

Universitat de Barcelona

fall / spring / academic year



anthropology / art / art history / biology / business / chemistry / education / fine arts / geography / history / international relations / internship / legal studies
literature / mathematics / philosophy / physics / political science / psychology / sociology / spanish language and culture



program snapshot

- Immerse yourself in Spanish academic culture by enrolling in regular University classes in a wide range of disciplines, from Spanish language and literature to geography, international relations, political science, and an internship
- Participate in cultural and educational activities, including lectures and visits to museums; explore Barcelona, Catalonia, and Spain through our excursion program
- Let CIEE Guardian Angels guide you through the city and help you feel at home; get help from tutors; take non-credit classes in Spanish cooking

what you'll learn

The Advanced Liberal Arts program aims to help students with advanced Spanish language skills develop fluency through direct enrollment in a wide range of regular University classes. In this immersion program, you take most of your classes alongside Spanish classmates, who will become your friends and your guides to this new culture. Your Spanish will improve dramatically because you will be living the language—as part of your everyday life in Barcelona and as part of your life as a student at the Universitat de Barcelona.

thoughts from abroad

En “Las dos doncellas,” que escribió Miguel de Cervantes, puede leerse este cálido elogio de la ciudad de Barcelona: “Admiróles el hermoso sitio de la ciudad, y la estimaron por flor de las bellas ciudades del mundo, honra de España, temor y espanto de los circunvecinos y apartados enemigos, regalo y delicia de sus moradores, amparo de los extranjeros, escuela de la caballería, ejemplo de lealtad y satisfacción de todo aquello que de una grande, famosa, rica y bien fundada ciudad puede pedir un discreto y curioso deseo.”

Cuatro siglos después, Barcelona sigue siendo una de las más bellas ciudades del mundo. Aquí, gentes de todos los lugares y todas las lenguas disfrutan de la cultura catalana, enmarcados por un entorno arquitectónico privilegiado, y se deleitan con una gastronomía extraordinaria. Y recogiendo el espíritu de la ciudad, la Universitat de Barcelona (UB) representa un punto de referencia excepcional en la ciudad.

— Alberto del Río Malo, Resident Director

About the Resident Director

Alberto del Río Malo holds a Master’s degree in Hispanic Philology from the Universitat de Barcelona, where he is currently completing his doctoral dissertation on the relations between literature and cinema. Alberto has been a visiting professor of Spanish Language and Literature at Knox College in Galesburg, IL, and professor of Literary Theory and Comparative Literature at the Universitat de Barcelona.

About the Center Director

Clara Rodas holds an M.B.A. from DePaul University and has extensive business and academic experience. She has worked in the financial, consulting, and education sectors in the U.S., Argentina, and Spain. Prior to joining CIEE, Clara worked for over eight years at the European campus of The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, where she held the positions of Academic Advisor and Director of Administration. In addition, she has relevant teaching experience, having taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

About Other CIEE Staff

Students interact with Nicola Heath, Housing Coordinator; Anna Sánchez, Registration and Grades Coordinator; Rebeca López, Administrative Coordinator; Dionisio Sanchez Loring, Language Coordinator; Tali Leizerovitz, Internship Coordinator; and Elizabeth Pogoloff, Cultural Activities Coordinator.

about barcelona

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia, a region in northeastern Spain with its own distinctive history, culture, and language. Its metropolitan area has a population of 2.8 million and is set between the mountains and the Mediterranean. Walking through the city, one can observe 2,000 years of architectural history—Roman ruins, the network of narrow streets in the Gothic quarter, the 19th century *Eixample* district with its original examples of *Modernista* architecture—contrasting with the ultramodern showpieces that continue to redesign its skyline.

academics

Academic Program

The Advanced Liberal Arts program in Barcelona, which began in the fall of 2005, is designed for independent-minded students with advanced language skills interested in enrolling in regular University classes in a diverse range of subjects. At the beginning of the program, students take an intensive Spanish language course designed to prepare them for classes at the Universitat de Barcelona (UB). During this time, students also meet individually with the Resident Director to select their courses at the University.

Heritage Learners Track

CIEE offers a special track for Heritage Learners. Students who choose to be part of this track take Spanish for Heritage Speakers followed by four regular University courses. Students have access to the entire UB curriculum. CIEE provides students with a list of recommended courses.

Academic Culture

The CIEE Study Center is located in a historic building located in Passatge Permanyer, a historic passageway, and near Plaza Catalunya, Barcelona’s main square. UB’s departments of Modern Languages and Literatures, Geography, History, History of Art, and Philosophy are located downtown at University Plaza, within walking distance from the CIEE Study Center. Other UB departments are located in the Pedralbes section of Barcelona in the Northwest part of the city, about a 20-minute metro ride from the CIEE Study Center.

UB classrooms range from traditional Spanish to modern and may have up to 100 students in a class. CIEE classes are small, with no more than 12 students in a class.

CIEE courses are similar to U.S. courses in that attendance is carefully monitored, and the student’s active contribution to class is an important part of the grade. Tardiness and unexcused absences are not allowed and lead to a lower grade. Students can expect daily readings, regular homework, a midterm exam, a final exam, and a final project or paper.

UB classes are taught in the Spanish academic tradition, which involves more independent work on the part of the student. Typically, the syllabus includes an outline of the themes and a list of recommended readings. There is usually no precise calen-

dar. In many classes, the professor gives a final exam, but often allows a student the option of writing a research paper as part of the final grade or in place of the final exam. It is perfectly normal for Spanish students to share notes with one another and to work together to prepare for the final exam. This is an excellent way for U.S. students to meet Spaniards and practice the language.

The fall semester program begins in late August and ends in mid-January. The spring semester program begins in mid-January and ends in June. In some cases, professors may be willing to administer the final exam earlier than the officially scheduled date.

Although extracurricular activities and personal travel contribute to the student’s overall experience, early departure for or late return from vacation is not allowed. Any extended travel should take place prior to the start of the program, during vacation periods, or upon completion of the program.

Nature of Classes

Students enrolling in UB courses take classes alongside Spanish students. CIEE culture and language classes are with other CIEE students and not with host country students.

CIEE Community Language Commitment

Students take part in the CIEE Community Language Commitment by speaking Spanish at all times [except in emergencies]. This fosters a learning community that contributes to both Spanish language proficiency and understanding of Spanish society.

Grading System

In CIEE courses, students are graded on class participation, in-class activities, homework assignments, examinations, papers, and oral presentations, similar to standards in the U.S. At UB there may be term papers or an oral examination. However, some departments may have multiple choice/true false exams. Numerical grades are given based on a 10-point scale and converted to the U.S. grading scale.

Students must check with their professors to find out exam and other due dates. Under no circumstances will CIEE alter the deadline for a student who has made travel plans on the same day an exam is scheduled or an assignment is due.

where you’ll study

Founded in 1450, the Universitat de Barcelona (UB) is the oldest and largest of six universities in Barcelona. It has four campuses in different parts of the city and has 81,000 students, the second largest in terms of student numbers in Spain. UB comprises five colleges, 20 research centers, 105 departments, and 98 degree programs. Postgraduate programs are also offered, as well as a large number of continuing education courses.

living

Housing and Meals

Students can live in either Spanish homes or in a student *residencia* (dormitory) with other international students. Students living in a homestay have breakfast and dinner at home. Lunch is at the student's expense, and many eat at the several University-run cafeterias. Meals are not included in the student *residencia* option, but each private room in the *residencia* has a small, but fully equipped kitchen for students to prepare their own meals. All homestays are located in the city of Barcelona, and students take public transportation to their classes, which averages a 30-minute commute by metro or bus to the city center.

As space in the *residencia* is limited, students who are not placed there are placed in a homestay. Students who are not assigned the housing option of their choice will be notified by the resident staff prior to arriving in Barcelona.

Academic year students have the option of living in an apartment during their second semester. Students are responsible for finding, leasing, and managing their apartment stay. Meals are not included in the apartment option and are the responsibility of the student.

Orientation

A week-long orientation session at the beginning of the program introduces students to the country, culture, and the academic program, as well as provides practical information about living in Spain. Themes include the Spanish university system, banking, safety, money and visa issues, the Catalan language, cultural adaptation, and more. A diagnostic language examination is also conducted. Orientation includes both structured cultural activities and independent sightseeing, and ongoing support is provided on an individual and group basis throughout the program.

Internet

Students have wireless Internet access at UB student facilities. In addition, students can use the computer room at the CIEE Study Center. The student *residencia* is equipped with Internet access for laptop hook-up. Most of the homestays have Internet access. Students are encouraged to bring wireless-enabled laptops.

culture

Cultural Activities and Field Trips

The academic program is supplemented with required field trips and excursions, which include visits in Barcelona (art and history museums, cathedral, city hall, port, walking tours of the historic district, and more) and day excursions to such locations as La Garrotxa National Park, the Dalí museum in Figueres, Greek and Roman ruins in Empúries, Salvador Dalí's home in Cadaqués, the historic Jewish quarter in Girona, Roman amphitheater in Tarragona, and the Penedés wine region. Longer trips may include visits to Madrid, Bilbao, Mallorca, the Pyrenees, La Rioja, Valencia, and Spain's northern coast. Field trips and excursions supplement class work and introduce students to the rich diversity of the geographic, linguistic, and cultural areas of Spain and its major cities.

Other cultural activities include those designed to bring American and Spanish students together, such as conversation exchanges with UB Spanish students. CIEE also organizes non-credit Spanish cooking classes in which students are invited to participate. Although there are no formal community service activities in this program, volunteer opportunities can be arranged by CIEE staff.

Language Activities

A program of language activities has been developed to enhance the student's language learning and cultural immersion. These activities may include lectures, films, discussion groups, and neighborhood tours. Students participate actively, speaking Spanish at all times. Past activities have included a lecture on art of the Spanish Civil War, a tour of Barcelona's Jewish neighborhood, and a Spanish movie viewing, followed by a student-led debate.

Guardian Angels

Guardian Angels are local students who accompany CIEE students on group activities and also participate in field trips and other events. Guardian Angels are like big brothers and sisters, helping students make friends at the University, introducing them to the city's culture, and generally helping them adapt to life in Barcelona. The Guardian Angels Program is a unique feature found at the CIEE Study Center in Barcelona.

duration

Fall

21 weeks: late August–late December or late January

Spring

21 weeks: mid-January–late May or early June

Academic Year

42 weeks: late August–late May or early June

eligibility

- Overall GPA 3.0
- 6 semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent

costs

CIEE Fees

Fall 2009: \$13,750

Spring 2010: available 8/15/2009

Academic Year 2009–10: \$22,900

The CIEE fees for 2009–10 include an optional on-site airport meet and greet, full-time leadership and support, tuition, housing, two meals per day (homestay), orientation, organized cultural activities, local excursions, field trips, pre-departure advising, comprehensive student guidebook, and a CIEE iNext travel card, which provides insurance and other travel benefits.

Estimated Additional Costs

(Fall 2009)

Transportation (round-trip based on U.S. East Coast departure)	\$ 1,300
Personal Expenses	\$ 2,800
Additional Meals* (homestay option)	\$ 750
Books and Supplies	\$ 300
Local Transportation	\$ 400
Visa Fee	\$ 100
Potential Travel to Consulate for Visa	\$ 400
Total Estimated Additional Costs	\$ 6,050

*Students living in the *residencia* are responsible for all meals, estimated at \$2,000 per semester.

Check our website for current fees.

language

Catalan

Castilian Spanish and Catalan are both official languages in Barcelona and the region. Catalan is regularly used in all aspects of life, but not imposed on non-Catalan speakers. Taxi drivers, shopkeepers, service representatives, professors, and homestay families all speak clear Castilian whenever a Spanish-speaker is present. Spanish is widely used at the University and CIEE students are advised on which classes are taught in Spanish. While it is not necessary to speak Catalan to survive in Barcelona, you will find that learning a few words can be an enjoyable experience and open doors to making friends with your hosts.



coursework

Program Requirements

Students are required to take the Intensive Spanish Writing and Stylistics course prior to the start of UB classes. For the remainder of the semester, students take a CIEE culture course or internship in Spanish and three regular University courses in Spanish. Students taking Spanish for Heritage Speakers take four additional University courses.

During their second semester, academic year students are not required to repeat the intensive course in January, but take final exams during that time. In their second semester, academic year students register for three or four regular UB classes in Spanish and one of the CIEE culture courses that they didn't take in the fall.

All CIEE and UB courses are considered junior- or senior-level courses. All language instruction in the program is at the advanced level. CIEE reserves the right to place participants in the language course for which the student is best prepared based on the results of on-site diagnostic testing.

Credit

Recommended credit for the semester is 15 semester/22.5 quarter hours and for the academic year, 27–30 semester/40.5–45 quarter hours. A full course load is considered five courses, and students are required to maintain a full course load to remain in the program.

Contact hours are 45 hours and recommended credit is 3 semester/4.5 quarter hours, unless otherwise indicated.

Language of Instruction

Spanish

Faculty

All regular University and CIEE courses are taught by faculty from the Universitat de Barcelona.



courses

Required CIEE Intensive Language Course

All students are required to take the following course for the first few weeks of the semester.

SPAN 4502 BAAL

Intensive Spanish Writing and Stylistics

This class is specially designed for students to improve their written expression in Spanish before taking regular University classes. It focuses specifically on the skills needed to write research papers in Spanish: grammar, lexicon, orthography, and stylistics. The course also focuses on the development of a variety of text types: description, narration, explanation, and hypothesis. It incorporates individual and group work.

Required CIEE Culture Courses—in Spanish

Students choose one.

AHIS 3001 BAAL

Masterworks in Catalan Art

Students are introduced to five important artists—Gaudí, Picasso, Dalí, Tàpies, and Miró—who made important contributions to Catalan art and architecture, as well as to art history in Spain in general. Class lectures are complemented by guided visits, especially to the architectural wonders of Gaudí in Barcelona, the Picasso Museum, the Dalí Museum in Figueres, and the Miró Museum and Tàpies Foundation in Barcelona. *Instructors: Mireia Freixa and Joan Molet*

CATA 1001 BAAL

Introduction to Catalan Language in its Social Context

This course is designed to help beginning Catalan learners develop the fundamental linguistic skills needed to communicate. It assumes that students already have an intermediate to advanced knowledge of Spanish. Special emphasis is placed on the socio-cultural context in which students live. *Instructor: Laia Borràs*

HIST 3002 BAAL/ANTH 3001 BAAL

Behind the Closed Doors: A History of Private Life in Spain

Until recently, historians have only written and taught about Spanish political and economic history: the history of power. This course approaches Spanish history from a new perspective, using as a departure point several subjects of daily life that are easily identifiable. Students find points of contact that allow them to develop a critical analysis and also to further their cultural immersion. Although the course is not organized chronologically, most time periods of Spanish history are covered from Iberian culture to the 20th Century, in thematic units using an interdisciplinary approach. Food, religion, death and burial, housing typologies, disease, women, family, sexuality, and childhood are some of the many subjects that come together in this history of private life in Spain. *Instructor: Teresa Vinyoles*

LITT 3001 BAAL/CINE 3001 BAAL/SPAN 3001 BAAL

Literature and Cinema in Spain

Designed to complement the Spanish literature courses at UB, this course analyzes the relationship between literature and cinema in 20th- and 21st-Century Spain. It examines the fundamental role literature plays in the creation of cinema, the reception of “new art” by the Generation of '98 and the Group of '27, Buñuel and his first surrealist films, and the mutual influence between the two art forms: from the poetic cinema of Julio Medem to the cinematic novels of Javier Cercas or Carlos Ruiz Zafón. Authors include: Federico García Lorca, Rafael Alberti, Juan Marsé, Adelaida García Morales, and others. The course also includes projections of movies by Luis Buñuel, Víctor Erice, Pedro Almodóvar, David Trueba, Icíar Bollaín, and others. *Instructor: Alberto del Río Malo*

LITT 4001 BAAL/SPAN 4001 BAAL

Independent Study: Contemporary Spanish Poetry

Students taking this course must be a major in Modern Languages and Literatures, Literary Theory, Comparative Literature, or English Literature and have advanced Spanish language skills. Please consult with the Resident Director regarding eligibility for this course. This course examines representative works of Spanish poetry in addition to contemporary literary theory and criticism. Students analyze literary works from a theoretical point of view in order to gain a better understanding of the works and of the cultural environment in which they were created. *Instructor: Alberto del Río Malo*

CIEE Internship

INSH 3003 BALA Internship

The internship allows students to have a practical experience in an organization within a variety of industry sectors. In addition to the on-site business experience, students have a weekly classroom component which provides academic support to their practical experience. Recommended credit: 3 semester/4.5 quarter hours. Contact Hours: 135.

CIEE Spanish for Heritage Learners Course

SPAN 4002 BAAL

Spanish for Heritage Learners

This course is for students whose native language is Spanish. The course provides students access to a formal, academic level Spanish. In addition, it offers them the opportunity of improving their reading and writing competency in Spanish. Students study the differences between the different colloquial styles of Spain and of The Americas, as a way of reflecting on the distance between the spoken language and the written language (indicating different patterns of speech). In addition, they study the diglossia and the *Spanglish* phenomenon. A major course goal is to stray from using spoken colloquial language, and to embrace formal written Spanish. The course has three main objectives: to consolidate the normative aspects of language (distinguishing them from the colloquial language), to analyze the formal structures of written speech (providing reflexive knowledge of the writing), and to acquire the stylistic resources necessary to formulate clear rich and expressive writings (working on the ease and fluency of writing).

Universitat de Barcelona Courses

The following list is an overview of the types of regular UB courses that are available to CIEE students in the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Education, Geography and History, Hispanic Philology, International Affairs, Law, Mathematics, Modern Languages and Literatures [Spanish], Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, and Psychology. The Resident Director meets with each student during orientation to help him or her choose and register for classes.

Department of Biology

The Department of Biology offers scientific training in the basic and applied aspects of Biology, Molecular Biology and Genetics; Cell Biology and Physiology; and Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity. Courses: Bioestadística, Bioquímica Ecología I: materia y energía, Fisiología animal, Histología vegetal y animal, Origen de la vida y evolución, Zoología

Department of Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry offers scientific training in the basic and applied aspects of general, analytical, organic, inorganic, and physical chemistry. Courses: Ampliación de análisis instrumental, Ampliación de química inorgánica, Cálculo numérico y herramientas informáticas, Electricidad y óptica, Química biorgánica, Química física III, Técnicas de separación

Department of Economic Sciences/Business/Law/Political Science/International Affairs

Throughout its various departments, the Diagonal Campus (a 20-minute metro ride from the city center) offers a broad spectrum of courses in Economics and techniques in the analysis of local, European, and world economies, as well as classes in Business, Law, and Political Science. Courses: Ciencia política y de la administración: sistemas políticos y sistema político español, Contabilidad II: Contabilidad Financiera, Contabilidad III: Contabilidad de Costes, Dirección Financiera II: Análisis financiero, Econometría de la empresa, Economía de la empresa II, Economía del desarrollo, Economía española, Economía industrial española, Economía mundial, Economía regional y urbana, Historia económica de España, Integración europea, Instrumentos y mercados financieros, Macroeconomía (Introducción), Macroeconomía, Microeconomía (Intermedia), Organización económica Internacional, Política económica II (Internacional), Política económica III (España y Unión Europea), Política Industrial, Psicología social, Sistema político y constitucional español, Sociología de la ciencia, Sociología de la comunicación, Sociología de la familia, Sociología de las organizaciones, Sociología del mercado y del consumo, Sociología del trabajo, Sociología económica, Sociología general: procesos sociales, Teoría de juegos

Department of Fine Arts

The Department of Fine Arts shapes plastic artists, professionals, and artistic directors in image and design. The department also provides an environment for building theoretical knowledge; conceptual formation, aesthetics and critique; a formation of artistic practice; and an adequate professional capacity for a degree in Fine Arts. Courses: Arquitectura gráfica, Cine y videodocumental, Dibujo, Dibujo al natural, Dibujo del movimiento, Diseño, Escultura, Fotografía, Fotografía digital, Historia de la fotografía, Historia del diseño, Pintura, Vídeo, Videoarte

Department of Geography, History, and History of Art

Located in the city center, the Facultat of Geography and History offers basic and applied scientific training in the methods and techniques of Geography, History, History of Art, and Social and Cultural Anthropology. Courses: América colonial, Antropología del género, Antropología y problemas de la sociedad contemporánea, Aproximación a la historiografía europea moderna, Arte del Renacimiento en España, Colonizaciones no hispánicas en América, Conquista y colonización de América (Siglo XVI), Geografía de Cataluña, Historia de la Amazonia andina, Historia de la vida cotidiana en la Edad Moderna, Historia del cine y otros medios audiovisuales desde 1930, La España de los Austrias, Las fuentes de la Historia del arte de

época moderna y contemporánea, Métodos y técnicas de investigación histórica, Proto-historia general, Tendencias del cine contemporáneo, Tendencias historiográficas actuales, Transmisión cultural y educación.

Department of Hispanic Philology

Located in the city center, the Facultat of Philology is housed in the historic building of the Universitat de Barcelona. The Department offers courses in Spanish language and literature; literary theory; classic languages and literatures; and Catalan, Galician, Basque, English, German, French, Italian, Hebrew, Arabic, Romanian, and Slavic languages. Courses: Comentario de textos literarios españoles, Cuestiones del español como segunda lengua, El español en los Estados Unidos, Español conversacional, Fonética del español, Historia de la lengua española I, Historia de la lengua española II, Introducción a la historia de la lengua española, La literatura hispanoamericana del S.XX en sus géneros, Literatura española II, Literatura española III, Literatura española de la Edad de Oro, Literatura española del S.XX, Literatura española del Renacimiento, Literatura hispanoamericana II, Morfología del español, Narrativa hispanoamericana del S.XX, Poesía española del S.XX, Prosa memorialística contemporánea

Department of Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics offers scientific training in the basic and applied aspects of calculus, linear algebra, and mathematical structures. Courses: Álgebra II, Análisis Matemática II, Geometría diferencial, Introducción a la teoría de Grafos, Modelos computacionales

Department of Philosophy

The Facultat of Philosophy offers a historical and critical study of the fundamental ideas of the western tradition and present world with courses on the History of Philosophy and Science, Logic and Philosophy of the Sciences, and Moral and Political Philosophy. Courses: Antropología filosófica II, Estética II, Filosofía contemporánea II, Filosofía de la ciencia II, Filosofía de la cultura II, Filosofía de la historia II, Filosofía del lenguaje II, Filosofía de la naturaleza II, Historia de la ciencia II, Historia de la filosofía antigua II, Historia de la filosofía medieval II, Introducción a la lógica II, Lógica II, Metafísica II, Teoría del conocimiento II

Department of Physics

This Department offers scientific training in the basic and applied aspects of Physics. Courses: Análisis matemático I, Electromagnetismo, Fundamentos de física II, Métodos matemáticos de la física II

Department of Psychology and Education

This Facultat offers scientific training in the basic and applied aspects of psychology and pedagogy as well as socio-educational intervention and mediation. Courses: Aprendizaje y motivación, Desarrollo en la segunda y tercera infancia, Evaluación psicológica, Intervención en psicología clínica y de la salud, Metodología observacional, Neuropsicología humana, Psicofisiología, Psicología de las organizaciones, Psicología de la salud, Psicología social, Psicología social aplicada y comportamiento colectivo

a student's story

The thing I like most about the CIEE Advanced Liberal Arts program is how our group is small and we get a lot of personal attention from the staff. We've had a cooking lesson, trips to neighboring towns, and flamenco dancing. I chose this program to take university classes with Spanish students. Not only is learning from a Spanish perspective a very interesting experience, but interacting with the students is a learning experience in itself. On my first day of class, I discussed politics in Catalonia with a Catalan, and was fascinated by the Catalan political situation. Having Spanish students as my peers is the most enriching aspect of this program.

— Barbara Sabat, Harvard University