

SUNY Oswego / University of Barcelona

(Program Description as it pertains to courses breakdown)

Courses at Estudios Hispánicos (Hispanic Studies, UB)

All students participating on the Barcelona program for the fall and/or spring semesters will be required at a minimum to take the following courses:

- Spanish language (Lengua española): 6 credits
- Spanish culture classes (clases de cultura española): 1 or 2 culture classes (3 credits each) choosing from courses in art history, cinema, history, economy, geography and literature. A few of the courses (speaking, writing and pronunciation) are 1.5 credits.

Directors' Course

All students in the program take a 3 credit Directors' Course.

Internships

The program offers the possibility of doing a 6-credit internship.

General schedule

The Spanish language courses will meet for sessions of 2 hours at different times between 8.30am and 2.00pm (110 hours per semester). Classes are both theoretical and practical and groups are reduced. Students will take a language placement test administered by Estudios Hispánicos during orientation week.

Culture classes are in the afternoons and evenings from 2.00pm to 8.00pm with a total of 4 hours per week for each class (45 hours per semester); 1.5 credit courses will meet 2 hours per week (22.5 hours per semester). A few of the courses are taught in English to address absolute beginners.

Students are encouraged to discuss choices of culture classes with their academic advisors; further advice will be provided during orientation week by the program Directors in Barcelona. Students will be allowed to change their original choice if needed after approval by the Barcelona directors.

Fall and spring semesters / academic year

All students will take program examinations in late April/early May for spring and mid-December for fall. The whole academic year includes two running semesters beginning in the fall.

Diploma in Hispanic Studies / Accreditation in Hispanic Studies

Academic year with 30 credits (15 credits per semester). Students will take program examinations in mid-December and at the end of the program in May. Advanced level students who pass all the credits will be granted the Diploma in Hispanic Studies; low to intermediate students who pass all the credits will be granted the Accreditation in Hispanic Studies.

Grading and credit transfer

For grading purposes, every effort will be made by SUNY Oswego and the University of Barcelona administration to facilitate credit transfer back to a student's home campus. Since different students have different needs based on their home college's requirements, it is impossible to know each student's circumstance in advance; therefore, students are encouraged to discuss the credit transfer process with their own academic advisors and with study abroad staff. Any question about credit transfer, including any changes or deviations to the normal credit arrangement, should be discussed with the study abroad advisor during the application process and with the program directors in Barcelona. Once Estudios Hispánicos assigns a grade this grade can't be changed by SUNY Oswego thus students are responsible to communicate with their professors at the University of Barcelona regarding any course concerns.