

Semester Barcelona Programs FAQ

[International Business & Humanities at the Universitat Aut3noma de Barcelona \(UAB\) | U-M LSA Center for Global and Intercultural Study](#)

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Similarities

1. We utilize the same provider for both programs - [Barcelona SAE](#)
 - a. This means both programs will have the same 3 housing options (homestay, apartment, residence hall).
 - b. Both programs will have the same pre-departure process and similar orientations
 - c. Both programs will have the same excursions
2. Both programs have similar coursework
 - a. Humanities, Economics, Business coursework and other course options can be found on both programs
3. You are required to take a Spanish course on both programs (those fluent in Spanish or native Speakers can take a 5th elective course in Spanish instead after demonstrating proficiency)
4. CGIS **does not** determine what credit requirements you will satisfy from the program. All coursework must be evaluated by your academic advisor to determine what type of academic requirements (major, minor, distribution) they can satisfy.
5. Transfer Equivalency Guide can be used as a guide but **is not** final in the course eval process; you must get courses approved.

Differences

1. Students at UAB are going to be at their Barcelona satellite campus which is primarily International students (US, UK and Australia primarily); Students at UPF will also be with other International students but there will be a good number of native Spaniards and Catalans studying there.
2. UPF is the more rigorous school and is seen as more prestigious
3. Students at UPF will take 2 courses there and 2-3 courses at the Barcelona SAE Study Center; Students at UAB will take all 4-5 courses at UAB

Competitiveness

1. We have 60 slots and we may have more than 60 applications. Thus it is not guaranteed you will be admitted, and the program is categorized as competitive. You may apply to both programs but you must rank them. If you do not and are accepted, you will be placed at random and you may not switch. Please take care in the pre-application process to prevent issues in the post-application process. This is good practice for your future experience abroad.

Housing

1. Homestay - Most immersive option; best way to immerse in culture; gets two meals included daily at no additional cost
2. Student Apartment - Stay in one of many different Barcelona neighborhoods in an apartment; next most immersive option as neighbors will be local residents of city
3. Residence Hall - Stay in an apartment where most of the other tenants of the building will be students
4. At this time you cannot request roommates; Can guarantee you will have a UM student as at least one of your roommates
5. **Cannot** do independent housing - Must stay in program housing

Timeline/Logistics

1. Application Review begins Sep 2, 2022
2. Acceptances will be sent Sep 8, 2022
 - a. Waitlist spots will be sent on Sep 8, 2022 as well
 - b. LSA Students have priority over students from other colleges
3. Will have to complete a 5-Step Confirmation (detailed in Acceptance Letter) by Sep 12, 2022 at 11:59 PM
 - a. You are not considered Confirmed unless all 5 steps are completed
 - b. If you do not confirm, your spot will be offered to the next ranked student on the Waitlist
 - c. Once confirmed, you are contractually financially liable for the tuition and housing costs of the program (the program fee). Only fees such as insurance or registration fees can be rescinded at the time.
4. Will have to complete pre-registration by the end of September
 - a. Is best to have courses approved before being accepted as you may not have time to wait to meet with an advisor before confirming
 - b. Can switch courses later but must have 4-5 courses confirmed by end of September
5. Will have to bring passports in for visa processing in early October
 - a. A representative from BSAE will collect the passports from the CGIS office and take them to Chicago to obtain the visa

- b. You will be without your passports for a few weeks while the consulate prepares them. Then you will pick up from the CGIS office.
- 6. Orientation #1 will be October 23, 2002. Time TBA.
- 7. Orientation #2 will be November 6, 2002. Time TBA.