

Study Abroad in *Barcelona*

Northern California Study Abroad Consortium | Fall Semester 2025



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Contra Costa Community College District:

- Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College

Los Rios Community College District:

- American River College, Cosumnes River College, Folsom Lake College, Sacramento City College

San Mateo County Community College District:

- Cañada College, College of San Mateo, Skyline College

Santa Rosa Junior College

Why study abroad?

Fewer than 10% of US college students study abroad

Shows college admissions and employers skills such as **intercultural competence, diversity, problem solving, “thinking out of the box”** ...

Personal skills you gain: **independence, creativity, tolerance, openness, initiative, a sense of humor, adaptability, flexibility, values, patience**...

85% of students agree that studying abroad was the most meaningful experience of their undergraduate education.

Why Barcelona?



Ideally situated for travel around Spain & Europe



Budget airlines around Europe. Bus, train or plane around Spain.

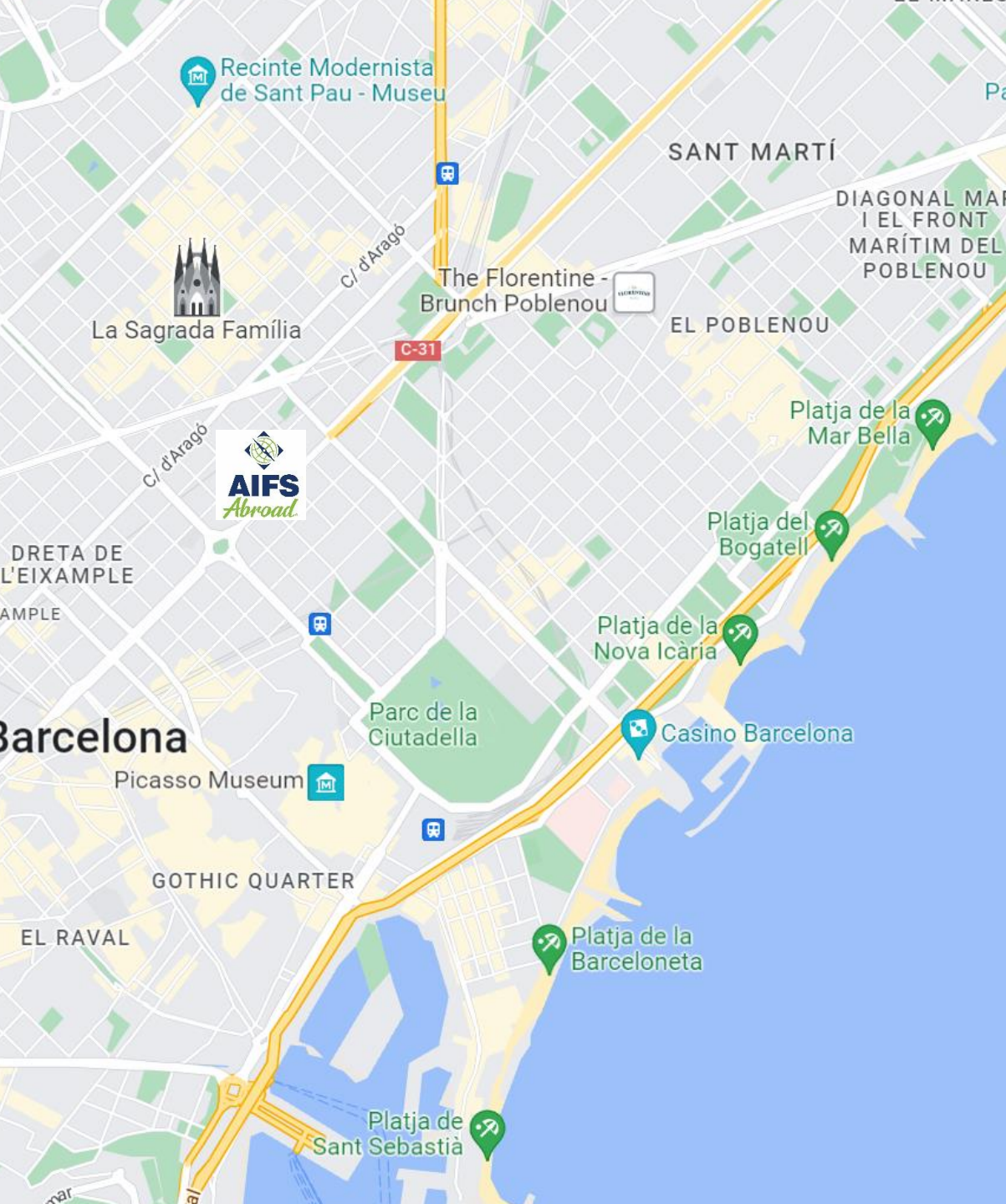
AIFS Abroad

- Study Abroad organization founded in 1964
- Over 1.8 million students in over 20 countries
- Partnered with the NCSAC colleges since 1988
- Local Program Coordinators & Study Center
- Extensive incident response and crisis management procedures



Program Dates - Fall 2025

Sat, September 13	Depart the U.S.
Sun, September 14	Arrive in Barcelona
Mon, September 15	Orientation
Tues, September 16	Workshops
Weds, September 17	Classes begin
Sat, Oct 26 – Sun, Nov 2	Mid-Semester break
Thurs, December 11	Last day of class
Fri, December 12	Depart Barcelona

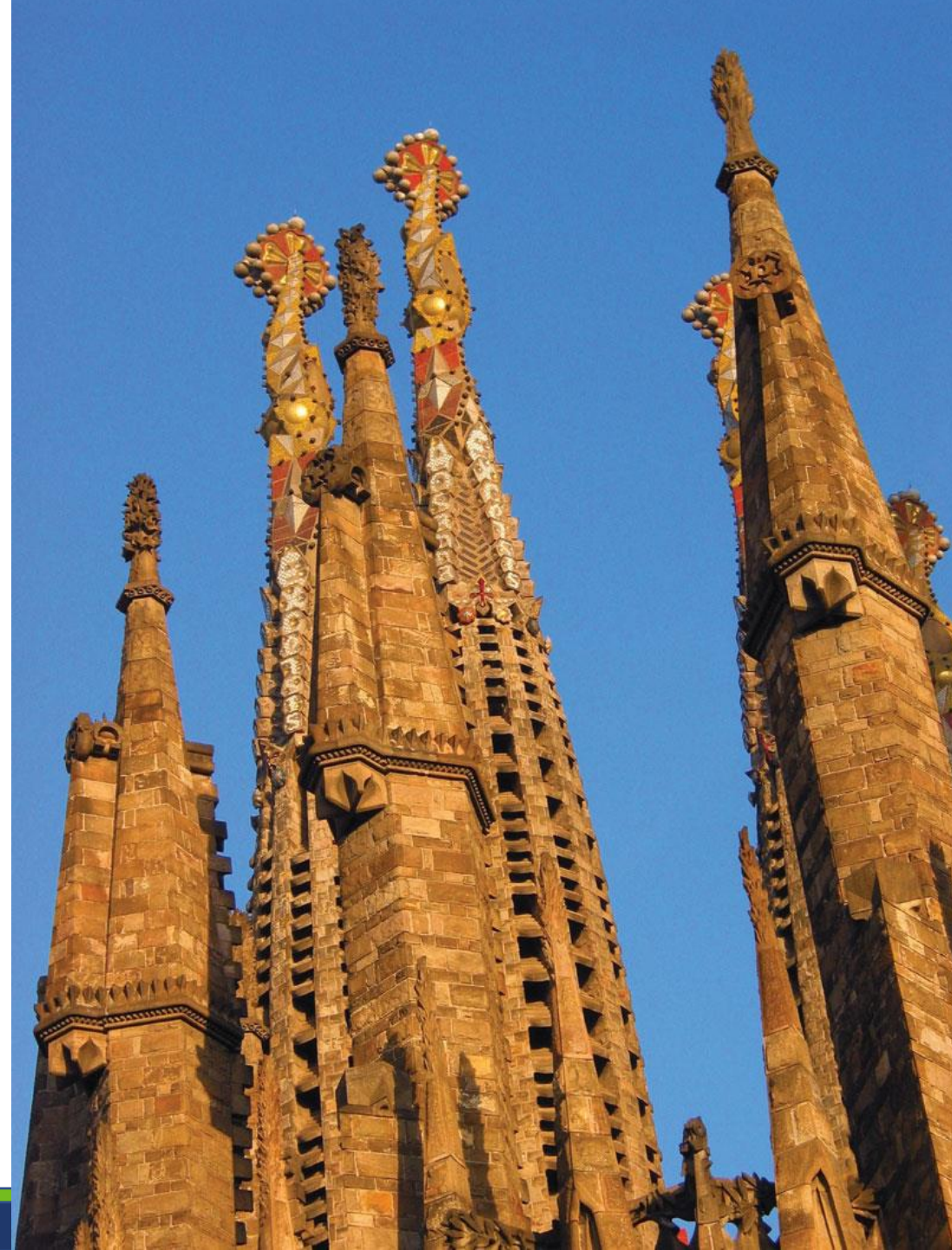


AIFS Student Center

- Classrooms & AIFS Student Services in downtown Barcelona
- WiFi and printer access
- Student Services staff available during office hours and 24/7 emergency contact
- Staff coordinates orientation, classroom facilities, housing, cultural activities & excursions as well as student advising and counseling

Academics

- Courses are UC/CSU transferable
- Meet General Education requirements
- All students enroll in the Spanish Life and Culture course plus 3 additional courses for a total 12 credits
- Barcelona is our classroom!



Spanish Life & Culture Course

- Understanding the culture and society of Barcelona, Catalonia and Spain
- Experiential learning
- Lectures and corresponding field trips on history, art & architecture, politics & society, gastronomy, customs & traditions
- This 3-unit course is required for all students and is subject to college tuition fees
- Student must enroll in the Spanish Life & Culture course offered by the campus that processes their program application. This class is the same class for all four schools
- Your US instructor is the teacher of record





Courses offered by Santa Rosa Junior College

Faculty: Danielle King
dking@santarosa.edu

- BIO 12 Basic Concepts of Ecology
- BIO 13 Human Biology
- BIO 14 Current Issues in Biology
- INTDIS 90* Spanish Life and Culture

Courses offered by Contra Costa Community College District

Faculty: Ruth Miller
rmiller@dvc.edu

- HUMAN 105 Introduction to Humanities:
Arts and Ideas
- HUMAN 112 The Modern World
- HUMAN 118 Film, Fiction, and Criticism
- INDIS 100* Spanish Life and Culture





Courses offered by Los Rios Community College District

Faculty: Philip Angove

Angovep@flc.losrios.edu

- MUFHL 308 Introduction to Music: Rock & Roll
- MUFHL 311 Survey of Music History and Literature (1750 to the present)
- MUFHL 330 World Music
- INDIS 353* Spanish Life and Culture

Courses offered by San Mateo Community College District

Faculty: Judith Hunt
huntj@smccd.edu

- HIST 100 History of Western Civilization I:
Ancient Near East through early Modern era
- HIST 106 World History II: From 1500 to present
- HIST 201 United States History I: Indigenous pre-Columbian origins through 1877
- GBST 650* Spanish Life and Culture





Weekly Calendar of Subsidized Cultural Activities



- Cooking class
- Sport events
- Walking tours
- Theater & dance events
- Tapas evenings
- Day trips





Art Ticket Pass

- One free entry to each of the following museums in Barcelona:
 - Museu Picasso
 - Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona
 - Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya
 - Fundació Joan Miró
 - Fundació Antoni Tàpies
 - Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona

Excursion to Girona and Figueres



Transportation Pass



A **TMB** or Metro de Barcelona travel pass for unlimited travel on buses, metros and trams within the central zone of Barcelona for the duration of the program



Housing

Homestays

Double rooms in homes with a local family

Includes breakfast and evening meal daily

Weekly laundry and access to Wi-Fi included

Approx. 30-minute commute to the Study Center

Student Apartments (\$870 supplemental fee)

Equipped kitchens, shared living area & full bath, Wi-Fi, washing machines

No meals are included

Typically, 4-6 students in each apartment in double twin-bedded rooms

Approx. 30-minute commute to the Study Center

Included in the Program Fee

\$9125

- Accommodation in a local homestay including breakfast and dinner daily, weekly laundry, shared living space and bathrooms or in a shared student apartment (\$870 supplement), with shared kitchen, living space & bathroom, washing machine in a double room
- AIFS Student Center & Staff services including 24/7 emergency contact
- Orientation program & workshops, guided tour of Barcelona
- Weekly subsidized activities in Barcelona including visits to museums, monuments, walking tours, wine tasting, cooking class
- Full day excursion to Girona & Figueres
- Articket pass
- TMB travel card
- Medical insurance
- Pre-departure services and orientation

Expenses not included

- Airfare: Optional flight available or students may purchase their own flights
- Community College tuition fees
- Textbooks and Course lab fees
- Personal expenses including passport fees and personal travel
- Meals (Homestay students get breakfast & lunch daily)
- Worldwide Trip Protector Insurance - to protect Program Fees in case of program cancellation or interruption – offered upon enrollment with AIFS

Financial Aid

- **All financial aid is processed through your home college Financial Aid office**
- Fill out a 2025/26 FAFSA
- Awards may include grants and student loans

Breaking it down...using grants

COSTS		Financial Aid/Payments
Barcelona Program fee	\$9125	
Optional Group Flight	\$1600 (estimated)	
Meals, travel, fun	\$3000 (estimated)	
TOTAL	\$13725	
	-\$3447*	Max Pell Grant (2024/25 amount)
	-\$824+\$1298 to \$4000*	Cal Grant+SSCG (12 units vs 15) (2024/25 amount)
	<u>-\$3500 to \$4500*</u>	Subsidized loans
	\$4656 to \$954	Amount left to contribute

*Amounts of Financial Aid will vary according to student eligibility. Speak with your Financial Aid Office.

Breaking it down...no grants

COSTS		Financial Aid/Payments
Barcelona Program fee	\$9125	
Optional Group Flight	\$1600(approx.)	
Meals, travel, fun	\$3000	
TOTAL	\$13725	
	-\$5500/\$6500*	Unsubsidized/subsidized
	\$8225/\$7225	Amount left for student to contribute

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Optional Group Flight

- Round trip group flight SFO-Barcelona
- Airport pick-up by AIFS staff and transfer to accommodations in Barcelona; return transfer at the end of the program
- Price \$TBC (\$TBC airfare + \$TBC government and airline-imposed taxes, fees and fuel surcharges)
available Feb 2025



Scholarships

- AIFS Ambassador Scholarships- Open to NCSAC students with 12 units completed and a GPA of 2.5 or higher. 1- \$1000 scholarship and 2- \$500 available. *More information from your study abroad advisor.
- **Benjamin A Gilman International Scholarship** <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/> Open to US citizens or nationals; Pell Grant recipients
- **Fund for Education Abroad** <http://fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/> Open to US citizens and permanent residents
- **Diverse International Women of Color** <https://diwcfund.org/diwc-scholarship/>
- <http://www.studentscholarships.org/> The largest scholarship search database on the internet
- <http://www.internationalscholarships.com/> A search database for scholarships for study abroad & international students
- <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/> A student guide to financial aid and scholarships
- <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships> A student guide to financial aid and scholarships
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx?sf53479980=1> US Dept of Labor scholarship finder
- <https://www.gooverseas.com/blog/study-abroad-scholarships-grants> Blog post with links to several study abroad scholarships

Creative Funding Ideas

- Lifestyle changes- cut down on expenses, gifts of money
- Back to basics ideas- side jobs, sales, garage sales, etc.
- Crowd funding- Go Fund Me, Zelle, Venmo campaigns, etc.





Florence, Italy

Spring Semester 2026

- Student Apartments
- Courses are CSU/UC transferable
- Italian Life & Culture course
- Visits to the Uffizi & Accademia Galleries, Il Duomo, Basilica Santa Croce & more
- Excursions to Siena & San Gimignano & the Chianti wine region
- Activities such as a cooking class, soccer match, walking tours, volunteering & more



Eligibility Requirements

- 18 years or older by departure date
- 2.25 GPA
- Have completed 12 or more units of college-level courses

Is this experience right for me?

Study abroad in a foreign country can be a challenge & create stress. So we can better serve you, we ask that you speak openly and honestly prior to applying with your Study Abroad Director to:

- **Discuss all DSPS accommodations you may have.**
- **We ask that you consider disclosing any physical & mental health issues, physical limitations, dietary requirements, medications, etc. you may have.**

Example of why we need this information: if you have mobility issues, AIFS would need to be aware of host family housing (stairs, etc.) Help us accommodate you.

- **Also, discuss expectations & challenges posed by the study abroad location & culture.**

Apply now:



[NCSAC - Barcelona, Fall 2025 - Enrollment Link](#)



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PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

GENERAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

FULL PAYMENT DEADLINE:

July 18, 2025

San Mateo County Community College District

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