CALS International Exchange Program

**ESADE School of Business** [Barcelona, Spain]

### Overview

- **Homepage**
- **Semesters Available:** Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
- **GPA Requirement:** 3.0
- **Language of Instruction:** English, Spanish

**Student Handbook**

- **Academic Calendar:**
  - Fall: late August (orientation) Early September* (classes)-December
  - Spring: early January (orientation) mid-January* (classes)-end of May
- **Orientation:**
  - 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.

*Please note that some courses may start up to 2 weeks before the official term start date. Students are responsible for checking the start date of the courses they have registered for and arriving prior to the start of classes.*

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.

### 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

### 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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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.

**Accommodation**.

Students arrange their own housing in Barcelona or Sant Cugat. Resources are available in the ESADE Student Handbook.

**Sant Cugat**

Sant Cugat is what we might call 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 Gaudí’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.

You can find further detailed information on how to get to ESADE’s campus at [http://www.esade.edu/campussantcugat/howtoget.html](http://www.esade.edu/campussantcugat/howtoget.html).

**Applying for the Program**

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.

**Estimated Costs**

To convert Euro amounts U.S. dollars, refer to the most up-to-date currency information on the following web page [http://www.xe.com/ucc/](http://www.xe.com/ucc/).

**Bursar Charges**

**Tuition**: Current Cornell Tuition

**Paid individually**

**Student Visa Fee**

**Housing**

- **Dorm**: 900-1,000 € per month plus utilities (water and electricity). Other residence halls range from 800-1,000 € per month with tax and utilities included. Food is not included in these prices.
- **Room in shared apartment**: 450-650 € per month + utilities (*Note: Students must also pay an agency fee (about 150-200 €) for renting the apartment. A final cleaning fee of 30 € is also charged).
- **Host family**: 750-1,000 € per month with food and utilities included; 450-650 € per month with no meals (*Note: there is a 150-200 € plus tax fee for family placement).

**Other**

- **Utility fees per month (approximate)**: 50 €
- **Food cost per month (approximate)**: 250 € average
- **Books and academic supplies per semester (approximate)**: 100 € for photocopies (no books)
- **Local transportation cost per month (approximate)**: 110 € per month
- **RT airfare from U.S.**: $1,000USD estimate (depending on departure city)
Health Insurance: Current plan, if covered Internationally  
Personal expenses per month (approximate, excluding sightseeing, travel and gifts): 300 €

Financial Aid

Financial aid travels anywhere for study abroad approved by your Cornell undergraduate college and faculty advisor. Financial aid for study abroad is needs-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relative to study abroad, including program tuition, all mandatory program sponsor fees, housing, meals, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare.

If you are currently receiving financial aid, your 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 either be increased or decreased to meet study abroad needs. The normal work-study component of your aid package will be converted to student loans.

If you do not currently receive financial aid, you may still become eligible for financial aid if your costs for a semester or year of study abroad will exceed those for an equivalent period of time in Ithaca and if you meet the requirements of federal, state, and university guidelines. If you think you may become eligible, visit the Financial Aid Office in advance of your semester abroad to meet with a counselor and pick up information and an application. Please note that you must have a FAFSA form on file.

Cornell institutional grant aid may be applied to study abroad for a maximum of two semesters. Students must remain registered for full-time study and complete their program with grades equivalent to a Cornell "C" or better. (Students must earn the equivalent of a "C" or better in order to receive credit a course taken abroad.)