Spain
UCEAP Advising Notes

COVID-19 Information
The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges related to health concerns and international travel. UCEAP has been updating their website's Coronavirus Notice with up-to-date information. Please check this website for the most up to date information about which programs are running in the 2022-23 academic year.

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

RESOURCES

Advisor Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and advising availability, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising

EAP Alums
EAP alumni are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in touch with alums, simply send the BSA Adviser an email with your list of questions and the contact information of returnees who have agreed to be contacted will be shared.

UCEAP Alum-Created Resources
Some of our returnees have created presentations to share with others. You can look at their work through the Student Created Resource Google folder that we will continually update.

UCEAP-Created Resources
Study Abroad in Latin America and Spain | UCEAP Study Abroad Fair 2020
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAelW8GkDBQ&feature=youtu.be

Study Abroad in English in Spain and the Americas | UCEAP Study Abroad Fair 2020
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zuv9FWiVsi0&feature=youtu.be

Carlos III Univ. of Madrid Info Session | International Education Week Nov 2020
https://ucsb.zoom.us/rec/share/ISES8Z4bPFsPsCOiy_4Iv81ntikZGjpHzH7m8sizs86EkCavwlILi6DevObnUnmEMX.ZkOkXwv4R2fWmKxo?startTime=1605805291000
PROGRAMS

There are more than 10 unique options through offered through UCEAP Spain. Please keep in mind that UCEAP is one set of options offered to Berkeley students through the Berkeley Study Abroad programs. Students who are only considering studying in Spain for the summer should also compare and consider programs through BSA’s Summer Abroad (UC Berkeley faculty-led programs).

How do I choose among the options offered in Spain?

There is a lot of information to sort through, but in many cases, students can narrow down options by identifying:

- What subject area(s) they want to study
- Which term(s) they want to be abroad (summer, fall, year, spring)
  - How long do they want to be abroad
  - Note: some calendars for programs abroad do not align neatly with the Berkeley academic calendar
- What level of Spanish language background they have
- Whether they wish to take courses in English or in Spanish

UCEAP Programs NOT open to Berkeley students

Select UCEAP options are not available to UC Berkeley students to apply to due to the duration or visa-related issues. For certain options, the program duration does not qualify for a semester length option, making financial aid and full-term registration status impossible. These options include:

Winter quarter
- International Business Economics (winter): International Business Economics (winter+spring) possible

Spring quarter
- International Business Economics(spring): International Business Economics (winter+spring) possible

UCEAP Program-specific information

Further program details are linked to sections below

- 21st Century Barcelona @ Pompeu Fabra University
- Beyond Barcelona @ Autonomous University of Barcelona
- Carlos III University of Madrid
- Coursework in Spanish:
  - Complutense University of Madrid
  - University of Barcelona
  - Carlos III University of Madrid
- Contemporary Spain @ UC Center Madrid
- International Business Economics
- Python and Data Science
- Spanish in Madrid
A Mini Guide to UCEAP Programs in Spain

**Language programs**
Students take courses alongside other UC students in areas of Spanish language and culture, etc.

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**Special Focus**
Students take courses in select designated area of studies. The majority of these classes are offered in English.

Courses in the Contemporary Spain (fall) and the Madrid Summer Data Science programs are taken only by UC Students.

Courses through the Beyond Barcelona program (at Autonomous Univ. of Barcelona) or 21st Century Barcelona program a (at Univ. of Pompeu Fabra are with other UC and international students.

Courses through Univ. of Pompeu Fabra either in International Business & Econ program is offered to UC, international and local students.

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**LANGUAGE PREREQUISITES**

**Spanish Language Prerequisites**
For information about the different ways that you can fulfill Spanish language prerequisites for programs that have them, please see the application requirements. [UCEAP Language Prerequisite Guide: Spanish & Portuguese](#).

UCEAP Advising Notes – Spain
**VISAS**

**Visa Information for Summer programs**
Due to the limited duration of the summer programs, students with a valid US passport are not required to obtain a student visa.

**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 UCEAP 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 the UCEAP portal and other application documents, you may face obstacles in getting your visa.

- **Plan ahead to extend.** For fall program applicants, 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 (DPA) form in the application if applicable for your program 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 UCEAP 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 trips 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. Note that consulate procedures may differ during the pandemic.

- **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.

**Back-to-back program participation with Spain as second program**
If you are planning to study abroad on two consecutive programs, it is **not recommended for your second program to be an option in Spain due to the visa requirements.** Students must be in the US from the time of application for the visa through the time their visa is ready to be picked up in person. Because the process typically takes 4 weeks, it is not recommended for students to be traveling outside of the US during the predeparture process.

**Non-U.S. Citizens** students should contact the Spanish consulate immediately to find out about entry requirements. **UCEAP 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.
Program Specific Information

21st Century Barcelona @ Pompeu Fabra University
UCEAP offers an International Summer School program at the Pompeu Fabra Univ. in Barcelona. Courses on this program run for different lengths of time (1 to 3 weeks) and are worth different unit values. Students must be enrolled in a total of 6.7 units for the duration of the 5-week program. For examples of courses, please see:
https://www.upf.edu/web/barcelonasummerschool/courses-and-syllabi

Keep in mind that courses offered through International Summer School change from year to year. The course information may not be available until after the initial UCEAP 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 UCEAP Spanish in Madrid, or UC Berkeley’s faculty-led Summer Abroad programs in Spain.

Carlos III University of Madrid
Students of all Spanish language background levels can 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. Please understand that Hispanic Studies courses can be limited.
https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/C3IS/en/TextoMixta/1371222089501/Cursos_de_Estudios_Hispanicos

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

The Carlos III University hosts many international students. Because the fall semester immersion programs in Spain run from October to February, the Carlos III program made the exception to allow UCEAP fall participants to take fall semester final exams in December so they can return to Berkeley in time for the spring semester.

This program is has capacity limitations. However, Berkeley Study Abroad tends to be able to nominate all qualified students every term. For fall 2022 and spring 2023, Berkeley has been guaranteed 25 and 100 spaces respectively. In the case that more qualified applicants apply for the program than we have spaces for, our first step is to request extra spaces from UCEAP or unused spaces from other UC campuses. Qualified students have been accommodated in the past, but if you are concerned, please do not hesitate to reach out to the BSA adviser prior to applying. You may be able to obtain permission to apply to a back-up choice.

Complutense Univ. of Madrid | Univ. of Barcelona
These universities offer UCEAP students an opportunity to be fully immerse in the Spanish academic setting by choosing courses from regular offerings and taking courses alongside Spanish students. They have also opened up English taught offerings in limited subject areas for international students.

The Immersion programs in Spain tend to be a good fit for students who:
- Want the maximum amount of flexibility on courses and on housing choices
- 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
The regular Spanish academic calendar for the fall term runs into February, students participating in the fall semester options will be permitted to complete their exams in December to return in time for the Berkeley spring semester.

NEW for Fall 2022 and beyond
The Complutense University of Madrid and the University of Barcelona have a wide offering of coursework, including courses offered in English. UCEAP and our partner universities in Spain have agreed to allow students without the 2 years of university level Spanish to take coursework offered in English at these institutions. If you do not have necessary Spanish language background to take classes offered in Spanish, please make sure that the coursework in English is a suitable match for your academic needs. If you choose this route, you must indicate clearly on your application that you wish to take the limited course offerings in English.

The Intensive Language Program (ILP)
All immersion programs, with the exception of Carlos III, 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.

Contemporary Spain @ UC Center Madrid
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.

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

International Business & Economics @ Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona
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. If this does not work for your plans, please consider alternative UCEAP spring programs that also offer Business and Economics coursework or applying directly to UPF as a short term study abroad student.

Internship Eligibility
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 that delves 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.

Space Limitations
This program has a capacity limit. Every year, Berkeley Study Abroad receives more application than the guaranteed spaces UCEAP has allotted to each campus for this program. For winter+spring 2023 Berkeley has been guaranteed 5 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 capacity constrained, 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 may 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.

Beyond Barcelona @ Autonomous Univ. of Barcelona
UCEAP offers an 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 two years, 6-8 courses were offered in each block to choose from.

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 February, after the initial UCEAP application. If students are hoping to satisfy requirements through the program, it may be prudent to consider a back-up option.

Spanish language instruction at various levels are not typically available through the program. Those wishing to take Spanish language courses are encouraged to consider UCEAP Spanish in Madrid or, UC Berkeley’s faculty-led Sessions’ Summer Abroad programs in Spain.

Space Limitations
This program is an impacted option due to the nature of the exchange with the UC System. For summer 2022, Berkeley has been guaranteed 8 spaces. Students interested in this option are highly encouraged to speak with the adviser prior to applying.

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Spanish in Madrid @ UC Center Madrid

Language Maximum
Although the Spanish in Madrid program does not require any prior Spanish coursework, you will overqualified and not 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.

You will be asked to disclose your previous Spanish language instruction in the application. If you are too advanced to qualify for the Spanish in Madrid summer program, you are encouraged you to consider UC Berkeley’s faculty led Summer Abroad programs in Spain. If it looks like your Spanish background exceeds the program’s maximums, then you will not be nominated. Please consult the BSA Adviser for UCEAP Spain programs if you have any doubts or concerns.

Minimum GPA Requirement
The Spanish in Madrid 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 may be able to use the Spanish in Madrid program to meet the language prerequisite for other EAP programs. Consult the EAP Adviser for more information.