



BARCELONA

STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

START ABROAD IN **BARCELONA** | FALL 2024
Student & Family Information Session

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Meet TODAY'S PRESENTERS



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Why BARCELONA SAE?



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Why BARCELONA SAE?

WE ARE INDIVIDUALIZED AND PERSONALIZED:

Our staff ensures that each student is given **100% support**, from the time of inquiry until after their return home.

From personalized pre-departure advising to onsite cultural mentors who encourage each student to connect with the culture through their interests, we know that **each student is unique, as is their experience.**



THE BARCELONA SAE **DIFFERENCE**



**EXCLUSIVE FOCUS
ON BARCELONA**



**LEADERS ON JUSTICE,
DIVERSITY, EQUITY
& INCLUSION**



**AFFORDABLE
PROGRAMMING**



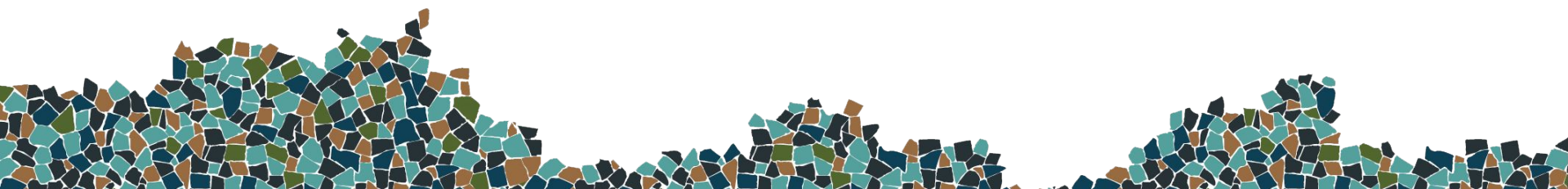
**OUR BARCE-LOCAL
CURRICULUM USING THE
CITY AS THE CLASSROOM**



**CULTURAL MENTOR PROGRAM
& INTERCULTURAL
IMMERSION FOCUS**



**INDIVIDUALIZED &
PERSONALIZED
ATTENTION**

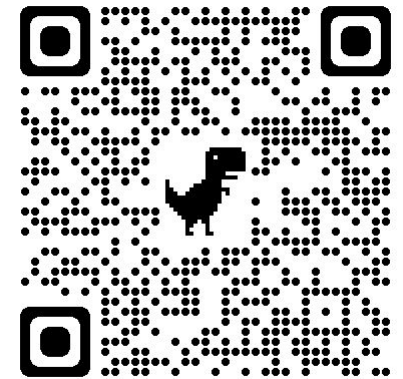


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Our Barcelona staff is *multilingual* and composed of *Spanish, American, and international* study abroad experts.



You can find all of our names, contact info, and more on the Staff Page of our website.



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While the definition of underrepresented students is broad, **TODOS (The Outcomes-Based Diversity Outreach Strategy)** is focused on the results/outcomes of diversity measures put in place to remove the barriers keeping students and educational institutions of varied diverse economic, educational, ethnic and social backgrounds from studying abroad.

A FEW EXAMPLES OF OUR (MANY) TODOS RESOURCES:

- *Our Signature Cultural Mentor Program* provides personalized support to students throughout their Barcelona experience - from arrival to departure.
- *An Inclusive Pre-Departure Webinar Series* on a variety of topics including (but not limited to):
 - Before You Go: **Meet and Greet**
 - Before You Go: **Budget Savvy** in Barcelona
 - Before You Go: Creating Your **Rainbow Community** Abroad
 - Before You Go: Creating Your **BIPOC Community** Abroad
 - Before You Go: **Self-Care Abroad**



TODOS IS BASED ON FOUR PILLARS:

- Providing Financial Resources
- Inclusive Academic & Cultural Programming
- Targeted Outreach
- Intercultural Training



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**FOUR PILLARS OF
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**



THE BARCELONA SAE ACADEMIC CENTER

Barcelona School for International Studies



- Courses designed in conjunction with the University of Miami for General Education Requirements
- Students will enroll in 12 credits (4 Courses)
 - Spanish Language (Beginner, Upper Elementary, Intermediate or Heritage Speaker)
 - Academic Writing: Foundations in a Global Context
 - Building Cultural Competence and Preparing for College Success
 - Choose one:
 - Introduction to Peoples of Spain - Cultural Diversity, Past and Present
 - Introduction to Sports and Society in Spain and Catalonia
- Immersive Field Studies. The City as the Classroom!
- Small class sizes alongside other *Start Abroad in Barcelona* students from the University of Miami
- Local and international faculty
- U.S. grading system & U.S. school of record (Jacksonville University)





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HOUSING OPTIONS



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HOMESTAY

- Living with carefully vetted and local families
- Cultural immersion and Spanish/Catalan language practice
- Diverse family structures
- Two daily meals included: breakfast and dinner
- Laundry & Cleaning

"My host family was extremely kind, caring, and helpful throughout the program! They really helped me improve my Spanish (and were SO patient with me in the process) - and they even taught us some Catalan phrases, which was really cool! They also recommended a lot of cultural activities to do around the city, and I also bonded with the family dog. I'm going to miss them a lot!"

- Natalia Gonzalez, University of Miami



RESIDENCE HALL

- Live-in resident assistant
- Interaction with international students
- Single or double rooms, with private bathroom option available
- Shared kitchen and common areas
- 24h security and reception





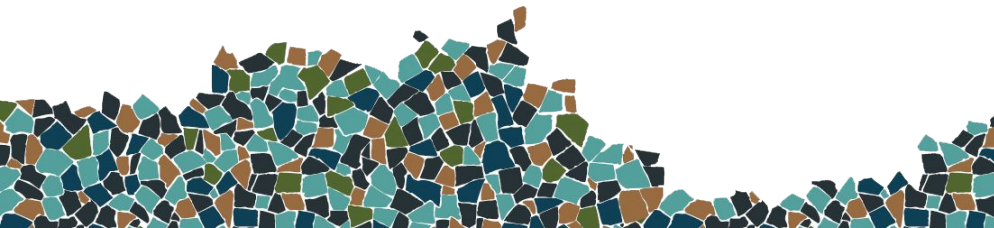
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STUDENT LIFE

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PRE-DEPARTURE

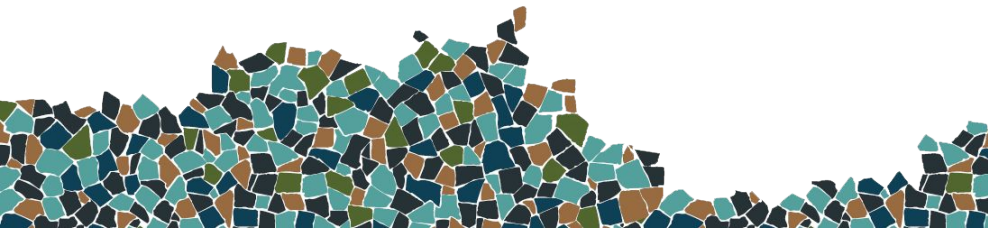
- Personalized advising
- Virtual sessions & newsletters
 - Budgeting
 - First time travelers
 - Living independently (housing)
 - Self-care
- Form Collection (passport, medical, flight, emergency contact)
- Course Registration
- Pre-Departure Webinar for students & family



ORIENTATION WEEK

Helping the students to get to know Barcelona and feel fully comfortable during the first week.

- Airport pickup and housing check-in
- Barce-Local Integration Week
- Welcome Orientation & Walk
- Cultural & Academic Orientations
- Meeting with Barcelona Cultural Mentor
- Tour of the vibrant Gothic quarter
- Welcome Meal





ACTIVITIES IN BARCELONA

- Dance Class
- Open Door Mentoring
- Cooking Class
- Barrio Tours
- Castellers
- Market Scavenger Hunt
- Intercambio with Local Students
- Picoteo Time
- City Scavenger Hunt

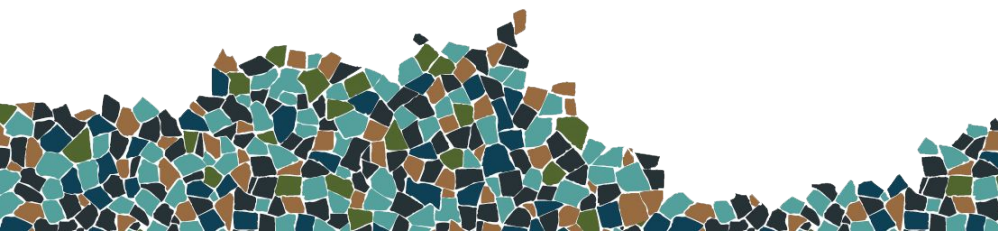
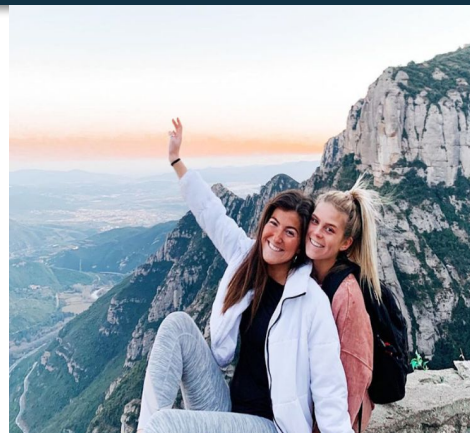


"Every week I was there, there was at least one activity to do with other people from the program that would introduce us to new aspects of the culture and life in Spain- it also helped me get to know others from the program as well, people that are still some of my closest friends. I kept waiting to have culture shock hit me while I was in Spain, but I don't think it ever did because I felt so at home from the start!"

- Stevie Peterson, University of Nebraska - Omaha

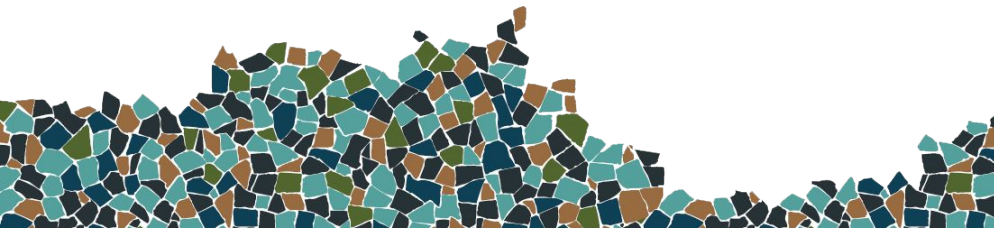
DAY TRIPS

- Mix of historical tours, cultural visits, and free time
- Get to know the intricacies of each town we visit
- Typically 9am-6pm
- Examples of Day Trips: Montserrat, Cavas & Sitges, Besalu & Dali Museum, Girona, Tarragona, Calella



WEEKEND EXCURSION

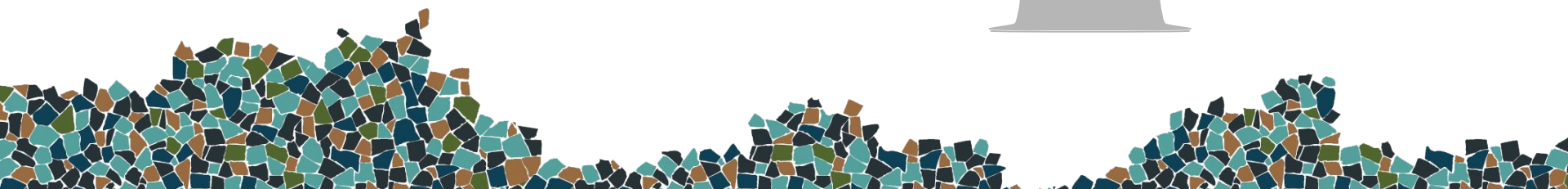
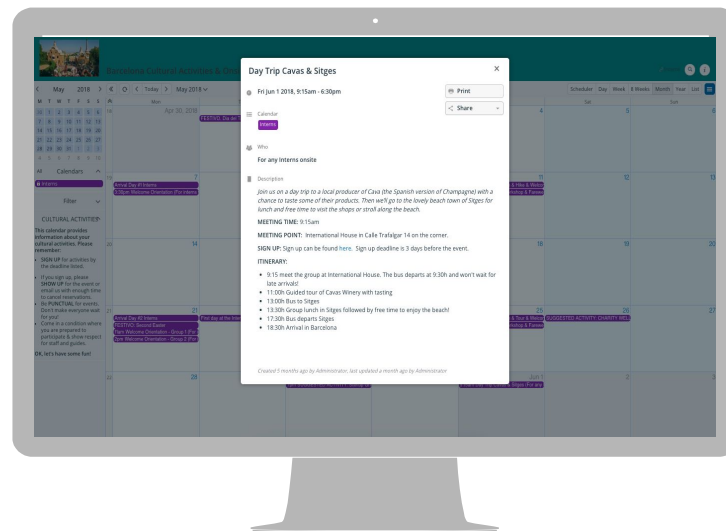
- Friday-Sunday
- Transportation & accommodation
- Guided tours and activities
- Entrance fees to museums
- Some group meals
- Examples of Weekend Trips:
 - Basque Country
 - Valencia
 - Sevilla
 - Cordoba





Program ACTIVITY CALENDAR

available online and as a
smartphone app



Health and safety is always our *top priority* and we are committed to supporting our students' health, safety and wellbeing while in Barcelona.

- Detailed Crisis Response Plan
- Barcelona SAE's 24 hour emergency phone
- Fully comprehensive health and emergency insurance
- English-speaking mental health professionals
- Weekend Plan Form
- Connection with the U.S. consulate and local community
- Connection with our professional associations and university networks.



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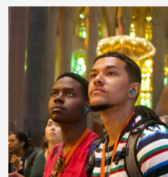
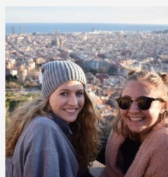
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EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR YOUR BARCELONA EXPERIENCE...

A comprehensive guide encompassing all things Barcelona!

Includes info on pre-departure, health & safety, academics, internships, housing...and more!

Students will receive access after program acceptance.

WEEKLY CULTURAL AGENDA

"I am definitely making use of the cultural agendas! The day trip suggestions are awesome and so easy to use as a guide."

- Kristen Bathan, California State University - Fullerton

- Features local museum exhibitions, events, concerts, festivals, language exchanges, holidays, and more!
- Encourages living like a local
- Student friendly prices
- Local news stories
- Fun fact of the week in Spanish



CULTURAL *Agenda*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BCN & HOW
TO EXPLORE THE CITY AS A LOCAL!



FESTIVAL GREC 2022

The famous Grec Festival of music, dance, circus, and theater starts today and runs through August 1st! The festival supports both local and international artists. This year's theme focuses on Europe, taking you around the continent via German, Dutch, English, Portuguese, Italian, French, Spanish (and more!) performances. You can find the full itinerary and show list on the link below.

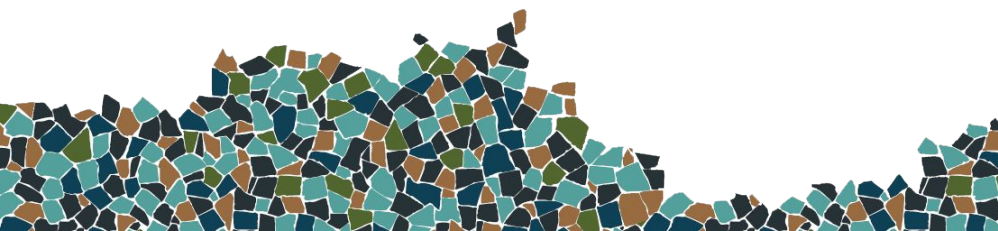
[GREC 2022 SCHEDULE](#)



OUTDOOR MOVIES AT SALA MONTJUÏC

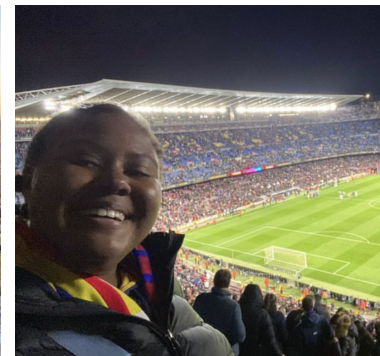
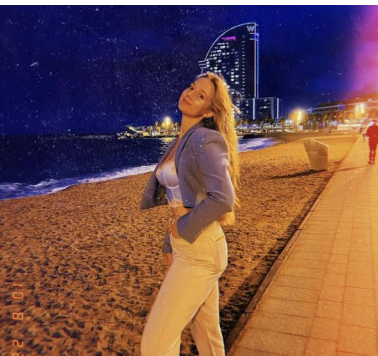
The Castle of Montjuïc's outdoor cinema is back for the summer starting this Friday! You can catch everything from modern to classic films, all of which are shown in their original language with Spanish subtitles (great for practicing your Spanish)! Tickets are just €7.50 and you can bring your own food, drinks, and a blanket to sit on.

[BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)





THE #BARCELONABUCKETLIST





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DATES, COSTS & DEADLINES

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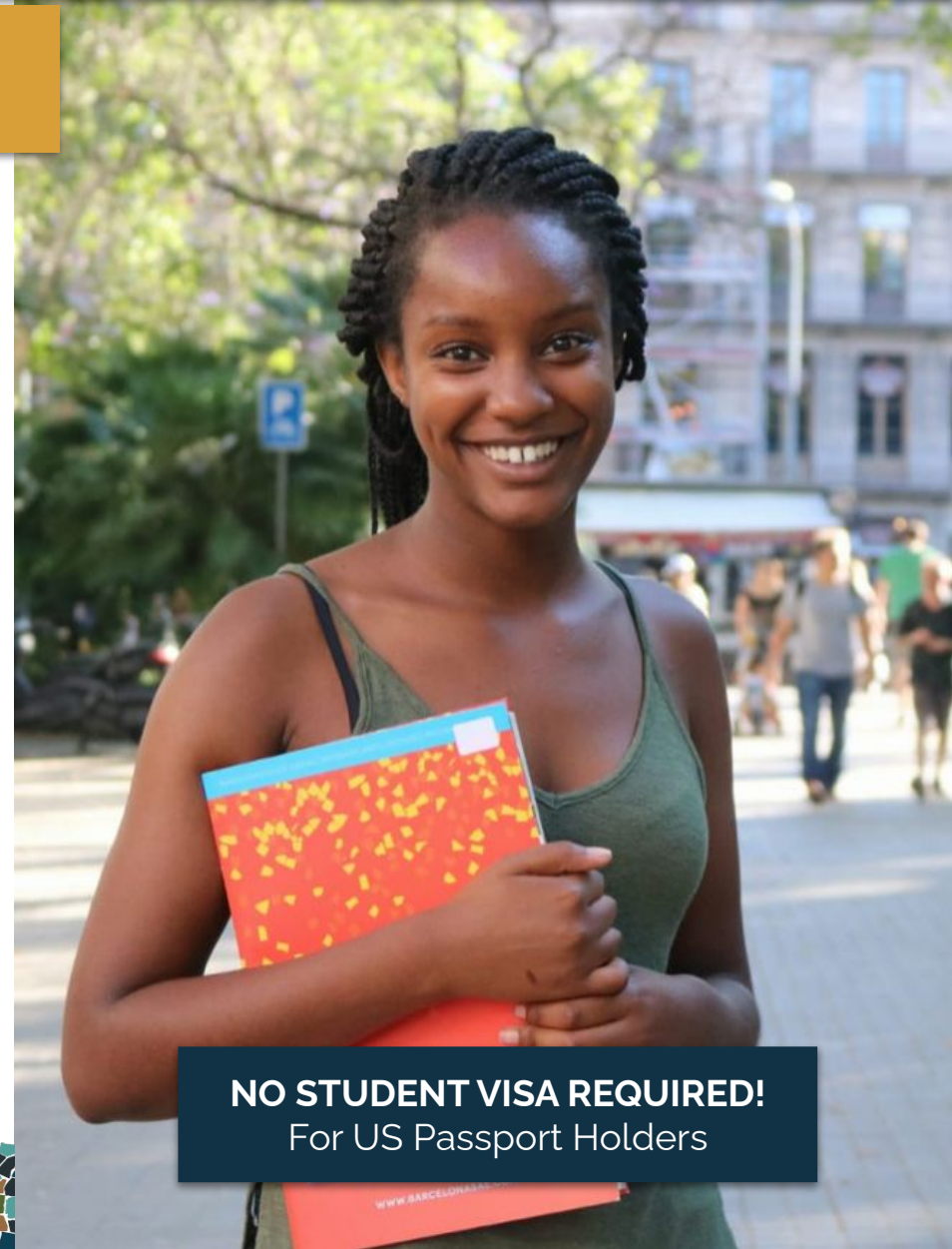
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IMPORTANT DATES & COSTS

- **April 18:** The Start Abroad in Barcelona application portal opens on the Barcelona SAE website at 11:00am ET to those on the call today, and 12:00pm ET to the public.
- **May 6:** Start Abroad in Barcelona applications are due to Barcelona SAE by 5:00pm ET.
- **May 8:** Students will be notified of acceptance or waitlist to the Start Abroad in Barcelona program.
- **July & August:** Virtual pre-departure sessions - exact dates and times TBD.
- **September 16:** Program start date and student arrival in Barcelona.
- **December 13:** Program ends and housing check-out.

The Fall 2024 *Start Abroad in Barcelona* Semester Program cost per student is

\$21,950



NO STUDENT VISA REQUIRED!
For US Passport Holders

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Early
Application
Access For
Today's
Attendees!



START ABROAD IN BARCELONA

Application Officially Opens:

Thursday, April 18th @ 11:00am ET

We will be accepting **25** students into the program,
and will be considering the following:

- Personal essay
- Courses taken in high school
- GPA
- Extracurricular activities
- Intended major

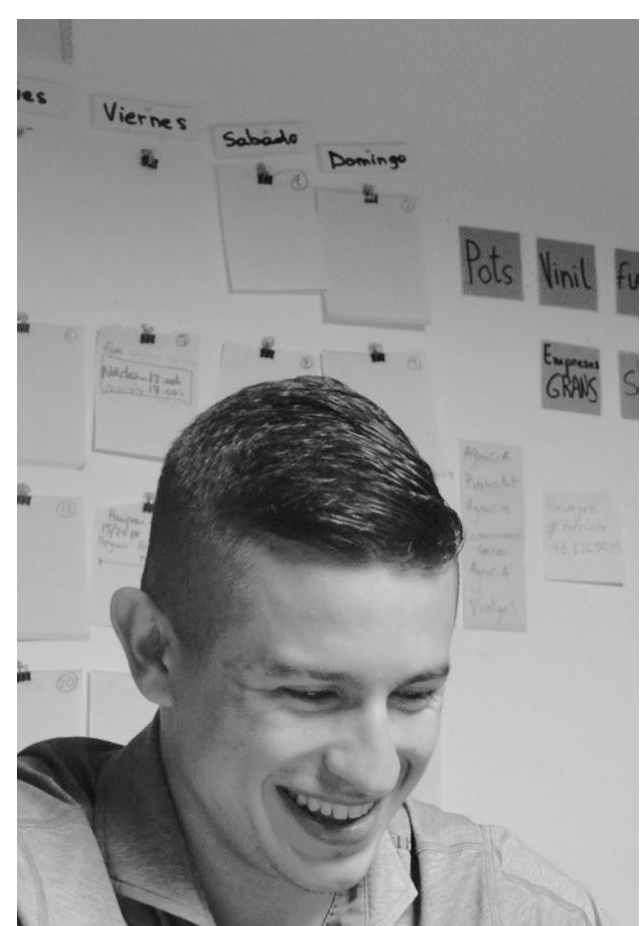
We plan to admit students from varied backgrounds and fields of study.

Scan to Apply:*

***PASSWORD WILL BE REMOVED
ONCE THE APPLICATION IS LIVE**

[www.barcelonasae.com/
um-start-abroad-in-barcelona/apply](http://www.barcelonasae.com/um-start-abroad-in-barcelona/apply)





ANY QUESTIONS?

Unmute yourself or type it in the chat!

For any additional *Start Abroad in Barcelona* questions that pop up after today, please email firstyear@barcelonasae.com.



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