Overview

Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: 3.0
Language of Instruction: English, Spanish
Academic Calendar:
Fall: late August (orientation) Early September (classes)-
December
Spring: early January (orientation) mid-January (classes)-end
of June

Students participate in a mandatory, non-credit orientation before the beginning of the semester, which includes a brief introduction to Spain and the Catalonia region. A two-week Spanish crash course is offered to all incoming exchange students at the beginning of both the fall and spring semesters. The course is given at all levels.

Through an agreement between ESADE School of Business and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students in the Applied Economics & Management and Communication programs may apply to enroll directly in courses at ESADE for a semester or a year. Students study alongside Spanish and other international students.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students in AEM or COMM of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis.

Classes

CALS Students will take undergraduate courses on the Sant Cugat Campus, which has about 1,500 students and is 13 miles outside of Barcelona, which is conveniently accessed by train and bus, if students live in the city of Barcelona.

Exchange students at ESADE study can choose from a wide range of business courses in the areas of Company Politics, Economics, Finance, Human Resources, Information Systems, Marketing, Operations and Social Sciences. A limited number of courses focusing on Spanish History and Culture are also offered each semester. Courses are taught in English or Spanish.

ESADE courses are measured in ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits. CALS students are required to take 30 ECTS credits per term.

Exams are mostly written, but are sometimes conducted orally, or even take home assignments. Projects may also be required.

Students are graded on a 10 point scale, 10 being the highest and rarely awarded. Below is an approximate grading conversion chart.

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<th>Spanish Grade</th>
<th>US Equivalent</th>
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About ESADE

- ESADE is ranked as one of the best business schools in the world
- Founded in 1958, ESADE became part of Ramon Llull University, a Jesuit university in Barcelona, in 1995.
- Among the first schools to be awarded the three most prestigious sector accreditations: AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA.
- Business courses are taught in English and Spanish
Accommodation.

Students arrange their own housing in Barcelona or Sant Cugat.

Sant Cugat

Sant Cugat is a suburb of Barcelona, with over 79,000 inhabitants. Its residents are predominantly young and highly educated. It is dynamic, with institutions and associations that are committed to the city. It is home to historical heritage, such as a very important monastery and the Catalan National Archive. Its beautiful environment and high quality of life are preserved and strengthened. Sant Cugat has a whole host of places where you can walk and enjoy the public parks.

Sant Cugat is just 15k outside of Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, a region with its own language, character and history – many Catalans think of their home as a separate country. Barcelona’s old center constitutes one of the greatest concentrations of Gothic architecture in Europe. Beyond this core are some of the world’s more bizarre buildings: surreal spectacles capped by Antoni Gaudi’s Sagrada Familia church. Barcelona has been breaking ground in art, architecture and style since the late 19th century. Today, set on a plain rising gently from the sea to a range of wooded hills, Barcelona is Spain’s most cosmopolitan city and one of the Mediterranean’s busiest ports; a hard-working, dynamic place hoping to place itself in the vanguard of 21st-century Europe with a heavy concentration of hi-tech and biomedical business.

Social Life

ESADE actively encourages students to participate in non-academic student activities, to foster skills such as initiative, teamwork and social sensitivity. A multitude of student-organized cultural and volunteer activities help to make life at ESADE a unique experience.

San Cugat has approximately 79,000 inhabitants, predominantly young and well educated. There are numerous public parks and historic places to visit.

Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia and a beautiful, vibrant city, is only 13 miles away. Catalans think of their home as a country separate from Spain, having its own language, character and history. Old and new co-mingle here, making it a fascinating, exciting place to get to know.

Transportation

Barcelona has a clean, punctual and efficient transportation system that includes buses and trains.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS—not the university directly.