

## Barcelona '09 Study Abroad Program

### Program Dates (8 weeks of class time)

17 May – 11 July: in residence in bcn; mid-term break June 11- 16  
25 – 28 August: Buffalo, exhibit and final review prep  
08 September: final studio review, Buffalo

**Program director:** Bonnie Ott, Associate Professor; email: bsott@buffalo.edu  
**Other faculty:** Eva FranchGilabert, Rice University  
Santiago Bragulat, Architect, Barcelona

### Introduction

This program is designed to teach architecture and urbanism through “an other window”, through the unaccustomed perspective of another culture. We live in apartments in the center of the city for two straight months and quickly become residents, in act and deed. We have no official classroom; instead, we use the city as a classroom. By moving through the city to conduct our academic business, we inhabit the parks, plazas, monuments and public spaces which define the fabric of the city. A city as old as Rome and as current as micro-computers has layered histories, and an epochal mélange of notable buildings. We use this backdrop as a canvas on which to teach.

### Courses offered:

#### **Design Studio:** Surrealism in the city

Bonnie Ott, Santiago Bragulat 6 credits undergrad/7 credits grad

The intent of this studio is to locate that place of longing for the surrealism imbedded in Barcelona's past, and breathe new life into it via a site-specific architectural design project.

#### **Urban Design Seminar:** The SYN-CITY: A political sensorium: Barcelona

Eva FranchGilabert 3 credits undergrad/grad

A study of traditional strategies of planning and urban design while constructing a new mode of inquiry and projection through sensorial architectural realms

#### **Urban History Seminar** Barcelona's duende: Learning from no one's design

Santiago Bragulat 3 credits undergrad/grad

Studies the main events in the evolution of BCN's urban form, not as historical fact, but from a "design from no one" point of view.

**Total credits:** 12 undergrad/13 grad

### Classroom/studio space:

Crit space at ELISAVA; use of libraries of ESTAB, the primary architecture school in Barcelona, and at the Tapies Foundation.

### Housing:

two large apartments in city center with full kitchen, laundry, air-conditioning and internet

### Local transportation:

Barcelona has extensive bus, subway and regional train systems; Spain's national train system, RENFE, has two stations in the city with connections to all of Spain and major cities in Europe.

**Costs:**

**Program fee:** includes tuition, lodging, crit space      \$5500

**Additional estimated costs:**

Air fare	\$900	
Meals	\$1000	
Local transport	\$300	
Personal expenses/entertainment	<u>\$800</u>	
Total	\$3000	<u>\$3000</u>

**Total (program fee + estimated costs)**      \$8500

Please be aware that either travelers' knowledge of Spanish or the intent to engage the language at this level is a requirement of this program.