Spain

Barcelona Study Center
Internships in Barcelona offer exceptional opportunities for students to integrate into Spanish culture and relate to the city.

At the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) in particular, you have access to an extensive network of agreements with businesses and organizations that cater to the university’s departmental strengths in the areas of political science, sociology, international (global) and intercultural studies, communications studies, music, peace and conflict studies, and European studies.

The EAP Study Center and university are constantly adding new contacts with businesses, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and governmental organizations, and previous participants have explored a wide variety areas:

- Communication majors have worked on Web and social networking projects and have also interned with local newspapers
- Political science students have worked with NGOs that address immigration and racism issues in Spain and Catalonia
- Psychology majors have shadowed doctors in hospitals and even joined a psychologist during interviews with inmates at a local penitentiary
- An environmental studies student helped track EU consumption patterns for an environmental consulting firm

Whether conducting linguistic research on the intonation patterns of Valencian Catalan, leading English conversation groups, or learning about the intricacies of business through an internship at a Spanish bank, you will have numerous opportunities outside of the classroom in Barcelona to improve your language skills in a professional setting and gain practical experience in your major field of study.

Granada Study Center
Students participating in the Language & Culture, University of Córdoba program have the option of participating in language intercambios and other volunteer activities in order to interact with Spanish students and members of the community. The University of Granada has established an office, the Center for Development Cooperation Initiatives (CICODE), that coordinates and promotes volunteer activities. You will find positions in NGOs and other entities specializing in international cooperation, immigration, disabilities, women’s issues, children at risk, health for the aged, environmental protection, etc. The EAP Study Center in Granada can help you find volunteer opportunities with various local organizations; if you are interested, approach the EAP staff early on to see if a placement is possible during your EAP participation.

Madrid Study Center
The EAP Study Center in Madrid coordinates internship opportunities in a variety of fields. If interested, you can preregister during the program’s orientation in Spain in order to participate in an internship during the first or second semester.

Volunteer opportunities are also available through Voluntariado, an organization that collects information about local organizations and their activities. Depending on the arrangements made with the EAP Study Center, volunteers may even receive academic credit for their service project.

EAP participants have completed internships or volunteer work at local elementary schools, government offices, advertising and communication businesses, and with Spanish or international NGOs specializing in education, the environment, animal rights, economic development, and sustainable development.

Detailed information about the various opportunities and procedures for obtaining UC credit will be available at the EAP Study Center.

“This internship completely changed my experience in Barcelona. I was able to see a different world; not the world of all-night parties and fiestas with puentes, nor the world of the little American student in an American program with the American Diaspora. What I had the chance to see, experience, benefit from, influence, and feel was how the Spanish world of law really was and how the people worked every day. I got a glimpse of what the real Spain is like.”

EAP Student, Barcelona

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