



Global Health Program

Barcelona, Spain

AIFS Global Health Program at Pompeu Fabra University

Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA
- Spring Semester only
- At least 4 Spanish language college semesters (6 quarters)

The AIFS-UPF Global Health program is designed for students with a minimum 3.0 GPA and an intermediate or above level of Spanish who are majoring in health sciences, medicine, biology, veterinary science, nursing, or any other health-related field and/or who is planning to apply to medical school after graduation. Global Health is only offered in the "Spring" semester.

In today's globalized world, more and more students seek to include international experience in their studies. This can be achieved by working alongside faculty and students from UPF's prestigious Health and Life Sciences School. The Universitat Pompeu Fabra is ranked the 2nd highest Spanish university and the 15th in the world among those under 50 years of age.

Generally, students take 4-5 courses including a mandatory course in Comparative Healthcare Systems in Spain and the U.S. Each course is recommended for 3 semester credits (45 hours). Students have two different options available when choosing to study Global Health. The first is to take three Global Health courses plus one or two elective classes, such as Liberal Art courses or Spanish language. You can find the course descriptions on the back of this page.

The other option is for students to take direct-enrollment health-related courses from various degree programs offered at the UPF Health and Life Sciences School in the fields of biology, biotechnology, bioinformatics, health, and medical science.

These courses are taught in English or Spanish.

Here are a couple examples of syllabi:

- Neuroscience: www.upf.edu/pru/en/3362/20438.pdf
- Virology: www.upf.edu/pru/en/3362/20439.pdf

For both options, the UPF directly issues transcripts accrediting the classes, which are sent directly to student's home institutions.

Cost: \$12,295

Comprehensive program includes:

- Tuition
- Housing
- Meal Allowance
- Cultural Activities
- Excursions
- Insurance
- Round Trip Travel Option

Should students decide to do Experiential Learning and stay until June, there is a supplemental cost involved for the extended stay.

Global Health Program Course Descriptions

GH: Comparative Healthcare Systems in Spain and the U.S (mandatory) **(3 semester/4.5 quarter units)**

This course will approach 5 main public health topics with an emphasis on the comparison between Europe and the United States. An up-to-date picture about population health will be introduced. Then the objectives and organization of health systems will be displayed. Public health functions will be presented and discussed. Finally, two specific public health topics will be approached, tobacco control and inequalities in health, as examples of the transdisciplinary nature of public health. Two public health institutions will be visited. There the students will have the opportunity to be in contact with different public health activities. Two brief reports of each visit will be required and evaluated.

Syllabus:

www.upf.edu/studyabroad/_pdf/HESP_SPRING_16/Syllabus_HSPH_DEF_W16.pdf

GH: Spanish for Medical Professions **(3 semester/4.5 quarter units)**

The program includes the option of taking a special course on Spanish for medical professionals, co-taught by a language instructor and a health professional, which will focus on issues related to medical and scientific language in Spanish. The course is designed to facilitate students' communication skills in a professional health environment.

Syllabus:

www.upf.edu/studyabroad/_pdf/HESP_SPRING_16/Program_EspPROFESIONES_MxDICAS_2016.pdf

GH/HESP: Neurosciences for Humanities **(3 semester/4.5 quarter units)**

How reliable is our perception of the world? What is consciousness? Is free will an illusion? Does beauty reside in our brain? Neurosciences study the brain, from genes and cells to behavior and, during the last years, the scientific study of the brain has provided radical new clues about how the brain works. This knowledge has strong implications for many areas of human activity outside the conventional environment of medicine or psychology, and expands to economics, laws, philosophy or art. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the dialogue between neurosciences and humanities, thereby breaking the classical gap between CP Snows' "Two Cultures". The intersecting topics range from philosophical and ethical issues, such as free will, the grounds of knowledge, or economic behavior, to questions related to art and culture. (This course is offered from the HESP program)

Syllabus:

www.upf.edu/studyabroad/_pdf/HESP_SPRING_16/00_NEUROSCIENCE_SYLLABUS_2016_x1x.pdf



Spanish Language Courses

As part of their course load students may take a Spanish language course for 6 credits (90 hours). Students wishing to take a Spanish language course must have taken at least one semester of Spanish at their home institution and take a placement test after arrival in Barcelona.

Optional Research and Experiential Learning Component Research Labs (April to late June) **(3 semester/4.5 quarter units)**

Students with at least 4 semesters of college-level Spanish can intern in a UPF research lab in order to gain first-hand experience of health related professional practice in Spain. Accommodation for students selecting this option will vary for the one selected during the semester classes.

Students in the program shadow a local student intern at a hospital, community health clinic, or laboratory to gain firsthand experience of health-related professional practice in Spain. The clinical observation internship is a for-credit option intended to provide global health students with a chance to learn through both action and observation. It is supplemented with a seminar on intercultural competence to provide a framework for students' learning and a forum for examining the cultural and technical issues that may arise during students' internships. Students may also intern in a UPF research lab.

Students will participate in 120 hours of experiential learning.

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