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Sited in the second-largest city and capital of Catalonia, Barcelona has a distinct language and culture. A Mediterranean port just as culturally developed as a densely settled coastal region, with its own identity and historical function, Barcelona today is easy to navigate and a great place to experience the multicultural and historical film festival, and has excellent restaurants, museums, and other attractions. The city is easily accessible to the mountain village of San Sebastián, known attractions. It was created to train competent, professional leadership for its country. Founded in 1957 by Catalan entrepreneurs who wanted to create a business school with a social conscience, ESADE trains students both at its Barcelona campus or in apartments. Title: Program Highlights

- Beautiful centrally-located campus with museums, and other attractions. The city is easily accessible to the mountain village of San Sebastián, known attractions.

- Business courses taught in English and Spanish
- Special undergraduate seminar taught by program director
- Various Spanish study trips for full year students
- A two-day excursion to Madrid and day trip to other local sites

BC students take courses at the following three universities and are fully integrated in the BC-ESADE coordinators’ activities.

- Three-day optional BC excursion to southern Spain

Barcelona

Established in 1868 by the Society of Jesus, the Universitat de Barcelona is one of Spain’s most distinguished universities. With a student body of approximately 16,000, the university has its main campus in Bilbao and a seaport and industrial hub in the north of Spain, as well as campuses in Madrid and other local sites. The Program

- Three-week early start intensive Spanish language course
- Three-day optional BC excursion to southern Spain
- Beautiful new campus
- Special undergraduate seminar taught by program director
- Various Spanish study trips for full year students
- A two-day excursion to Madrid and day trip to other local sites

BC students take courses at all of the following three universities and are fully integrated in BC-ESADE coordinator activities.

- Large variety of courses in Spanish
- Specialized courses in business, economics, and law, as well as a range of options in social sciences and humanities
- Successful private universities

Sited in central Madrid, Complutense is the largest university in Spain and the oldest of Madrid’s public universities. The campus offers a dynamic international community and its professors are among Spain’s most distinguished in the fields of art, humanities, linguistics, psychology, computer sciences, social sciences, and anthropology. The Program

- Three-week early start intensive Spanish course offered at all levels
- Beautiful centrally-located campus with museums, and other attractions. The city is easily accessible to the mountain village of San Sebastián, known attractions.

- Business courses taught in English and Spanish
- Beautiful new campus
- Special undergraduate seminar taught for students with no background in Spanish
The Program

Barcelona

Barcelona, the second largest city and the capital of Catalonia, Barcelona has a distinct language and culture. A Mediterranean city just over 100 years old, Barcelona is quickly developing as a design center, cultural capital, and world leader in business and the arts. Established in 1868 by the Society of Jesus, the Universidad de Barcelona is one of Spain’s most distinguished universities. With a student body of approximately 120,000, the university has two campuses on its main campus complex (The University of Barcelona and the Estudis Tecnològics de Barcelona) and is fully integrated in northern Barcelona.

The Program

- Leading business school in Spain, with social responsibility
- A month-long intensive Spanish language program offered at a lower price
- Beautiful centrally-located campus with easy access to downtown
- A two-day excursion to Madrid and day trips to other local sites
- BC students take courses at one of the following three universities and are fully integrated, and students can choose from regular Complutense courses or participate in the Language Center of the University of Granada’s experiential education courses.

Bilbao and San Sebastian

Bilbao, a port and industrial hub in the north of Spain, is a world-renowned industrial center, with a special emphasis on translation and interpretation. Small, intensive courses with strong student attention focus on Spanish language, culture, history, literature, art, history, economics, and politics. The Institute has a cooperation agreement with the Modern Language Center of the University of Granada, where its fully accredited classes are offered. Housing is in local Spanish homes.

The Program

- Special undergraduate seminar taught by program director
- Various spring internships for full year students
- A two-day excursion to Madrid and day trips to other local sites
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Granada

Located about 100 miles southeast of Madrid at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Andalusia, Granada is a city of over 100,000 inhabitants. Situated close to the Mediterranean coast, the city has rich cultural and historical attractions and has easy access to both skiing and the beach. A stunning Moorish palace, La Alhambra, is a reminder of Spain’s Muslim legacy and one of Granada’s best-known attractions.

The Program

- A two-day excursion to Madrid and day trips to other local sites
- BC students take courses at one of the following three universities and are fully integrated, and students can choose from regular Complutense courses or participate in the Language Center of the University of Granada’s experiential education courses.

Madrid

The capital of Spain is both a dynamic business center and one of Europe’s most beautiful and vibrant cities. A cultural and political hub, Madrid has several palaces, theaters, parks, and museums, including the world-renowned Museo del Prado which includes famous Spanish works by Velázquez and Goya. While the city is a major metropolis, its inhabitants enjoy a lifestyle which includes long walks, tapas, and late-night outings with friends and family.

The Program

- Various spring internships for full year students
- A two-day excursion to Madrid and day trips to other local sites
- BC students take courses at one of the following three universities and are fully integrated, and students can choose from regular Complutense courses or participate in the Language Center of the University of Granada’s experiential education courses.

Program Highlights

- Credit-bearing internships in local schools
- Large variety of courses in most disciplines
- Central and easy to access by metro and bus

Program Information

Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid

The Jesuit Universidad Pontificia Comillas has two campuses and offers a full curriculum. The downtown ICADE campus offers courses in business, science, and law, as well as a new specialization in international relations. Students have the option to major in finance, industrial engineering, and finance, and participate in the semester-long ICADE Madrid Executive MBA program. The ICADE campus offers students to take courses in English and Spanish.

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Located in central Madrid, Complutense is the largest university in Spain and the oldest of Madrid’s public universities. The campus offers a dynamic international community and its professors are among Spain’s most distinguished in the sciences. Students are required to take a two-week intensive language course before the semester starts, and can also take a number of ICADE Executive MBA courses which includes local field trips. Students reside in apartments or with local families, or in apartments with OIP programming.

Universidad de Granada

A midsize university located just outside of Malaga, the Universidad de Granada is the largest public university in Spain and offers excellent facilities and a dynamic, engaging environment for BC students. A number of post-graduate Spanish skills may be required in classes at this Jesuit university and its professors are among Spain’s most distinguished in the sciences. Students are required to take a two-week intensive language course before the semester starts, and can also take a number of ICADE Executive MBA courses which includes local field trips. Students reside in apartments or with local families, or in apartments with OIP programming.

Program Highlights

- Advanced classes in one of Spain’s most prestigious private universities
- Unique internship opportunities
- Complete immersion opportunity

In addition to these BC programs, students also have the choice to enroll in a program offered by another program. For more details visit www.bc.edu/international.
A BC on-site coordinator organizes activities. Early start intensive Spanish language course.

An international setting.

From its medieval Gothic quarter and historic old town to its world famous art nouveau. Barcelona today is easy to navigate. Barcelona program key. Fall, spring, full year for more detailed information about the above BC study abroad programs in Spain, visit the OIP web site at www.bc.edu/international.

Program Highlights

• Leading business school in international rankings, possessing three of the most prestigious global accreditations.
• Broad range of business courses taught in English.
• One month early intensive Spanish course offered at local universities.
• Optional internships in top Spanish cities.
• Limited English-taught courses in business.

San Sebastián

Bilbao and San Sebastián

Bilbao, a seaport and industrial hub in the north of Spain, is situated near the French border. San Sebastián, a special municipality on the northern coast, is renowned for its cultural, historical and historical attractions and has easy access to both skiing and the beach. A stunning Moorish palace, La Alhambra, is a reminder of Spain's rich history.

The Program

The Granada Institute of International Studies (GRIS) is a private institution which offers a unique environment for Spanish language learning and cultural immersion. Small, intensive courses serve as a launching point for strong student attention focus on Spanish language, culture, history, literature, art, history, economics, and politics. The Institute has a cooperation agreement with the Modern Language Center of the University of Granada, where its fully accredited classes are held. Housing is in local Spanish homes.

Program Highlights

• Special undergraduate seminar taught by program director.
• Various cultural activities to full year students.
• A two-day excursion to Madrid and day trips to other local sites.

Madrid

The Program

Established in 1868 by the Society of Jesus, the Universidad de Santiago de Compostela is one of Spain’s most distinguished universities. With a student body of approximately 15,000, the university has over 100 faculties, theaters, parks, and museums, including the world-renowned University Museum which includes famous Spanish works by Velázquez and Goya. While the city is noted for its culture, its people, and its history, its inhabitants enjoy a lifestyle which includes long walks, apéritifs, and late-night outings with friends and family.

The Program

BC students take courses at one of the following three universities and are fully integrated into university life. The new campus, whose psychology program is among Spain’s best, is for students wishing to take courses in social sciences and humanities.

University of Complutense

Located in the center of Madrid, Complutense is the largest university in Spain and the oldest of Madrid’s public universities. The campus offers a dynamic institutional community, and its professors are among Spain’s most dedicated educators. The university courses are regular Complutense programs, and they are designed specifically for international students.

Program Highlights

• Advanced classes in one of Spain’s most prestigious private universities.
• Unpaid internships available.
• Complete immersion opportunity.

In addition to these BC programs, students also have the choice to enroll in approved external programs. For details visit www.bc.edu/international.
A BC on-site coordinator organizes activities.

The Program

Established in 1893 by the Society of Jesus, the Universidad de Deusto in Spain is one of Spain’s most distinguished universities. With a student body of approximately 16,000, the university fosters a lively platform for debate and social involvement. Students reside in university apartments or campus dorms.

Program Highlights

• Optional business internships in San Sebastian
• Three-day optional BC excursion to other local sites

BILBAO AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Bilbao, a seaport and industrial hub in the north of Spain, is the second largest city in Spain. Its historic quarter has a cultural heritage, with a wide variety of courses in Spanish and liberal arts. The small, intensive courses offered by the Reunidas program, designed specifically for students with no background in Spanish, are courses in communications, art, history, linguistics, psychology, computer sciences, and new specialization in international relations.

The Granada Institute of International Studies (GRIS), a private institution which offers a variety of courses in Spanish language and culture, with strong student attention focus on Spanish language, culture, history, literature, art, history, economics, and politics. The Institute has a cooperation agreement with the Medieval Language Center of the University of Granada, which, under the line of the efforts of housing in Granada. The University of Deusto is a large, internationally renowned private university in the Basque region of Spain. It was founded in 1886 by the Society of Jesus and has over 200,000 students. The University of Deusto is one of Spain’s best, is for students wishing to take courses in local social sciences and humanities.

This program is designed for students with advanced or bilingual Spanish skills.

Program Highlights

• Credit-bearing internships in local schools
• Large variety of courses in most disciplines
• Central and easily accessible by metro or bus

SIT at Pompeu Fabra, and are fully integrated in an international setting.

Universidad Carlos III

The downtown ICADE campus offers courses in business, economics, and law, as well as a new specialization in international relations. Courses in real estate, management, and finance supplement course work. The Trypbarcelona, whose psychology program is among Spain’s best, is for students wishing to take courses in local social sciences and humanities.

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San Sebastián is an hour’s drive from Bilbao. An ancient port situated on the western side of the Pyrenees at the mouth of the Urumea River, San Sebastián is a coastal resort with no background in Spanish.

This program is designed for students with no background in Spanish.

Program Highlights

• Special undergraduate seminar taught by program director
• Various spring internships to full year students
• A two-day excursion to Madrid and day trips to other local sites

Barcelona

The Program

BC students take courses at ICADE or Universidad Pompeu Fabra, and are fully integrated in their host school. BC students take an early start to intensive Spanish language course. A BC on-site coordinator organizes activities.

Program Highlights

• Leading business school in international rankings, possessing three of the most prestigious global accreditations
• Broad range of business courses taught in English-taught courses in economics and business
• One month early start intensive Spanish language program
• Three-day optional BC excursion to other local sites

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Program Highlights

• Three-week early start intensive Spanish course offered at all levels
• Beautiful centrally-located campus with easy access to downtown Barcelona
• Student associations offering a variety of activities

The Program

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