



Honors Program
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1. Definition

IES Barcelona Honors Program is a personalized program for university studies in Barcelona about language, culture and society in Spain and Latin America.

Totally in Spanish language, with specific:

- Orientation
- Courses
- Housing
- Field Work
- Honors Thesis
- Academic Communication
- Extracurricular Activities
- Semester (fall or spring) or yearly program
- Honors Retreat trip

2. Who can apply to the Honors Program?

US Honors students, bilingual or advanced Spanish students or of Spanish Language or Literature Majors

Students who want to write an Honors Thesis

Students interested in the Catalan, Spanish and Latin American societies

Students open to experiencing different university systems and willing to develop their research skills

3. Program Design

Student must take 16 credits per semester (not pass/fail allowed).

All classes will be taught in Spanish, according to the following distribution:

- IES Spanish advanced course (48 hours: *4 credits*): **optional**
- Regular courses in a local university (UPF, ESCI; *4 credits*): **optional**
- IES area courses in Spanish (36 hours: *3 credits*): **optional**
- Field Research Methods seminar (36 hours: *3 credits*): **mandatory**
- Writing of an Honors Thesis based on a Field Placement directed by a faculty advisor (*3 credits*): **mandatory**
- Honors Thesis results will be defended publicly: **mandatory**
- Students can apply to a Spanish certification exam at the *Instituto Cervantes* 🇪🇸: **optional**
- Students that achieve an **A-** or and **A** grade in the program will receive an IES Barcelona Honors Diploma

4. Admission

Requirements

- 6 semesters of Spanish language
- GPA 3.2 or over
- Students must be aware of the workload and commitment that undertaking the Honors program and its Thesis implies

Procedure

The student should ask for regular admission according to IES Chicago procedures. In addition, students have to contact the Barcelona office* in order to:

- Apply for admission to the Honors Program (using the *Petition Form* 📄 available on the IES Barcelona website). Deadline November 15th.
- Send a Recommendation letter 📄. To be sent by fax before November 15th.
- Send a one page resume 📄 by email before November 15th.
- Send, by mail before November 15th, a Letter of Motivation (Statement of intentions) 📄, of 1,500 words and written in Spanish.
- Sign the *Spanish Pledge Form* 📄, and send it by fax before November 15th.
- Telephone interview, in Spanish, with the Honors Program coordinator (by appointment in late November)

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5. Calendar

Submit before **November 15th**

Pettition Form: *by fax*

Recomentation letter: *by fax*

Short resume: *by email*

Letter of motivation (Statement of intentions): *by email*

Late november

Personal interview by telephone (*by appointment*)

Courses Calendar

UPF University: January 9th - March 31st

ESCI School: January 9 - March 25th

IES Courses: January 23 - April 28th

* *Submit all documents to:*

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6. Research Protocol

The Honors Thesis research process is organized in two levels: the Field Research Methods seminar and the research thesis work.

Field Research Methods Seminar

This seminar introduces students to qualitative and quantitative research methods. The course is taught in workshop format, with independent field placements as the basis of the course's discussion. Along with the help of an on-site faculty advisor, each Honors student identifies an element of the local society they would like to research. This topic becomes the student's main research interest for their Honors Thesis. In the weekly seminar, students are introduced to challenging fieldwork methods such as participant observation, interviewing, market research techniques, surveying, focus groups, etc. As students become more engaged in their research projects, they test their language proficiency, or their capacity to gain access and negotiate with locals, as well as ponder over ethical dimensions. The end point of this exercise is to gain theory and knowledge from practice, and to transmit it in the form of an academic Honors Thesis. This project can be on any topic from the social sciences, humanities, arts or physical sciences. Students are encouraged to choose topics that can be completed in one semester and which involve high levels of interaction with the local population. At the same time, in order to really benefit from the study abroad opportunity, students are encouraged to avoid topics which can be completed in a U.S. setting or those that require extensive library research.

Research Schedule

Weeks 1–8	Field Research Methods Seminar (Intensive, 36 hours)
Weeks 7-8	Research Design and Data collection
Weeks 9-12	Data analysis and thesis writing

Research Coordination and Supervision

Honors Program Coordinator

- Coordinates students, thesis advisors and methodology instructor
- Facilitates students' field placements 📄, access to institutions and resources
- Monitors research schedule

Methodology Instructor

- Teaches scientific work methods, paying special attention to students' research needs
- Supervises and evaluates the Research Design outline

Thesis Advisor

- Supervises the data collection, its analysis and the writing of the final research
- Responsible for the weekly progress of the student's research and feedback towards the Honors Thesis

7. Courses Offering [ALL courses taught in Spanish]

Pompeu Fabra University, UPF. (4 credit courses)

UPF11538	Literatura Contemporanea*
UPF11932	Literatura Comparada*
UPF11935	Arte Griego*
UPF11609	Arte Moderno (C)*
UPF11610	Arte Contemporáneo (A)*
UPF12230	Teorías del Cine*
UPF11494	Prehistoria e Historia Antigua*
UPF12190	Historia Medieval*
UPF12037	Técnicas de Investigación (I)*
UPF12567	Ética y filosofía política (C)*
UPF12040	Política Española (I)*
UPF12047	Política Española (II)*
UPF12031	Ciencia Política (II)*
UPF11795	Filosofía del Derecho*
UPF12507	Derecho Internacional Público (II)*
UPF10106	Dirección Comercial (II)*

School of International Trade,ESCI. (4 credit courses)

ESCI32	Investigación de mercados (II)*
ESCI33	Marketing electrónico*
ESCI31	Psicosociología del Consumidor*
ESCI34	Técnicas de Previsión*
ESCI25	Derecho de Empresa*
ESCI26	Introducción al análisis de datos*
ESCI27	Macroeconomía (I)*
ESCI28	Integración Europea (II)*
ESCI30	Distribución Comercial*

IES Area Studies. (3 Credit courses)

MT496	Seminario de Metodología de la Investigación
LT375	Barcelona y el "Boom" de la Literatura Latinoamericana
CM327	Lenguaje, Cultura y Comunicación: la perspectiva en España y Latinoamérica
HS332	Historia Contemporánea de España
MG345	Gestión Intercultural
AN/IR320	Antropología y Desarrollo en Latinoamérica
CU350	Gitanos en España: una aproximación a sus expresiones artísticas
MS200	La Música de España y Latinoamérica
PO350	Transiciones políticas en Europa del Sur y Latinoamérica

Spanish Courses (3 Credit courses)

SP 491	Español para bilingües
SP400	Seminario Avanzado de Escritura
CT101	Catalán para principiantes
ED395	Seminario de metodología de las lenguas

* ECTS Credits 

8. Courses Offering by discipline [ALL courses taught in Spanish]

Arts

CU350	Gitanos en España: una aproximación a sus expresiones artísticas
MS200	La Música de España y Latinoamérica
UPF11935	Arte Griego*
UPF11609	Arte Moderno (C)*
UPF11610	Arte Contemporáneo (A)*
UPF12230	Teorías del Cine*

Business

MG345	Gestión Intercultural
UPF10106	Dirección Comercial (II)*
ESCI32	Investigación de mercados (II)*
ESCI33	Marketing electrónico*
ESCI31	Psicosociología del Consumidor*
ESCI34	Técnicas de Previsión*
ESCI25	Derecho de Empresa*
ESCI26	Introducción al análisis de datos*
ESCI27	Macroeconomía (I)*
ESCI28	Integración Europea (II)*
ESCI30	Distribución Comercial*

History

HS332	Historia Contemporánea de España
UPF11494	Prehistoria e Historia Antigua*
UPF12190	Historia Medieval*

Language

SP 491	Español para bilingües
SP400	Seminario Avanzado de Escritura
CT101	Catalán para principiantes
ED395	Seminario de metodología de las lenguas

Law

UPF11795	Filosofía del Derecho*
UPF12507	Derecho Internacional Público (II)*
ESCI25	Derecho de Empresa*

Literature

LT375	Barcelona y el "Boom" de la Literatura Latinoamericana
UPF11538	Literatura Contemporánea*
UPF11932	Literatura Comparada*

Political Sciences

PO350	Transiciones Políticas en Europa del Sur y Latinoamérica
UPF12037	Técnicas de Investigación (I)*
UPF12567	Ética y filosofía política (C)*
UPF12040	Política Española (I)*
UPF12047	Política Española (II)*
UPF12031	Ciencia Política (II)*

Methodology

MT496	Seminario de Metodología de la Investigación
ESCI26	Introducción al análisis de datos*
ED395	Seminario de metodología de las lenguas

Anthropology, Communication & Cultural Studies

CM327	Lenguaje, Cultura y Comunicación: la perspectiva en España y Latinoamérica
AN/IR320	Antropología y Desarrollo en Latinoamérica
CU350	Gitanos en España: una aproximación a sus expresiones artísticas

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9. Glossary

ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System)

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System is a student-centred system based on the student workload required to achieve the objectives of a study program. These objectives should be specified in terms of learning outcomes and competences to be acquired. The ECTS transcript of records facilitates swift and informed decisions among European Union universities.

Field Placements

IES field placements, 2-3 days, provide students a research setting in which they act as cultural observers towards their Honors Thesis. Students participate in a mandatory research seminar that provides theoretical and methodological frameworks, and helps them analyze their observations in the culture's social, political, and historical contexts.

Instituto Cervantes (Cervantes Institute)

The Cervantes Institute certifies the Spanish Official diploma of Spanish as foreign language (DELE). The Institute belongs to the Spanish Education Ministry and is spread over 90 countries. The Institute offers three different exam levels: beginners, intermediate and proficiency diplomas (additional information, www.cervantes.es)

Letter of Motivation (Statement of Intentions)

This letter, written in Spanish, can not exceed the 1,500 words in length. Students should explain why they want to write an Honors Thesis, what the topic will be, its relation to Barcelona/Catalonia/Spain, as well as the meaning of this project for their future career.

Petition Form

The Honors Program Petition Form is available online at the Honors section of the IES Barcelona website.

Recommendation Letter

Students need an extra Recommendation Letter signed by a faculty member at their home university, preferably a professor in a department related to their research project in Barcelona.

Resume

The resume, in Spanish, will not exceed one page and should emphasize courses, skills and other academic information connected to the project proposal or the student's research capabilities.

Spanish Pledge Form

Students must fill in a Spanish Language Pledge to guarantee that they will use Spanish when communicating with IES, during classes, in their housing as well as during research. It is mandatory to agree to this pledge in order to participate in the Honors Program. Available online at the Honors section of the IES Barcelona website.