

Spain

UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for an EAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment.

The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) from the prior academic cycle.

If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information

For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising>

A Mini Guide to UCEAP Programs in Spain

UC students program

Students take courses alongside other UC students in areas of Spanish language and culture, politics, and society, etc.

Students in the UC Center Madrid programs live in a homestay or shared apartment.

Students in the Córdoba program live in a homestay.

Fall	Contemporary Spain, UC Center Madrid
Summer	Language & Culture, UC Center Madrid
Fall	Language & Culture, Univ. of Córdoba
Spring	

Special Focus

Students take courses designed for international students offered as part of a special Hispanic Studies, or Business and Economics, or international summer curriculum.

At Carlos III, there is an option to take mini-courses alongside local students. See program-specific information below for details.

The variety of Hispanic Studies or Bus & Econ courses is wider than in a Language & Culture program but narrower than in an Immersion program.

Carlos III Hispanic Stds students live in a homestay while UPF students will be able to arrange their own housing. AUB ISS students stay in university housing.

Summer	Int'l Summer School Autonomous Univ. of Barcelona
Fall	Carlos III Univ. Hispanic Studies
Spring	Business & Economics Pompeu Fabra Univ

Immersion

Students enroll directly at a host university and take regular university courses with host country students.

During the Intensive Language Program students live in a university residence or homestay, after which they may live in an apartment, private home, boarding house, or university residence.

Fall	Complutense Univ. of Madrid
Year	
Year	Univ. of Barcelona
Spring	
Fall	Univ. of Granada
Year	
Spring	Carlos III Univ. of Madrid

General Information

Spanish Language Prerequisites

For general information about the different ways that you can fulfill Spanish language prerequisites, please see the [UCEAP Language Prerequisite Guide: Spanish & Portuguese](#).

For more detailed information on which Spain program options are appropriate for you given your level of Spanish language proficiency, please see [UCEAP Spain Programs by Language Level](#).

Visa Information for Summer programs

Due to the limited duration of the summer programs, U.S.citizens are not required to obtain a student visa.

Non-U.S. Citizens students should contact the Spanish consulate immediately to find out about entry requirements.

Students who are planning to participate in other EAP programs in Spain immediately after completing the summer program will need to apply for a visa for both programs and should contact the Adviser immediately for more information.

Visa Information for All Other Spain Programs

Obtaining a student visa for a semester or year in Spain requires persistence, patience, and a proactive approach. Although you will receive more detailed visa information after you are selected, there are some important things you should be aware of now to ensure you do not have problems later on:

It's critical that **the way you list your name in your MyEAP online application** is exactly the same as the way it's listed in your passport. If there is any discrepancy in between the way your name is listed in your passport and the way you it is listed in MyEAP and other application documents, you may face significant obstacles in getting your visa.

Non-US citizens plan ahead. EAP is not able to provide guidance to non-US citizens on how to apply for a visa. You are responsible for contacting the Spanish Consulate to find out what documents you will need to apply for a student visa for Spain.

Plan ahead to extend. If you think there is any possibility that you will want to extend your stay in Spain, you are highly encouraged to check "Yes" on the Departmental/College Pre-Approval to Extend form (DPA) and obtain the necessary signatures. Checking "Yes" does not commit you to extending, but it will help ensure that you receive the documentation necessary to extend your visa in Spain. If you wish to extend to a spring program after your arrival in Spain, it is likely that you will have to return to the U.S. to apply for a new visa.

The normal visa processing period is typically no sooner than 90 days (3 months) and no less than 60 days (two months) before departure for your EAP program. Because you have to leave your passport at the Spanish consulate for visa processing, **it may not be possible for you to travel internationally within 90 days of the start of your program.**

Be prepared for a trip to the consulate. Fall and Year participants typically need to visit the consulate before the end of spring semester, sometimes during final exams. Spring participants typically need to visit the consulate before the end of fall semester, sometimes around the time of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Keep in mind that although the UCEAP Systemwide Office provides general visa guidelines as a courtesy, **it is ultimately your responsibility to obtain a visa.** The Systemwide Office will be able to address some of your visa questions, but there may be times when you will need to direct your questions directly to the Spanish consulate.

Program Specific Information

International Summer School, Autonomous Univ. of Barcelona

UCEAP offers a new International Summer School program at the Autonomous Univ. of Barcelona. Students will take two consecutive courses. Through the two courses, students will earn 6 semester units. In the past cycle, 3 courses were offered in the first block and 2 courses were offered in the second block.

Keep in mind that courses offered through International Summer School at AUB changes from year to year. The course information is usually not available until late February, after the application. If students are hoping to satisfy requirements through the program, it may be prudent to consider a back up option.

Spanish language instruction is not available through the program. Those wishing to take Spanish language courses are encouraged to consider Language & Culture, UC Center Madrid or UC Berkeley Summer Sessions' [Summer Abroad programs](#) in Spain.

Please check [UCEAP's Spain program page](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Language & Culture, UC Center Madrid

Language Maximum

Although the Madrid Language & Culture program does not require any prior Spanish coursework, you will not be eligible for the program if you've completed more than 1 year (2 semesters) of university-level Spanish or its equivalent. We consider all previous formal Spanish language training, including AP, SAT II exam scores, community college courses, etc. Please see [UCEAP Language Prerequisite Guide: Spanish & Portuguese](#) for clarification.

If you are too advanced to qualify for the Madrid L&C program, you are encouraged to consider UC Berkeley Summer Sessions' [Summer Abroad programs](#) in Spain.

Courses

Students take two courses for a total of 8 semester units.

Minimum GPA Requirement

The Madrid L&C program requires a minimum "2.0 cumulative GPA and good academic standing, as defined by your UC campus." What this means is that even if you have a 2.0, if a 2.0 does not constitute "good academic standing" within your college and/or your department, you may not be allowed to participate in the program. If your GPA is below a 2.5, it is recommended that you check with your college/school and department for requirements of good academic standing.

Subsequent Spain Program Options

Students can use the Madrid Language & Culture program to meet the language prerequisite for other EAP programs. Consult the EAP Adviser for more information.

Contemporary Spain, UC Center Madrid

The Contemporary Spain is a new program, offered for first time in fall 2015. Students on this program only take courses with other UC students at an ACCENT study center. Students will have access to classrooms, study spaces and other educational resources, but please keep in mind that you will not be taking courses at a Spanish university.

Students who have an intermediate or advanced level of Spanish language proficiency are encouraged to consider immersion options.

Please check [UCEAP's Spain program page](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Language & Culture, University of Córdoba

Language Maximum

The Córdoba program is designed for students with 2 to 3 semesters of university-level Spanish. You are not eligible for the program if you've completed more than 1.5 years of Spanish (or its equivalent). If you are too advanced to qualify for the Córdoba program, you are encouraged to consider the Hispanic Studies or Immersion programs.

Courses

Students take 4 courses worth 4 semester units each: Spanish Grammar (Spanish 40 A&B or 50, depending on placement) worth 4-8 semester units; History 150, worth 4 semester units; and a choice between Art History, Political Science or Spanish Literature and Film course, worth 4 semester units. Additional elective courses may be offered if the participant number is high.

Extensions and Subsequent Spain Program Options

Students in the Fall semester Córdoba program may be able to extend to the Spring semester at Univ. of Granada. In order to extend, you must turn in a signed Departmental Pre-Approval to Extend form (DPA) with your application. Students may also be able to meet the language prerequisite for other EAP programs through the Córdoba program. Consult the EAP Adviser for more information.

Heritage Speaker track

Student who grew up with exposure to the Spanish language but have not had formal classroom training will be able to find a language learning class appropriate for them. The Univ. of Cordoba offers a course meant for heritage speakers in the program.

Carlos III University, Hispanic Studies

The Carlos III program is designed specifically for international students. Because the fall semester immersion programs in Spain run from October to February, the Carlos III program allows students who want to go abroad in the fall to return to Berkeley in time for the spring semester.

Courses

The majority of students take 5 or 6 Hispanic Studies courses worth a minimum of 14 semester units total. Students also have the option to take one regular Carlos III classes and also take seminar-type classes called *mini-cursos*, which can replace a Hispanic Studies course. However, regular, full-length Carlos III courses run on the regular Spanish academic calendar and thus end about a month after the end of the Hispanic Studies courses. Carlos III has agreed to allow for an earlier final for students to return in time for the spring term at their home campus.

Extensions and Subsequent Spain Program Options

Students participating in the Fall semester Carlos III program can extend to the Spring semester and take regular university courses (as opposed to Hispanic Studies courses).

Carlos III University

During the spring term, students of all Spanish language background levels take courses at Carlos III university. However, please understand that your level of Spanish background will determine the types of courses you have access to.

Students with limited or no Spanish language background will only have access to Carlos III classes taught in English. Carlos III offers English-taught courses in the areas of Business, Economics, International Studies and Engineering.

Click “ingles” at the left hand menu to filter the departments that offer coursework taught in English.

http://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/Grado/es/ListadoGrados/1371212987094/Oferta_de_titulaciones

Students with Spanish 4 or its equivalent can take Hispanic Studies courses taught in Spanish just like the fall semester options. Please understand that Hispanic Studies courses can be limited.

http://portal.uc3m.es/portal/page/portal/internacional/estudiantes/curso_est_hispanicos/catalogo_asignatur_asceh

Students with Spanish 25 or higher can take whatever course offerings at Carlos III as long as you meet the prerequisites for the class.

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International Business & Economics, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona

The International Business and Economics program at Pompeu Fabra University is a relatively new UCEAP offering. The first group of EAP students participated on this program during the spring 2013 term. Students will have access to UPF's courses taught in English in the Business and Economics fields.

Because UPF is on a trimester system, Berkeley students going on EAP are required to attend both UPF's winter *and* spring trimesters in order to receive enough course credit to satisfy a semester of academic work and qualify for financial aid. The two trimesters will run approximate from early January to late June. **There are no exceptions to this requirement even if you do not receive financial aid or do not need the units towards graduation requirements.**

It is possible for students to participate in an internship during the spring trimester on the program. The University of Pompeu Fabra has a well-organized internship program that takes place in spring. All students who obtain internship placements also attend a weekly seminar geared to delve into the cultural aspects of an international business experience, and enhance the academic dimension of their internship. **You must complete a minimum of 2 years of university-level Spanish language instruction or equivalent before departure to be eligible for an internship. An additional fee will be charged for participation in the internship option.** Current internship offerings vary.

Courses

Students will have access to a wide range of courses at the Pompeu Fabra's courses through the Faculty of Economics and Business Science:

<http://gestioacademica.upf.edu/OfertaDocent/SVODEntradaPublic?ACCIO=OD&OPCIO=estudi&ESTUDI=3327>

Space Limitations

This program is an impacted option. Every year, Berkeley Study Abroad receives more application than the guaranteed spaces UCEAP has allotted to each campus for this program (for winter+spring 2018 Berkeley has been guaranteed 4 spaces). Students interested in this option are highly encouraged to speak with the adviser prior to applying. You may be able to obtain permission to apply to a back-up choice.

Because this program is impacted, applicants need to think very carefully whether this program is the right fit. More importantly, applicants need to consider whether the *term* they are applying to is the best time for them to go abroad.

If you are selected for the term you are applying for, and subsequently withdraw, you will not be considered for a following term for this same program.

The selection criteria we will use for this program include:

- Student's coursework background and training in the fields of business and economics
- Student's declared major at the time of application review
- Whether the student intend to take courses for major related requirements abroad
- GPA
- Class Standing
- Spanish Coursework. While there is no language requirement for the program, preference will be given to students who have completed Spanish (and/or Catalan) coursework.
- Statement of Purpose: priority will be given to students who successfully convey why the UPF program in particular is a good fit for them and how the program will benefit them academically, professionally, and/or personally.

Internship Eligibility

The University of Pompeu Fabra has a well-organized internship program that takes place in spring quarter for those students who have completed winter quarter. All students who obtain internship placements also attend a weekly seminar geared to delve into the cultural aspects of an international business experience, and enhance the academic dimension of their internship. **You must complete a minimum of 2 years of university-level Spanish language instruction or equivalent before departure to be eligible for an internship. An additional fee will be charged for participation in the internship option.** Current internship offerings may vary.

Complutense Univ. of Madrid | Univ. of Granada | Univ. of Barcelona* | Carlos III Univ. of Madrid

The Immersion programs in Spain tend to be a good fit for students who:

- Want the maximum amount of flexibility with regard to the courses they can choose and where they live.
- Can exercise academic and logistical independence (e.g. being flexible with the limited information on courses offered before arrival, searching for accommodations after the Intensive Language Program).
- Are prepared to be independent, proactive, and flexible.

A Note about Fall Semester Immersion Options

Because the Spanish academic calendar runs from October to February, students participating in the fall semester options (Complutense, Granada, and Univ. of Barcelona) will not be able to return in time for the Berkeley spring semester. As such, the fall semester Immersion options are typically best suited for students who will not need to return to campus the following spring term (for example, graduating seniors).

The Intensive Language Program (ILP)

All immersion programs, with the exception of Carlos III in the spring, begin with an Intensive Language Program (typically 4 weeks for fall and year programs and 10 days for the Barcelona Spring program). The ILP is worth 2—4 semester units.

The Cádiz Pre-Intensive Language Program (Pre-ILP)

The Pre-ILP which takes place each summer provides an opportunity for students with 3 semesters of Spanish to meet the language pre-requisite and participate in a fall or year Immersion program.

Students who have met the language pre-requisite for an immersion program (i.e. have completed 4 semesters of Spanish), but who feel they would benefit from additional language preparation, can choose to do the Pre-ILP.

Because the program is designed for people with a level of Spanish equivalent to 3 or 4 semesters, students who have taken Spanish 25 or beyond may be too advanced. If you have taken Spanish 25 and/or upper-division coursework but are interested in the Cádiz Pre-ILP, please consult with the EAP Adviser about your situation.