



Dual Degree Program in Barcelona, Spain at University of Barcelona

Barcelona is Spain's most modern, outward-looking, and cosmopolitan city offering culture, unique architecture, history, and business. It is a major Mediterranean port and a prosperous capital of Catalonia, one of Europe's most dynamic regions.

Institutional Overview- University of Barcelona

[University of Barcelona Faculty of Law](#) (UB), founded in 1450, is part of the oldest and largest university in Barcelona. It consistently appears in several rankings of the top universities in the world.

Dual-Degree Program

With the advent of this unique program, a select number of students are given the opportunity to study the common law system of the United States, as well as the civil law system of Spain. As lawyers, dual-degree graduates will have an opportunity to practice transactional law in the European Union, and to practice law in the United States and Spain.

NSU Law students attend classes in Spanish at the UB for one semester during their second year to study civil law. Following graduation from NSU Law, students return to Spain for a full year of study in Spanish in Barcelona. Students that successfully complete all phases of the program will obtain both the Juris Doctor (JD) degree in the United States and the Grado en Derecho and Masters en Derecho law degrees in Spain.

Courses completed at either university count toward their home school degree. Spanish fluency is required.

Educational Objectives

- Learn about a foreign legal and cultural system.
- Have a greater understanding of diverse cultures and legal systems in order to represent clients who either are from a diverse cultural background or are doing business with a foreign country more effectively.
- Raise awareness and obtain a different perspective of global legal issues by viewing the world through a new lens.
- Increase self-awareness by living in a foreign country.
- Interact with lawyers and students in order to become part of a global legal community

Application

Second year NSU Law students must successfully complete the Selected Topics in Spanish Law class taught during the first 2-3 weeks of the Fall semester. The class is taught in Spanish. A maximum of five NSU Law students can be selected each year to study at University of Barcelona based on performance in the Selected Topics class, overall academic performance at NSU Law, and an interview with the Associate Dean of International Programs and the Associate Director of International Programs. Last year, no NSU Law students studied at University of Barcelona.

Upon acceptance, the student will be required to fill out a study abroad request that includes a written plan defining the educational objectives a student seeks to achieve during the period of study abroad.

Calendar

FALL SEMESTER: generally the first week of October until right before the Christmas holiday. NSU Law students will be able to finish all required courses and exams in time to begin the Winter semester on the NSU campus.

WINTER SEMESTER: generally the first week of March until mid-June, depending on exam schedules.

Courses

The following list of courses have been taken by NSU students at University of Barcelona. NSU students generally receive 13-16 credits for work completed at the University of Barcelona based on class selection. Classes will be transferred in as pass/fail credits and will not count in the NSU Law GPA.

CLASSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA FOR THE DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAM

Sistema de Derechos y Libertades

Derecho Financiero y Tributario

Derecho de Obligaciones y Contratos

Fundamentos de Derecho Administrativo

Registration

Students will be registered into the NSU and University of Barcelona systems. Before departure, students meet with the Associate Director Programs and Associate Dean of International Programs at NSU Law for counseling regarding course selection and credits. Upon arrival at University of Barcelona, students will meet with Alicia Martin and Vice-Dean Mar Campins for assistance with registration at University of Barcelona into the classes.

Cancellations

Because you are taking classes at an established foreign university, it is not likely that your program will be cancelled. In the event that is, you will be informed in a timely manner that the program is no longer available.

Program Costs

NSU students are charged full day tuition during the Phase I semester. NSU students in Phase II of the Dual Degree pay a reduced tuition, currently \$9,280 for the length of Phase II, broken into three semesters. Refunds are consistent with NSU and NSU Law Policy: <http://nsulaw.nova.edu/intranet/students/studentervices/documents/TUITIONREFUNDPOLICY.pdf> . Additional student fees may apply at both NSU and Barcelona University.

Cost of Living

Estimated cost of Living in Barcelona:

Housing: \$900-\$1,800/month

Transportation (roundtrip airfare and public transportation throughout the semester):
\$2,000.00

Books & Supplies \$500.00

Miscellaneous: \$2,000/semester

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available for the dual degree programs. The estimated financial aid budget will take into consideration the different dates of attendance, cost of living, and airfare. You must meet with the financial aid office located in student services before leaving if you want to receive financial aid.

Housing

NSU Law does not provide housing. The University of Barcelona does not offers dormitory housing to NSU Law students. Public transportation is good and the law school is centrally located so there are opportunities for apartment rentals.

Health Insurance

Students must provide proof of health insurance coverage for their program at University of Barcelona.

Visa

Students must secure a student visa prior to departure from the United States. NSU will provide students a letter of admission from University of Barcelona, which is necessary for the visa application. Students should begin the application process immediately after the receiving the letter to ensure proper time requirements of the visa. NSU students that live in Miami can apply through the Spanish consulate in Miami.

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/MIAMI/en/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Pages/Visa%20Requirements/Student-Visa.aspx>

International Travel Registration Program

NSU students studying abroad must complete both the NSU Travel Registration process and the U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler registration. Links to both can be found here <http://www.nova.edu/internationalaffairs/travelreg/index.html>

Access for Individuals with Disabilities

Levels of accessibility vary from country to country. Any NSU Law student with a disability will meet with the Associate Director of International Programs and our contacts at the University of Barcelona prior to committing to attend the program to discuss accessibility issues on a school, city, and country level.

State Department Travel Information

It is your responsibility to refer to the U.S. Department of State and read the Consular Information for the foreign country where you will be studying abroad and to keep abreast of any warnings issued by the State Department during your visit. Students are strongly advised to also read warnings for any other countries they plan to visit. Warnings are available at: www.travel.state.gov

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