Brooklyn College - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Bellaterra & Barcelona, Spain) Exchange Program

The Brooklyn College exchange program with Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) is open to all Brooklyn College students with forty-five completed credits and, preferably, a background of 3-4 semesters college level Spanish or the equivalent. Exchange placements are limited and are competitive among applicants. Preference is given to students in communications, TV, Radio, urban sustainability, and studies or research in environmental sciences. Students selected for this program will have the unique opportunity to study for a semester or year in Spain while only paying CUNY tuition, roundtrip airfare, and onsite living costs. Students will live and take classes on the UAB campus in Bellaterra, Spain. Coursework is available in Catalan, Spanish, and English. Students not accepted as part of the Exchange have the option to enroll directly at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona at the UAB tuition rate.

A. Eligibility

- 3.0 minimum GPA
- 45 college credits
- Preferred background of 3-4 semesters college level Spanish
- Clear academic and disciplinary record
- Open to all CUNY students, though preference given to Brooklyn College students

B. Brooklyn College Academic Credit for Study Abroad

Students receive credit and grades for the courses taken at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. As part of your study abroad post-acceptance requirements, you will need to complete a signed Study Abroad Course Equivalency Form. This helps guarantee that the coursework for which you register abroad will apply to the coursework you need at Brooklyn College. (Changes can be made to the Course Equivalency form once you arrive on site if you find other classes of interest). http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/aca_international/IEGE_-_Course_Equivalency_Form.pdf

C. Choosing Your Coursework at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Students must contact the appropriate Faculty (department), for a list of courses available to exchange students in the semester they are applying for. Most courses are taught in Spanish and Catalan. However, coursework may be completed in English as well. Review the chart below for contact information for each faculty:
Spanish Language Courses are available to exchange students at the UAB Idiomes Barcelona, the language school of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. All Spanish professors speak English so there is no problem in communicating with the students. For more information and for a schedule of courses, email s.llengues.info@uab.cat.

D. **UAB’s Academic Calendar**

**Fall 2016 (First Term)**
- September 5\textsuperscript{th}, 2016 to February 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 2017 (tentative)

**Second Term (Spring Term)**
- February 6 to June 30, 2017 (tentative)
Holiday Breaks:
• Christmas: December 23\textsuperscript{rd}, 2016 to January 6\textsuperscript{th}, 2017
• Easter: April 10\textsuperscript{th} - 17\textsuperscript{th}, 2017

Welcome Week:
• International Welcome Days usually take place at the beginning of each term (September and February).

E. Housing

• Vila Universitaria is the UAB Residence Hall where students, teachers, researchers and workers of UAB reside. Students interested in living on UAB’s campus can review and apply for these housing options at the housing link provided in Section K of this packet.
• Students also have the option to arrange their own off campus housing in Barcelona.

F. Approximate Costs Per Semester For the 2016/2017 Academic Year

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<td>Personal Expenses (Local travel, social events, etc.)</td>
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<td>Housing (Several Options)</td>
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***In addition, students will pay CUNY tuition and fees (3,165 + fees)

G. Scholarships and Financial Aid

• Most scholarships and financial aid that a student receives for semester study at Brooklyn College can be applied on semester abroad exchange programs. Students should consult the financial aid office about specifics on how their financial aid applies. Refer to the following links for more information on available scholarships.
  o Scholarship Information on the IEGE Website: http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/international/scholarships.php
  o Brooklyn College’s Scholarship Office: http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/administration/enrollment/financial/scholarships.php.
H. Application Process

There are two applications, one to Brooklyn College and, upon acceptance, a second one for Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

- 1. Submit your IEGE Online Brooklyn College Study Abroad Application/Notification of Study Abroad Plans: [http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/international/StudyAbroadApplication.php](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/international/StudyAbroadApplication.php)
  - IEGE Application Deadline:
    - Due to limited number of spaces, interested students should submit their applications as early as possible.
    - Application must be submitted to IEGE no later than April 1st for the fall semester and October 1st for the spring semester.

- 2. After initial acceptance by IEGE, students will need to submit an online application directly to Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona: [http://www.uab.cat/web/study-abroad/mobility-international-exchange/uab-programmes/exchange-applications-1345671990051.html](http://www.uab.cat/web/study-abroad/mobility-international-exchange/uab-programmes/exchange-applications-1345671990051.html)
  - UAB Application Periods for the 2016/17 Academic Year:
    - For fall term: March 1 - May 15, 2016
    - For spring term: October 1 - November 15, 2016

I. Visa Information

Students participating in the BC-UAB exchange program are responsible for securing their own student visas. This process should begin two – three months before the date of departure. Students should consult [The Spanish Consulate of New York’s website](http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/NUEVAYORK/en/Consulado/Pages/Recomendaciones.aspx?IdP=63) for details and information:

Please note that you will not be able to change your visa in Spain. The only valid visa is the one obtained from the Spanish Embassy or Consulate before entering Spain.

Student Residence Card for Foreigners

Once students have entered Spain, students are required to obtain the Student Residence Card for Foreigners. The card is valid for a maximum of one academic year and can be renewed annually until you finish your studies. The Welcome Point of the UAB will assist you in securing your Student Residence Card.

J. Health Insurance

Students are required to purchase CUNY CISI Health/Travel Insurance for their entire time abroad (approximately $50/month):

[http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/aca_international/CISI_Insurance_-_IEGE_Flyer.pdf](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/aca_international/CISI_Insurance_-_IEGE_Flyer.pdf)

In order to obtain the special CUNY rate, students must use the link to the application and sponsor code provided on the information sheet.
K. Applications, Forms, & Additional Information

- **Brooklyn College**
  - Office of International Education and Global Engagement: 1108 Boylan Hall, 718-951-5189, iege@brooklyn.cuny.edu; http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/internationaleducation
  - Office of Scholarships: 213 West Quad Center, 718.951.4796, scholarship@brooklyn.cuny.edu
  - International Student Services: 235 West Quad Center, http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/offices/iss, 718.951.4477

- **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**
  - Information Point:
    - W: www.uab.es/information-service
    - E: Informacio@uab.es
    - P: (+34) 93 581 11 11
  - Vila Universitaria Housing:
  - UAB Online Application: http://www.uab.cat/web/study-abroad/mobility-international-exchange/uab-programmes/exchange-applications-1345671990051.html
  - Incoming Exchange Contact:
    - Irene Villalta, internacional.propi@uab.cat

- **Other Important Information**
  - Spanish Consulate of New York.
    - 150 East 58th St., 30th floor
    - New York, New York 10155
    - P: 1-212-355-4080 or 1-212-355-4082
    - F: 1-212-644-3751
    - E: cog.nuevayork@maec.es
  - Spanish Embassy Website: http://madrid.usembassy.gov/citizen-services/information-fortravelers/traveling-to-spain.html