

The purpose of this document is to highlight study abroad programs that allow students to fulfill four semesters (180 contact hours) of language learning during back to back 8-10 week summer sessions. Most of the program options listed below will allow students to fulfill a 4-semester language requirement in one summer. Some of the Intensive Language programs highlighted below offer more limited amounts of course credit but are still a good choice for students who wish to progress in their foreign language skills. If you would like to receive course descriptions and/or syllabi, or have further questions about any of these recommendations, please feel free to contact ISA's Academic Affairs Department at [academicaffairs@studiesabroad.com](mailto:academicaffairs@studiesabroad.com).

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## ASIA

### East China Normal University (Shanghai, China)

Founded in 1951, [East China Normal University \(ECNU\)](#) is one of the most prestigious universities in China. ECNU has a total degree-seeking student enrollment of over 49,000 in all departments and programs. The university is recognized by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. Shanghai has been a market city for over 1,000 years and a city of global economic importance since the 19th century. Today it is China's largest city and the financial capital.

The 6-week long [Intensive Chinese Language](#) summer program allows students to take 120 contact hours of Mandarin language courses, which include oral and written communication components. Please note that the Beginning level of Chinese Language is not available. A placement exam will be given before departure.

Students can choose to participate in one 4-week session, or can enroll in both summer terms for an 8-week session.

#### Chinese Language Courses:

- [Intensive Chinese 2](#) (High Beginning)
- [Intensive Chinese 3](#) (Intermediate)
- [Intensive Chinese 4](#) (High Intermediate)

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## EUROPE

### Institut Catholique De Paris (Paris, France)

Located in the 6th arrondissement, near Paris's famous Latin Quarter and just a stone's throw from the Montparnasse area and the Jardin de Luxembourg, the [Institut Catholique de Paris](#) is an ideal setting for students in Paris. The University was founded in 1875 and is fully accredited and recognized by the French Ministry of Education (Ministère de l'éducation nationale). ISA students are enrolled in the university's Institut de Langue et de Culture Française (ILCF), which was created in 1948. Today it welcomes more than 2,000 international students each year.

The [Intensive French Language](#) 5-week summer program is offered during two different summer sessions, and is open to students at all levels of French language proficiency, from the true beginning (débutant) to the superior (supérieur) language levels. Students will be given a pre-departure online placement exam to determine their language level.

Each summer program offers 90 contact hours of intensive French language, so students who select the back-to-back summer session option take 180 contact hours of language instruction.

#### French Language Courses:

- [French Language - True Beginning \(A1-1\)](#)
- [French Language - Beginning \(A1-2\)](#)
- [French Language - High Beginning \(A2-1\)](#)
- [French Language - Low Intermediate \(A2-2\)](#)
- [French Language - Intermediate \(B1-1\)](#)
- [French Language - High Intermediate \(B1-2\)](#)
- [French Language - Advanced \(B2-1\)](#)
- [French Language - High Advanced \(B2-2\)](#)
- [French Language - Superior \(C1\)](#)

## Freie Universität Berlin (Berlin, Germany)

Founded in West Berlin during the early Cold War period, [Freie Universität Berlin](#) was established when anti-communist students protested against having to attend Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, a university located in East Berlin and taught by the Soviet Military Administration in Germany. After many student protests and uprisings, Freie Universität Berlin was established as a university for the "Free World" in West Berlin. Now the university is ranked as one of Germany's top universities. The university is recognized by the Senate Department for Education, Youth and Science, Berlin. Freie Universität Berlin has also successfully completed the Quality Improvement Program (QUIP) of the Forum on Education Abroad. The Freie Universität Berlin was ranked 66th worldwide in the 2011 QS World University Rankings.

The [Intensive German Language](#) Program offers students a large range of intensive German language courses, accommodating students at all levels of German proficiency. Students will be required to complete a language placement exam prior to departure.

By enrolling in both Intensive German Language summer sessions, students can complete 300 contact hours, worth 15 ECTS credits (around 8 U.S. semester credits).

### German Language Courses:

- [Intensive German Language Beginner A1 \(Summer 1\)](#)
- [Intensive German Language Beginner A1 \(Summer 2\)](#)
- [Intensive German Language Intermediate B1 \(Summer 1\)](#)
- [Intensive German Language Intermediate B1 \(Summer 2\)](#)
- [Intensive German Language Intermediate Advanced B2 \(Summer 1\)](#)
- [Intensive German Language Intermediate Advanced B2 \(Summer 2\)](#)
- [Intensive German Language Advanced C1 \(Summer 1\)](#)
- [Intensive German Language Advanced C1 \(Summer 2\)](#)

## Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo-Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain)

[The Menéndez Pelayo International University \(UIMP\)](#) was founded by Spain's Ministry of Education in 1932 under the name of Universidad de Santander. In 1945 it acquired its present title. The University is fully accredited and recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science (Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia) and is ranked 77th in Spain in the 2014 Webometrics Ranking Web of Universities.

Although the UIMP continues to have its central campus in the city of Santander, students participating in ISA's Barcelona summer program take classes at the UIMP's academic center in Barcelona. The academic center is located in walking distance to the ISA Barcelona office.

The [Spanish Language & Culture](#) summer program accommodates students of all levels of Spanish proficiency. Beginning and intermediate speakers take one 100 hour Spanish language course, depending on the level and the session. Advanced speakers will select two of three course options, including both grammar and culture courses, for a total of 90 hours on instruction. Classes are comprised solely of ISA students and are taught at the Menéndez Pelayo International University.

The 8-week Back to Back option allows students to take between 180-190 contact hours of Spanish language courses.

### Spanish Language Courses:

- [Spanish Language](#) (Beginning)
- [Spanish Language](#) (Intermediate)

### Advanced Spanish Courses:

- [Contemporary Spanish History: 1898 – Present Day](#) (Advanced)
- [Contemporary Spanish Literature](#) (Advanced)
- [Spanish Art and Architecture](#) (Advanced)
- [Spanish Grammar](#) (Advanced)
- [Spanish Cinema](#) (Advanced)

## Universidad De Granada (Granada, Spain)

Founded in 1531, the [Universidad de Granada](#) is one of the oldest universities in Spain, with a history of over 700 years. Today it is also one of the largest, with a total degree-seeking student enrollment of over 80,000 in all departments and programs, 5,000 of which are international. The university is recognized by the Ministry of Education and Science, Spain.

The University of Granada's Centro de Lenguas Modernas (CLM), founded in 1992, and is one of Spain's premier centers for the teaching of Spanish to international students. It provides courses in Spanish language and culture to foreign students, and also offers foreign language courses for local Spanish students.

The [Intensive Spanish Language](#) summer program accommodates students at all levels of Spanish proficiency. All students will take Spanish language courses focusing on the skills of writing, reading, speaking, and listening. Students will be in class with international students, the majority of whom are North American.

Students may enroll in overlapping, back to back summer sessions, allowing them to complete 12 credits or 180 contact hours of Spanish.

#### **Spanish Language Courses:**

- [Spanish Language: covering the skills of writing, reading, speaking and listening](#) (Beginning)
- [Spanish Language: covering the skills of writing, reading, speaking and listening](#) (High Beginning)
- [Spanish Language: covering the skills of writing, reading, speaking and listening](#) (Low Intermediate)
- [Spanish Language: covering the skills of writing, reading, speaking and listening](#) (Intermediate)
- [Spanish Language: covering the skills of writing, reading, speaking and listening](#) (High Intermediate)
- [Spanish Language: covering the skills of writing, reading, speaking and listening](#) (Advanced)
- [Spanish Language: covering the skills of writing, reading, speaking and listening](#) (High Advanced)
- [Spanish Language: covering the skills of writing, reading, speaking and listening](#) (Superior)

### **UNIVERSIDAD DE SALAMANCA (SALAMANCA, SPAIN)**

The [Universidad de Salamanca](#) is a state institution that operates under the jurisdiction of Spain's Ministry of Education and Science. Founded in 1218 by Alfonso IX of León, it is the oldest university in Spain. Some of the greatest names in Spanish literature and humanism appear on the university's list of past students and professors. Fray Luis de León, Antonio de Nebrija and Miguel de Unamuno are among the great figures who taught at the university. The Universidad de Salamanca continues this tradition of excellence to this day with a highly distinguished faculty doing research in 53 departments. The university is fully accredited and recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education (Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia).

The summer [Spanish Language & Culture](#) program is open to students at all levels of Spanish proficiency. Beginning level courses will focus on language acquisition while intermediate, advanced, and superior level courses expand on Spanish culture, in addition to grammar. Classes are with international students.

Students may enroll in [overlapping Summer sessions](#): During back to back Summer 1&2 sessions, students can earn between 170-220 contact hours; Back to Back Summer 1&3, between 200-250 contact hours, and back to back Summer 2&4, 160-210 contact hours.

#### **Beginning Spanish Language Courses:**

- [Beginning Spanish Language](#) - Required (Beginning, 40 contact hours)
- [Build Your Vocabulary](#)- Required (Beginning, 20 contact hours)
- [Communicative Activities](#) - Required (Beginning, 20 contact hours)
- [Language Lab](#) – Required (Beginning, 20 contact hours)

#### **Other Spanish Language Courses:**

- [Intermediate Spanish Language](#) – Required (Intermediate, 50 contact hours)
- [Advanced Spanish Language](#) - Required (Advanced, 50 contact hours)
- [Superior Spanish Language](#) - Required (Superior, 50 contact hours)

**In addition to the required course above, students at the intermediate, advanced, and superior level select 2-3 of the courses below. Each course must be from a different category.**

#### Category A

- [Conversation and Composition](#)
- [Spanish History](#)
- [Women's Role in the History of Spain](#)
- [English/Spanish Translation](#)
- [Commentary of Literary Texts](#)

#### Category B

- [The Arab World in Hispanic Culture](#)
- [Practice of Oral Skills](#)
- [Spanish and Latin American Literature](#)
- [Spanish Culture](#)
- [Spanish Literature](#)
- [Economy and Society in Present-Day Spain](#)

#### Category C

- [Business Spanish](#)
- [Practice of Written Skills](#)
- [Spanish and Latin American Cinema](#)
- [Spanish Art History](#)

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## LATIN AMERICA

### **Universidad De Belgrano (Buenos Aires, Argentina)**

[The Universidad de Belgrano \(UB\)](#) is a private institution that was founded in 1964 and is accredited by the Argentine Ministry of Education. Most ISA students will take courses with foreign students offered through the University's Oficina de Intercambio.

The [Intensive Spanish Language](#) summer program is designed for students at the beginning, intermediate, high intermediate and advanced levels of the Spanish language. Students will participate in courses offered at UB's language department that focus on Spanish grammar, conversation, and culture. All students must take an online Spanish language placement exam administered by the University of Belgrano prior to departing for Buenos Aires. The exam will indicate each student's language proficiency level, and will determine the course in which the student is eligible to enroll.

Students can enroll in one summer session, worth 120 contact hours. Or, they can progress through multiple levels of Spanish if they complete back to back summer options worth either 240 or 360 contact hours.

#### **Spanish Language Curricular Offerings:**

- [Intensive Beginning Spanish](#)
- [Intensive Intermediate Spanish](#)
- [Intensive High Intermediate Spanish](#)
- [Intensive Advanced Spanish](#)

### **Universidade Do Sul De Santa Catarina (Florianópolis, Brazil)**

A private university founded in 1964, the Fundação [Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina](#) (UNISUL) is recognized by the Ministry of Education, Brazil (Ministério da Educação, Brazil). ISA students attend courses at UNISUL's Ilha Centro location and the Ilha Centro DIB Mussi locations of the Florianópolis campus.

The [Intensive Portuguese Language](#) program is open to all Portuguese language levels. Beginning and intermediate students can complete 144 hours of Portuguese-language coursework, while advanced students can complete 126 hours of Portuguese-language coursework. Coursework is completed in grammar, conversation, written expression and culture.

#### **Portuguese Language Courses:**

- [Beginning Brazilian Culture for Language Learners](#)
- [Beginning Portuguese Language: Oral and Written Comprehension and Expression](#)

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- [Intermediate Brazilian Culture for Language Learners](#)
- [Intermediate Portuguese Language: Oral and Written Comprehension and Expression](#)
- [Advanced Brazilian Culture for Language Learners](#)
- [Advanced Portuguese Language: Oral and Written Comprehension and Expression](#)

### **Universidad Veritas (San José, Costa Rica)**

The [Universidad Veritas](#) is an independent private university accredited by the Costa Rican Ministry of Education and authorized by the National Council of Private Higher Education. The university welcomes international students to study Spanish through its International Programs Department (DPI).

During the [Spanish Language & Latin American Culture](#) program students will complete one 80-hour course per session. Most courses focus on Spanish language instruction but there are other courses designed for advanced-level Spanish speakers. Students can add a 1-credit Spanish Conversation and Culture course (Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced language levels are available) for an additional fee in order to receive 6 credits for a session's worth of language instruction. Students who take concurrent summer sessions can thus earn up to 12 credits.

#### **Spanish Language Courses:**

- [Beginning Grammar and Conversation](#) (Level 1)
- [Beginning Grammar and Conversation](#) (Level 2)
- [Beginning Conversation and Grammar](#) (1-credit)
- [Intermediate Grammar and Conversation](#) (Level 1)
- [Intermediate Grammar and Conversation](#) (Level 2)
- [Intermediate Conversation and Culture](#) (1-credit)
- [Advanced Grammar and Conversation](#) (Level 1)
- [Advanced Grammar and Conversation](#) (Level 2)
- [Advanced Conversation and Culture](#) (1-credit)