**ESADE Law School  
Barcelona, Spain**

**The School**  
ESADE is an independent nonprofit university institution, founded in 1958 in Barcelona when a group of entrepreneurs and Jesuit Society members joined forces, It began as a business school, offering its first degree in business sciences in 1959 and an MBA in 1964. ESADE has a reputation as one of the best business schools in Europe. The Law School was launched in 1993 and offers undergraduate and Masters programs in law in addition to continuing legal education. Its law school has an international focus and emphasizes business and technology law. ESADE alumni now number almost 40,000

**Location**   
Barcelona, located on the Mediterranean Sea, is the second-largest city in Spain and boasts one of the largest university populations in Europe. Known for its architecture, cultural offerings, art scene, and nightlife, Barcelona is one of the most dynamic cities in the world. ESADE is located slightly outside the city center in a beautiful residential area called Pedraibes.

**Calendar**

ESADE’s calendar is similar to that of U.S. Law schools. The fall semester generally runs from late August until December and the spring from January-May. At the beginning of each semester, ESADE provides an orientation program which includes a Spanish language course, an introduction to Barcelona, and important administrative information.

*(\*) IMPORTANT NOTE: Exchange students are requested to stay until the end of the scheduled exams. No special dates for exams to be arranged. Please advise your students to pay attention to exam dates when booking any flights.*

**Application**  
After receiving approval from Cardozo for study at ESADE, Cardozo will nominate the the selected student(s) online. Once nominated, students must provide the Office of Graduate and International Programs with the following documents to forward to ESADE along with the resume and official transcript:

* Copy of Passport (showing full name)
* Proof of Health Insurance with International Coverage
* 2 passport-sized photographs

Students will receive an email with a scanned copy of their letter of admission and their password to enter the ESADE intranet. Nominations may be submitted from March 2-June 25 for the fall term; March 2-October 15 for the spring term.

**Language of Instruction**

Courses at ESADE are taught in English and Spanish in the fall semester and Spanish only in the spring.

**Courses**

Courses are offered through ESADE’s Master’s and undergraduate programs. As a joint faculty of law and business, there is an emphasis on international business law. Most courses offered at the Law faculty are available to exchange students. Recent course offerings in English included:

**Analysis of the Jurisprudence of the European Courts (ECJ and ECHR) in the respect of Fundamental Rights; European Union Internal Market; Finance and Banking Law; Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademark; International Business Transactions; International Dispute Resolution; International Environmental Law**; **International Taxation; Legal Ethics; Negotiation Skills; Private M&A: Acquisitions and Joint Ventures; Real Estate; Tort Law.**

The list of courses available for the fall semester is on ESADE’s intranet in June.

**Registration**

* At Cardozo  
  Once approved, students must register during their regularly scheduled registration time for 12 credits of generic study abroad through the Office of the Registrar. Registration must be done in person, via fax to 212.790.0241 or as a pdf attachment to [brookdaleregistrar@yu.edu](mailto:brookdaleregistrar@yu.edu). The fax or pdf must include the student’s name, Student ID number, a request to register for 12 credits of study abroad with the name of the host institution, and the student’s signature.
* At ESADE  
  Registration must be done by students online through ESADE’s Intranet (MyESADE).

MyESADE > My Office > Registration > on-line registrations

- Fall Term Open Registration Dates Beginning of September

- Spring Term Open Registration Dates October to November

Once the registration is confirmed and during the first month of the term, students must deliver to ESADE Registrar’s Office the document of the Learning Agreement properly signed and stamped by the home university.

**Evaluation and Grading System**

Exam type is determined by the course instructor. Often exams are in-class at the end of the semester. In some cases professors assign take-home papers, oral examinations or projects instead of or in addition to an in-class exam.

ESADE grades are on a scale of 0-10:

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| **POINTS** | **DESCRIPTIVE VALUE** |
| 9.0 - 10 | Excellent |
| 7.0 - 8.9 | Good |
| 5.0 - 6.9 | Pass |
| 0 - 4.9 | Fail |
| **Non-numerical grades** | AP |
| Pass | NAP |
| Fail | NP |

**Must earn a letter grade of “C” or better to receive transfer credit. No credit will be awarded for courses taken on pass/fail or other non-letter grade basis. (Please note: Grades do not transfer, and are not included in a student’s grade point average.)**

**Cardozo students must earn a minimum of 6.0 points in the ESADE grade scale to qualify for a passing transfer grade of “C”.**

**Credit**   
Classes at ESADE are on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Students must enroll in 30 ECTS units, which is considered full-time study for the semester. Only the credits and not the grades will transfer per ABA requirements, and the grades will not count toward honors and awards (such as graduation prizes or degree rankings, such as cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude). The acceptance of any credit or grade for any courses taken at ESADE, including independent study and other clinical offerings, is subject to approval prior to departure.

**Transcript**

Students must request **two copies** of their official transcript to be sent to Val Myteberi, Assistant Dean of Graduate and International Programs, 55 Fifth Avenue Room 1007, New York, NY 10003 prior to departure from the program. It is good practice to request a personal copy as well for your records.

**Language Study**

Spanish language study is offered through ESADE. Credits earned for language study are **not transferrable** to the Cardozo degree.

**Housing**

The following is the information ESADE gives about housing. See their information sheet for suggested long and short-term accommodation.

ESADE does not have housing facilities for students in Barcelona – Pedralbes but students are welcome to stay at the Residencia Sarria, which is a 15 minute walk down to the Pedralbes campus and about 25 minutes to the Sarrià FGC station. There is a large amount of available housing in Barcelona, but it can be relatively expensive and it takes time to find. Looking for an apartment on your own requires knowledge of the different areas (barrios) in Barcelona because prices can vary substantially from one area to another. It is highly recommended that you plan to arrive in Barcelona at least one week prior to the start of your programme to locate accommodation. With this in mind you should book a room in a hotel, hostel or student residence for this initial period before arriving. The neighbourhoods which are most popular with ESADE students are Gràcia, Sant Gervasi, Sarria and l’Eixample; Les Corts and Sants are also conveniently located.

See the ESADE Law School Fact Sheet for more housing information.

**Visa**

All applicants from Non-EU nations need a visa to study in Spain. In order to get a visa, all students must apply at the embassy or consulate of Spain in their home country at least 2 months ahead of time. **PLEASE NOTE:** The processing time for a student visa to Spain can be very lengthy. You must apply online for an in-person appointment for visa application as close to three months prior your departure as possible, as it may take some time to be able to schedule an appointment**.** Required paperwork for the visa may vary between consulates, but all will require an official letter of admission from ESADE. You may also be required to submit proof of sufficient finances for the duration of your study in Spain. For the most current information about visa requirements for the New York consulate, please see the website for the Spanish Consulate in New York at <http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/NUEVAYORK/en/ServiciosConsulares/Pages/CSNewyork/Visas-New-York.aspx>

In the past, some Spanish Consulates have instructed students who are coming to Spain for only three months to come on a Tourist Visa rather than a Student Visa. A Tourist Visa is valid for 90 days and may be easier to obtain. Follow the advice of the Consulate.

**Health and Safety**

All international students are required to have valid medical insurance coverage for the entire time they are in Spain. Proof of health insurance with international coverage will be required to complete registration. Cardozo students who do not have coverage may secure international health insurance coverage through Cardozo.

International SOS

Students studying abroad are required to register with International SOS, a 24-hour international medical, security and travel assistance program, which provides local expertise, advice on medical and security pre-travel issues, and emergency assistance during critical illness, accident, or civil unrest.  It is also a one-stop repository for all of your important information, including passport number, emergency contacts, medical history, and so on.  Registration at <http://www.internationalsos.com/MasterPortal/default.aspx?membnum=11BYSG000013>  
is in two steps:

* 1. Activate your record: This is registration of your name, passport information, and emergency contacts. You should also include medical history and upload important documents (including a copy of your passport) here.
  2. Register your trip: This is where you put details of your travel outside the United States.

**Cost of Living**

Though this varies by lifestyle, ESADE estimates the monthly budget to be approximately 1400 Euros.

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