



BOSTON COLLEGE
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ESADE
2011-2012
Program Guide

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Preparing for Study Abroad

- To maximize the study abroad experience, students should prepare themselves by learning about their host country, its history, and culture. Students might want to begin with: www.economist.com/countries or <http://www.britannica.com/> for a summary.
- Students should know what is happening in the news in the host city by reading the local newspaper at: <http://www.newspapers24.com/world-cities/barcelona-newspapers/>
- Engaging with and adapting to a different culture is an inherent component of study abroad. Students may find the following websites useful to learn about intercultural communication before they leave home: <http://www.pacific.edu/sis/culture/> and <http://www.peacecorps.gov/wvs/educators/enrichment/culturematters/index.html>
- Customs and traditions in the host country are different from those at home. To learn a little about the local customs and traditions students may want to visit the following website: www.hthstudents.com
- Students and their parents should refer to the Office of International Programs website (www.bc.edu/international) and specifically to the *Study Abroad Handbook* for more information regarding the abroad experience.
- Prior to departure, students will meet with their International Study Advisor at an orientation to help them further prepare for their study-abroad experience.

On-Site Contact Information

- Teresa Nandín, the Boston College on-site coordinator, is available in case of an emergency on a 24-hour-basis. Students should make a note of Teresa's contact information before they go abroad, and we encourage students to share this information with their family.

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Travel Information

- Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. BC in Barcelona ESADE students will be met at the airport and picked up, provided they supply the necessary travel information one month prior to arrival to the on-site coordinator, Teresa Nandín. Students are encouraged to arrive in Barcelona before 12 noon on the BC arrival date, but students arriving later will be accommodated.
- Passport/Visa information: Students will need to obtain the following travel documents in order to study in Spain: A passport (valid at least six months beyond the estimated return date) A student visa (students should visit the Consulate of Spain's website for information regarding student visa requirements and procedures.) Their website is: <http://www.maec.es/subwebs/Consulados/Boston/es/home/Paginas/Home.aspx>
- Students will receive visa workshop and pre-departure orientation information via e-mail. All workshops and orientations are mandatory. Drop-in hours for visas are Fridays from 2-5pm.

Academics

ESADE Business

- **Program dates and Academic Calendar *Spring 2012 students should not purchase airline tickets until the pre-departure orientation.**

Fall 2011	Spring 2012
August 29th : Arrival date (leave on August 28 th)	January 14th : Arrival date (leave on January 13 th)
August 30th-September 9th : Intensive Spanish course	January 16th-27th : Intensive language course
September 12th : Classes begin	January 30st :Classes begin
	March 31st – April 9th : Easter Vacation
December 22nd : Final exams end	May 31st : Final exams end
December 22nd : Departure date	June 2nd : Departure date

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ESADE Law

- **Program dates and Academic Calendar *Spring 2012 students should not purchase airline tickets until the pre-departure orientation.**

Fall 2011	Spring 2012
August 29th : Arrival date (leave on August 28 th)	January 7th : Arrival date (leave on January 6 th)
August 30th-September 9th : Intensive Spanish course	January 9th-27th : Intensive language course
September 12th : Classes begin	January 30th : Classes begin
	March 31st – April 9th : Easter Vacation
	May 11th : End of classes
December 22nd : Final exams end	May 14th – June 1st : Final exams
December 22nd : Departure date	June 2nd : Departure date

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- BC-sponsored activities
 - Arrival day orientation and lunch
 - Walking tour: Gothic and Born Districts
 - Barcelona tourist bus
 - Cooking workshop
 - Walking tour: Gracia District
 - Walking tour: Modernist Barcelona and visit to La Pedrera house by Gaudí
 - Typical hot chocolate *merienda*
 - Hiking tour around Collserola Mountain
 - Visit to Codorniu wine cellars in the Penedés region
 - Day trip to Girona and Besalú
 - Guided visit to the Modernist Palau de la Musica in Barcelona
 - Trip to Granada or Toledo and Madrid
 - Guided visit to the Jewish call of Barcelona
 - Guided visit to Barcelona History Museum
 - Day-trip to Montserrat Mountain
 - Las Golondrinas Boat Trip
 - Farewell Dinner
- For course selection information, please refer to OIP Program Description Course Catalog.
- Course approval information will be found at:
<http://www.bc.edu/offices/international/academics/courseapproval.html>
- Information about Transcripts and grades is available at:
<http://www.bc.edu/offices/international/academics/transcripts.html>

Housing

- Students reside in international campus dorms in the Campus de Sant Cugat (Business School) or in shared apartments. In choosing housing, students should email Teresa Nandín for ESADE dorms or shared apartments in downtown Barcelona. The on-site coordinator, Teresa Nandín, will email students at least one week before they arrive in Barcelona to provide students with exact information of their housing arrangement (i.e., a brief description as well as student's address and phone number).
- Additional information about the estimated cost of housing may be found at: <http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/offices/international/financesawards.html>
- Meals: students will have the option to cook in the dorm or apartment or eat in the ESADE cafeteria.
- No transportation pass provided in the program.
Public transportation link:
http://www.tmb.net/en_US/home.jsp
- Cell phones and rental information are supplied at orientation. Costs are separate from the program.

Wellness, Health and Safety

- HTH Worldwide Insurance Services is an emergency health and emergency services provider. All registered BC students are covered by OIP's blanket policy while living and traveling outside of the United States. For more information, visit the following website: <http://www.bc.edu/offices/international/travel-health-safety.html>
- Students are advised to visit the U.S. State Department website: <http://www.state.gov/> for important travel information including travel advisories.
- Adjusting to a new culture and environment can be stressful. Students will have a smoother transition by making sure that they prepare to remain healthy. Following are some websites that provide important information and advice about how to have a healthy and safe experience abroad:
http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/emotions/culture_shock.html
<http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/cultural-services/articles/cultureshock-stages.html>
<http://www.bravenewtraveler.com/2007/11/20/the-4-stages-of-culture-shock-and-how-to-beat-them/>
- Students are required to visit the OIP website for additional information about Health and Safety:
<http://www.bc.edu/offices/international/travel-health-safety.html>
BC emergency contact information:
OIP (617) 552-3827 (Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
BCPD (617) 552-4444 (outside of normal business hours)
- Alcohol and Drugs
In many cultures, alcohol consumption is an acceptable part of the culture and people are taught to drink in moderation. Many countries have a lower drinking age than the U.S. while other countries have drinking and drug abuse laws that may be more severe. Students are subject to the laws of their host country. If students choose to drink alcohol abroad, they should always drink responsibly and be knowledgeable about their host country's laws by visiting:
http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html#drug_offenses

Finances

- The OIP website provides information about estimated expenses for study abroad:
<http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/offices/international/financesawards.html>
- Banking information: Students are encouraged to use ATM machines. Bank accounts can be opened for full-year students at Barclay's Bank or Banco Santander. Please contact on-site coordinator.
- Scholarships and Financial Aid information can be found at:
http://www.bc.edu/offices/international/Scholarship_Opportunities.html

Returning to BC

- Students should complete a Program Evaluation. Upon completion of their program, OIP will e-mail the link to the evaluation
- Students may mentor an exchange student from the host university by contacting oiexchange@bc.edu
- Students may volunteer for Discovery Night, Pre-departure Orientation, Re-entry Seminar by contacting the International Study Advisor, Elizabeth Goizueta at e-mail address Goizueteb@bc.edu.
- It is not uncommon when students return from studying abroad to experience "reverse" culture shock. The following may help students transition back to home:
<http://www.cie.uci.edu/prepare/shock.shtml>
http://www.studyabroad.com/pages/sitecontent/student_guide_five.aspx

References

- Suggested readings:
The New Spaniards by John Hooper
Spain is Different by Helen Wattle-AMES
Lonely Planet Spain or *Let's Go! Spain* travel guidebooks
www.upf.edu/en/index.shtml
APUNE (Asociación de Programas Universitarios Norteamericanos en España):
<http://www.apune.org/>
- Student and parent guides at <http://www.studyabroad.com/guides/index.html>