where do i start?

## Peer Advisers & Resource Room

Peer Advisers are recently returned study abroad students who are available to share their experiences and assist students in starting your study abroad search. Peer Advisers can help students learn more about program offerings, application processes and funding opportunities. Peer Advisers are located in the Education Abroad Resource Room, where you can also find additional resources like travel guides, program brochures and other countryspecific information.

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# More info... Costs and Financial Aid

Costs vary depending on program features, geographic location, length, excursions, cultural activities, and onsite support. Each program's web page includes a budget sheet detailing the billable and estimated costs for each program.

Students may apply their regular financial aid award to the program cost and have the award reevaluated by the Office of Student Aid for their semester abroad to receive additional funding. The University Office of Global Programs has given over \$300,000 in grants to students to study abroad in previous years. For more information visit:

www.global.psu.edu/ea/scholarships.

## **Housing Options**

Homestay:

Reside with a family for full cultural immersion

- Apartment: Local and International students live off
- campus on their own
- Residence Hall: Local and International students in dormitory setting

Spain and Portugal



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#### <u>Course Overview</u>

Courses vary by program. To be sure you are choosing a program that makes sense for you academically, talk to your academic adviser about courses you need to fulfill while abroad. Be sure that those courses will be offered at the host institution by looking at the program webpages for each program you are interested in. You will get Penn State credits and grades for the classes you take abroad. If you need additional information or help identifying courses that are available, contact the Education Abroad Adviser for the program you are interested in.

Spain	Program Name	Requirement	Program Description
Alcalá	CIEE: Alcalá	4 min	Designed for students with a particular interest in cultural, economic, and social issues relevant to contemporary Spain and its capital, Madrid.
Alicante	CIEE: Alicante, Language in Context	0-2 max	Take courses in Spanish business and economics, literature, art, cinema, politics, and history—in English— while living in a Spanish coastal city .
Alicante	CIEE: Alicante, Language and Culture	3-4 max	Advance your Spanish and take courses on women's issues, art history, cinema, international relations, and literature.
Alicante	CIEE: Alicante, Liberal Arts	5 min	Designed for students who wish to further their skills, while living in a beautiful coastal city.
Barcelona	IES: Barcelona, Liberal Arts & Business	none	Ideal for students interested in experiencing the excitement of life in Barcelona while learning Spanish or improving their Spanish skills.
Barcelona	IES: Barcelona, Advanced Spanish Studies	4 min	Provides students with advanced language skills the opportunity to study Spanish among students of a similar skill level. Students must take all courses in Spanish.
Granada	IES: Granada	Int. 2 min Adv. 4 min	Designed for intermediate and advanced Spanish students.
Madrid	IES: Madrid	4 min	Designed for advanced Spanish-language students interested in a Spanish-immersion program.
Salamanca	IES: Salamanca	5 min	Designed for advanced Spanish students, with a focus on improving written and oral proficiency in Spanish. All courses are taught in Spanish.
San Sebastián	Dept IE: San Sebastián	5 min	Designed for advanced Spanish students pursuing an industrial engineering degree. Basque country.
Seville	CIEE: Seville, Int'l Business and Culture	0 - 4 max	For students who have a strong interest in business and economics while developing their Spanish language skills.
Seville	CIEE: Seville, Language and Society	3-4 max	This program is designed for students at the intermediate Spanish level with an interest in improving their Spanish language skills and learning about Spanish culture
Seville	CIEE: Seville, Business and Society	5 min	This program offers a core of business and economics courses as well as electives in the humanities.
Seville	CIEE: Seville, Liberal Arts	5 min	Completely immerse yourself in Spanish culture by speaking only Spanish - in class, place of residence, and with fellow program participants.
Seville	CIEE: Seville, Advanced Liberal Arts	6 min	Direct enrollment in regular University courses—ideal for meeting Spanish students and improving your advanced Spanish
Valencia	UVA	4 min	This program allows students to spend a semester studying language, literature, arts and cultures.

Potugal	Program Name	Requirement	Program Descirption
Lisbon	CIEE: Lisbon	None	This program offers a wide variety of courses in Portuguese language, art history, culture, communications, literature, history, music, politics, social science, humanities, and economics
Summer Pro	grams		
Barcelona	IES: Barcelona, Language and Area Studies (Summer)	None	Designed for students who want to experience contemporary Spanish culture from the Catalonian perspective in a challenging academic environment.
Palma de Mallorca	CIEE: Palma de Mallorca (Summer)	None	Develop your Spanish while studying the socioeconomic and cultural impact of tourism in the Balearic Islands, th Mediterranean marine environment and ecology, or the history and culture of the Mediterranean.
Seville	CIEE: Seville, Language and Culture (Summer)	None	This program is for students in search of a language immersion experience, and for those with interests in politics, economics, history, culture, or literature.

### Courses Available in English

The language of instruction varies by program. Some programs offer language intensive courses, while other programs may offer a combination of courses taught in English as well as the host language.

We strongly encourage all students to take at least one course in the host language to assist them in acclimating to the host country and to begin to understand the cultural nuances of the host country. Some programs may require at least one language course.

## Other Short-Term Programs in Spain

In addition to semester and summer programs, short-term embedded programs are an additional opportunity to study abroad. Embedded Programs are courses that are taught at Penn State, but include a brief international excursion as a minor component of a class. To see a list of embedded courses, visit www.global.psu.edu/ea/embedded.

## **Student Testimonials**

Granada is absolutely stunning! I couldn't have picked a better city to study in in Spain. This is a great city to study in if you really want a chance to speak the language. You have the option of studying in the University, which is huge! There's way to much to say about Granada, so if you have any questions feel free to contact me! I hope you choose to discover Granada! ?

-Amy Luseni, Participating Alumni for IES: Granada, Advertising

...the decision to study abroad was the best decision I made as a student at Penn State. I thought I would never want to graduate from Penn State, but...I realized there is a whole world to look forward to after graduation...To say I became more open-minded would be an understatement. Since I have returned to the United States, I am willing to try activities and take chances I never would have taken before...I studied abroad in Seville, Spain and I had to speak Spanish to everyone I met. I realized that language should never be a barrier between two people and should never keep you from interacting with another person.

- Bridget Higgins, CIEE: Seville, Liberal Arts