

IES Barcelona



Quick Facts

- Location: Barcelona, Spain (The IES Abroad Barcelona Center is located in the center of Barcelona near the Plaza Catalunya and features high speed and wireless Internet access, multimedia classrooms, study lounges with printers and a large outdoor terrace with social/study space)
- Program Credits: 15-19 credits per semester (5-6 courses)
- Language(s) of instruction: English and Spanish
- Language Prerequisites: None
- Approx. Program dates: January 9th-April 27th*



*For students enrolled in IES Abroad courses only. Students enrolled in partner university courses are required to complete partner university exams before departure and depart IES Abroad housing the following day.

- Tuition: \$13,410

Academics

- **IES Abroad 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.
- **IES Abroad 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 business, international relations & finance, media, service learning, or at an educational organization with a required seminar. (English placements are available. A basic knowledge of Spanish is required for some.)
- **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.

- **Local university courses** are in Spanish and English, and you take these classes alongside local Spanish students. Courses are worth 1.5-4 credits.

Possible Courses:

- Cultural Heritage: Business and Strategies
- European Regional Economies
- Globalized Economy and Migration
- International Finance
- Business Ethics in an Intercultural Framework
- Strategic Management
- The Business of Sports in Europe

Partner Institutions:

IES Abroad Students can take courses at any of the following universities:

- **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)***
- **Universitat Pompeu Fabra: Hispanic Studies**
- **Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF): ESCI**
- **Universitat Ramon Llull: Tourism School Sant Ignasi-Esade**
- **Universitat Ramon Llull: LaSalle Business School**
- **Universitat Ramon Llull: Faculty of Communication Blanquerna**
- **Universitat de Vic (UVic)**

Academic Requirements

In order to receive credit while abroad, you must enroll in a full course load at IES Barcelona. At IES Barcelona, a full course load is considered to be 15-19 credits which is 15-19 Ross credits.

Students will be required to enroll in:

- Four-credit Spanish language course: Please note that this is a mandatory requirement regardless of Spanish background and this will not transfer back as a business elective credit at Ross.
- International Business courses: You will receive credit for Ross business electives if you enroll in the IES International Business courses. A list of courses available can be found [here](#).
- You will also have the opportunity to enroll in courses outside of the International Business classes (i.e., Art History, Anthropology, Hispanic Studies, etc.) However, you will not receive business elective credit at Ross for those classes.

All Ross credits are awarded through BUSABRD, a pass/fail course. You will receive special permission to register for BUSABRD by Academic Services. It will be your responsibility to enroll in BUSABRD by the permission deadline.

As you will be representing Ross and the University of Michigan while you are abroad, we expect strong performance in your academic work. You must pass each of your courses per IES Abroad Barcelona's grading scale. In the event that you receive a failing grade, you will not receive the proportionate number of Ross credits for that course and it will be recorded as a Fail on your University of Michigan transcript.

Your academic advisor must review and approve your course selections. You will be prompted to submit your course schedule, via online form, prior to your departure. We understand that your final schedule may not be determined until after you arrive in Barcelona. You are responsible to inform us of any course changes. In addition, there cannot be significant overlap between your IES Barcelona schedule and core courses that you have already completed at Ross.

Cost

- Tuition: \$13,410
- Housing: \$3,170 (Selecting the residence hall or student apartment option has an additional \$1,500 fee)
- Insurance: \$220
- Students will pay IES directly as a third party provider, and students will receive a UM tuition waiver.
- Additional costs/fees not included above: Obtaining a student visa, airfare, meals, phone, local transportation, IES field trips, etc. Students should budget approx. \$6000-\$9000 for these expenses.

Housing

- *Homestays*: 2-3 IES Abroad students live in a home with local residents and students share a double room. Two meals a day are provided (breakfast and dinner) while the program is in session.
- *Residence Halls*: Live with 1-2 other Spanish and/or IES Abroad students. Meals plans vary. Placements are limited and an additional fee applies for this option.
- *Apartments*: Live with 3-4 other IES Abroad students in double rooms, as well as a Barcelona Cultural Companion/"tutor cultural". Apartments have full kitchens. Placements are limited and an additional fee applies for this option.

*****Students will work directly with IES to select housing options. Global Initiatives cannot guarantee that student preference will be given*****

Student Life

- *Orientation*: Term begins with a comprehensive orientation program to introduce students to one another, IES staff, and the city of Barcelona, as well as to provide

information on health and safety procedures, transportation, cultural adjustment, and student life/academics in Spain.

- *Several excursions* are offered to IES Abroad students- one is covered in your program fee, others are partially subsidized by IES Abroad. They can include 1-3 days trips to Costa Brava, Granada, Mallorca, Montserrat, Tarragona, etc.
- *DiscoverIES*: 60+ cultural activities each semester, led by IES Abroad Barcelona professors. Past events have included, Spanish cooking classes and wine tasting sessions, opera/concert performances, flamenco workshop, hiking trips or walking tours of the city, etc.

*content taken from IES Barcelona website, <http://www.iesabroad.org/study-abroad/programs/barcelona-liberal-arts-business>