Barcelona is simply a spectacular city in which to study and live. It is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in Europe and by far the most modern city in Spain. Particularly renowned are architectural works of Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner that have been designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. As the capital of Catalonia, Barcelona houses the seat of the Catalan government. Along with earning a full quarter of transferable college credits, students live with Spanish families and immerse themselves in day to day Spanish Life. Frequent field trips and travel opportunities enable students to experience the culture and history of Spain. The teaching team tailors courses to the European environment and structures the coursework around several themes common to the locale.

Classes will be held at the facilities of International House and the Barcelona School for International Studies (SIS). The school is located in the city center, just steps from Plaça Urquinaona, 5 minutes from Plaça Catalunya, and 5 minutes from the Arc de Triomf. Students will live with homestay families, with breakfast and dinner included. A thorough on-site cross-cultural and health and safety orientation will be provided upon arrival. Full comprehensive medical and accident insurance included. Participate in cultural activities which may include local food and market tours, salsa classes, Spanish and Catalan cooking classes, language exchange with local students and more!!

PROGRAM DATES
Application Deadline - June 16
Program Start - September 26
Program End - December 2
Early Bird Deadline - March 31 (Save $100)
STUDENT FACILITIES
Wi-fi is available throughout the school and students (and faculty) also have access to computers and a printer. Photocopies can be made close to the school. The building also has a sun-drenched terrace to study, eat, or just hang out.

TRANSPORTATION
An unlimited 3-month public transportation pass is provided for all students on this program. The pass is good for the metro, bus, train & trams within Barcelona city and nearby surroundings.

EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES
Included in the program students will have:
- 3 day trips outside of Barcelona potentially including: Tarragona, Montserrat or Dalí Museum
- Weekly cultural activities to get to know Barcelona and local life such as: guided tours, cooking class, and more
- Optional weekend excursions with other students for an extra cost
- Welcome & farewell meals
- Re-entry professional workshop: “How to use this Study Abroad Experience on Your Resume to Land Your Dream Job”

HOUSING
Students will stay in homestays in double rooms. A homestay can be one part of meaningful cultural integration and increased safety of the study abroad experience. Homestays are designed to be a mutually valuable experience for both the hosts and the participant. We work to find homestays that want to share their culture and language with the students and create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. A homestay “family” does not always mean a husband and wife, two children and a cute dog. In fact, what is more common is to live in the apartment of an older, widowed woman who enjoys the company. The thorough screening process, regular family check-ins and homestay reviews allow us to monitor safety and the quality of the homestays we place our students with. Homestays include breakfast and dinner every day, laundry services once a week, a set of keys to the apartment to come and go as you please.

COSTS
$6,575
INCLUDED IN THE COST:
- Homestays, with breakfast and dinner every day, and laundry services once a week
- Airport Pick-up included for those who arrive on the assigned day and time
- Welcome & farewell lunches
- A thorough cross-cultural and health and safety orientation
- Full, comprehensive medical and accident insurance through CISI
- 24-hour emergency cell phone on-site with Barcelona SAE staff
- Experiential education, ICC, and language acquisition built-in to all activities
- Professional workshop: “How to use this Study Abroad Experience on Your Resume to Land Your Dream Job”
- Weekly cultural activities
- 3 day trips outside Barcelona
- Unlimited 3-month public transportation for zone 1 in Barcelona

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COSTS:
- Airfare
- College tuition
- Passport and visa fees
- Anything not specified in the program

FACULTY
Professor Jeannette Idiart completed her undergraduate studies in English Literature at the University of California at Berkeley and then followed with graduate studies in American Literature at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. Since 2001, she has taught as a full time English faculty member at Shoreline Community College. Jeannette teaches a wide variety of composition, interdisciplinary and literature courses and especially enjoys exploring Gothic literature with her students. She is a well-seasoned traveller who has lived in France, Spain, and Argentina and looks forward to creating a learning community in Barcelona.

Allison Jansen received her Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in Political Science from the University of Washington and her B.A. in Public Administration from California State University, Fresno. She teaches Political Science and Gender Studies full-time at Green River College and is a part-time lecturer in Political Science at the University of Washington. She has traveled extensively around the globe and Barcelona is one of her favorite cities! She recently participated in a European Union study tour in Brussels, Belgium. Her graduate work focused on Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and the Philippines, all former Spanish colonies. She has also worked as a journalist in Central America. She is looking forward to sharing Barcelona with her students!

COURSES
Students register for their courses at the home campus. See your campus coordinator for course numbering.

Introduction to Literature: Barcelona in Literature (5 credits)
Students will explore a selection of poetry, short fiction, novels and drama that represent Barcelona in its pages. We will read both Catalan literature and works by Spanish and international writers set in Barcelona from the 17th century to the present day while learning about literary genre. Studying the literature of Barcelona in its setting will deeply enrich students’ understanding that the Barcelona of literature is an imagined one, allowing them to explore how literature transforms the city into art. The class will also grapple with a question raised in
much of the literature about Barcelona: What darkness lurks beneath the image of Barcelona as a romantic, artistic, and cosmopolitan city?

This course fulfills a Humanities distribution requirement for the AA and AS degree. The writing intensive “W” version of the course also satisfies the University of Washington’s “W” writing requirement. Check with your campus Study Abroad Advisor.

**English Composition: The Self in Barcelona (5 credits)**

Personal narrative is a powerful tool for inquiry, understanding, and communication. This way of thinking and writing guides students to delve into their inner lives and their own stories in order to discover the meaning of their own experience; question their own ideas and beliefs as well as those of society; and connect personal experience and insight to the wider world. To this end, students will write stories about their Barcelona experiences and use them as a jumping off point for analysis, reflection, and research, which may lead them to new perspectives on the essential questions, “Who am I?” “Where am I going?” and “Why does it matter?”

Emphasis on specific writing and analytical techniques, assignments, some readings, and research requirements would differ from course to course. English 101 and 102 fulfill the general education core Communication requirement for the AA and AS degree; English 276 satisfies a Humanities distribution requirement for the AA and AS degree. It may also satisfy the University of Washington’s “W” writing requirement. Check with your Study Abroad Advisor.

**Spanish Language (5 credits)**

The language professors at the Barcelona School for International Studies (SIS) are specialized in teaching Spanish as a foreign language, accredited through Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida. SIS is located inside of a prestigious language school called International House (IH). IH is a top leader in Spanish language acquisition, not only in Barcelona but internationally.

SIS combines different methods of communicative language teaching to reach every type of student. The main aim is to teach the students all the skills and concepts needed to feel comfortable in a Spanish-speaking atmosphere where different cultures of both sides of the Atlantic come together.

SIS gears its Spanish Language and Culture classes towards developing the linguistic skills but also attitudes, knowledge, and awareness needed to:

- Communicate in an intercultural context
- Interact with other people in any situation
- Increase confidence in order to encourage more direct contact with native speakers, leading to a better understanding of the culture

The following are additional course options if 25+ students apply for the program:

**INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

All European states, including Spain, and most states (countries) in the world are governed by parliaments and prime ministers. Spain is also a constitutional monarchy. How do these systems compare with the presidential systems of the United States, Latin America, and elsewhere? We will undertake these and many other questions as we compare and analyze the politics and workings of political systems around the world. We will place a special emphasis on Spain and the European Union. Social services are much more extensive in Europe (e.g., free or cheap health care) and college costs a lot less. Spain, however, is one of the states hit hardest by the 2008 Recession and austerity measures have made for some hard adjustments. Let’s learn about this! Additionally, we will focus on human rights issues in Europe and elsewhere. Lastly, students will also learn the basic methodologies for carrying out comparative politics research.

**INTRODUCTION TO GENDER STUDIES**

This class provides an introduction to the historical constructions - socially, politically, culturally, biologically, and legally - of gender (masculinity and femininity), sexuality and the body, and relations between the sexes. It also examines gender as informed by race, class, ethnicity, culture, religion, age, and nationality. Students will compare and contrast Spanish and European policies (i.e., same-sex marriage, paid child care), culture, and attitudes about sex and gender with those found in the United States, Latin America and the Philippines (former Spanish colonies), and elsewhere. We will draw on a wide variety of fields including political science, sociology, psychology, biology, medicine, history, anthropology, criminal justice, economics, and others. We will watch and analyze movies on a near weekly basis, including one or more by the Spanish director, Pedro Almodovar. There is no essay in this class, but students will write analyses of assigned readings which will inform class discussions.