¡Goal! OVERVIEW OF TODAY

During today’s program overview, we’ll talk about:

- Overview of Spain and Barcelona + Black Barcelona trivia
- Course and included excursions
- Housing in Barcelona
- Health & safety
- Scholarships and costs
- Next steps + Q&A

Session will be recorded and, of course, feel free to use the chat and closed captioning features

More about BARCELONA

Tell me: What comes to mind when you think about Spain?

SPAIN FAST FACTS:
- Barcelona is the 2nd largest city in Spain with approximately 1.7 million inhabitants
- Major cities are connected by high-speed rail, making travel in the country affordable and convenient!
- In Barcelona, locals speak Spanish, Catalan, and many other languages - including English
- Top 3 location for U.S. study abroad students
- Home to FC Barcelona, the world-famous football (soccer) team
- Summer climate is usually quite warm and Barcelona is on the Mediterranean Sea – pack your sunglasses and light-weight clothing
¿Which famous Harlem Renaissance poet and journalist traveled to Barcelona in 1937 on assignment for the Baltimore Afro-American newspaper?

ANSWER: LANGSTON HUGHES

This North African group occupied the majority of Spain for close to 800 years (8th-15th centuries) and brought art, architecture, agricultural innovations (and so much more) to Spain and Europe.

ANSWER: THE MOORS or BERBERS
This Afro-Spaniard rapper, poet, and activist - famous in Spain for songs like *Rap vs. Racismo* - currently holds the world record for most syllables rapped in one minute.

**ANSWER: **EL CHOJIN

Consider following these Black/Afro-Spaniard accounts on social media to explore the Black experience in contemporary Spain further:
- @blackbarcelona_afro
- @luciambomio
- @hijadeinmigrantes
- @el_chojin_official

And, of course, @barcelonasae

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**YOUR SUMMER IN Barcelona**

- **Program dates:** June 29 - July 28, 2023 (1 month)
- **Course:** Black Barcelona: The Experience of Race and Ethnicity in Spain (3 credit hours, taught in English) This class focuses on the African diaspora in Spain, Black/African influence on Spain, and contemporary immigration topics.
- **Bowie State, Elizabeth City State, and Winston-Salem State students**
Planned cultural activities:
Spanish cooking class; guided barrio walking tours; curated free/low-cost activities for free time and weekends in Spain

Course excursions: Guest speakers and site visits exploring Afro-Spaniard topics, communities, and contributions past and present

Included day-trip: TBD, but usually to Girona or the Costa Brava

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Lots of cultural immersion and Spanish/Catalan language practice
Diverse family structures
Two daily meals: breakfast and dinner
Laundry & Cleaning
Fully vetted and background checked

I lived with the best homestay family that I could have imagined. They made my Barcelona experience so enjoyable and provided a place I felt comfortable to come home at night to. I'm so grateful to have been placed with such a wonderful family.

- Haley Smith, Illinois Wesleyan University

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HEALTH & SAFETY IN SPAIN

Pre-departure orientation for accepted/committed students before arriving in Spain to review specific health and safety tips and topics for student travelers
Upon arrival in Spain orientation on your first day to review health, safety, and wellbeing resources
24/7/365 emergency phone staffed by English-speaking professionals
Comprehensive international health insurance coverage while abroad
Strong partnerships with local clinics and therapists

Scholarships & COSTS

PROGRAM COST

$4,285 per student, which includes:
- Tuition and instructional costs
- Housing for the duration of the program + 2 meals per day
- Cultural activities and class-related visits throughout the city
- Some group meals (welcome, cooking class, and farewell)
- Airport welcome and extensive orientation upon arrival
- Health & safety support services throughout the program and insurance
- 1 faculty/staff member for 1 week from BSU, ECSU, & WSSU per 5 enrolled students (per university)

Not included: roundtrip airfare, passport fees, meals/groceries outside of host family, and souvenirs and other personal items/costs
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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Bowie State, Elizabeth City State, and Winston-Salem State financial aid and scholarships may be available to you for studying abroad this summer
  - Talk to your financial aid advisor now about funding options for summer!
- Barcelona SAE has scholarships students may apply for too!
- Outside scholarships are available too!

**Outside scholarship program** from the U.S. Department of State (not through Barcelona SAE)
- Must be a U.S. citizen, accepted to study or intern abroad for academic credit, and a Federal Pell Grant recipient
- Up to $5,000 towards your study/intern abroad program
- Learn more at: https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/

**HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?**

**SO, WHAT'S NEXT?**

- Don't have a passport yet? Apply for one ASAP!
- Complete the application processes and study abroad approval/registration processes with your home university
- Apply for scholarships! Remember if you receive a Pell Grant, you should apply for the Gilman Scholarship by March 9!
- Early April 2023, accepted/approved students will complete an online application with Barcelona SAE
- Pre-departure orientation and prep with your university and Barcelona SAE
- June 29: ¡Bienvenidos a Barcelona!

**SEE YOU IN SPAIN THIS SUMMER!**

The program had numerous opportunities for cultural immersion such as a Spanish cooking class, flamenco class, trips around other cities in Spain, language exchange nights with local students, and so much more.

- Brielle Brown, NC A&T State University