanced level Spanish courses will be given Study Abroad Topics equivalents. For questions on this, please contact your Study Abroad Advisor.

Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit

Please refer to the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for Academic Policies at UW. Please also refer to your IES program handbook for the IES academic policies. You will declare a class pass/fail through your My Study Abroad account.

Credits

This program is a 1:1 credit scale, so a 3 credit course on the program will be posted as 3 credits at UW Madison. All participants must enroll in 15 credits for the semester.

Grades and Grade Conversions

The grading conversion scale for this program is as follows:

IES Grades	UW-Madison Equivalent
A+/A	A
A-/B+	AB
B	B
B-	BC
C+	BC
C/C-	C
D+/D	D
F	F