



Academic Exchange in Spain

Program Information and FAQs

Requirements for Eligibility:

- Between the ages of 15 and 18 on the first day of school in Spain
- At least two full years of high school Spanish
- Currently attending high school and maintaining a B-average
- Maturity and motivation for an academic exchange in Spain
- Application approval by NWSE



What is included in the program costs?

- Processing of program applications
- Room and board with a carefully selected host family in Spain
- Supervision by a local representative in Spain
- Enrollment in a Spanish high school
- Pre-departure orientation by NWSE representative
- Post-arrival orientation in Barcelona by partner organization
- Transportation cost from Barcelona to host family

What is not included in the program costs?

- Visa-related costs (*including passport fees and travel expenses – consulate appointment must be in person*)
- Health Insurance (*proof of insurance required at consulate appointment*)
- Flights (*NWSE can help you book an affordable flight*)
- School books (*approximately \$250 to \$350 for full academic year*)
- Spending money for personal expenses (*approximately \$250 to \$300 per month for duration of program*)
- Transportation to and from school (*if applicable*)
- Transportation cost from host community to Barcelona for departure (*if needed*)
- Optional excursions in Spain organized by partner organization (*three trips offered each year*)

When would I leave for Spain?

All students must arrive in Barcelona (BCN) on the morning of the program start date, listed below

What are schools like in Spain?

American High School years are divided into two schools in Spain: 3rd and 4th years of *Enseñanza Secundaria* (9th and 10th grade in USA), and 1st and 2nd years of *Bachilleratos* (11th and 12th grade in USA). In the *Bachilleratos*, students focus their studies based on their interests, which are divided into four different focuses: Arts, Natural and Health Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Technology. Schools in Spain follow the trimester system, and grade-level placement is decided by the Spanish Ministry of Education. The teaching style is similar to U.S. university lectures, with 20-30 students typically in a classroom, and where students take notes on teacher lectures. Exchange students will have an academic counselor, or *tutor*, who can help and support you in school.

Program Fees and Application Deadlines:

<i>Program</i>	<i>Program Fees*</i>	<i>Application Deadline**</i>	<i>Program Dates</i>
Academic Year 2017-2018	\$ 9,600 USD	March 15, 2017	9/8/2017 - 6/26/2018
Fall Semester 2017	\$ 7,200 USD	March 15, 2017	9/8/2017 - 1/21/2018
Spring Semester 2018	\$ 7,200 USD	August 15, 2017	01/27/2018 - 6/26/2018

*Please note that quoted program fees are subject to change without prior notice due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

** NWSE will consider late applications (submitted after the deadlines below) on a space-available basis. Any applications received after the deadline will be subject to a non-refundable late fee of \$300, which will be added to the program fees indicated above.