

# WFU Barcelona: Business & Global Studies

## HOUSING INFORMATION

As a member of the Wake Forest student family in Barcelona, you will be provided with vetted and guaranteed housing for your semester stay. Your choice of housing will have a significant impact on your study abroad experience, so think carefully before deciding which option is your preferred choice. You may want to consider the following questions:

- What goals have I set for my semester abroad?
- How will my choice of housing help me to attain those goals?
- How will I maximize my opportunities to get to know people and students from Barcelona and Spain?

**All housing options require a reasonable commute to courses via public transportation.** The cost of transportation is not included in the program fee. All options are non-smoking indoors.

## Housing Options

### Host Families

Living with a host family is the best way to improve your Spanish language skills as well as get to know the local culture of Barcelona. Wake Forest selects host families carefully and houses only one or two students per family. Host families can have a variety of cultural and linguistic backgrounds and may speak Spanish, Catalán, or another language. They may include pets, young children, older children, or no children and may be single-parent families.

This option is best for students seeking cultural and linguistic integration. You will not be a 'lodger' but instead part of the family, as such you will be treated as an adult son/daughter. You will have the freedom to go out with friends during the week and travel on weekends. However, as a member of the family, you will be expected at some meals and outings. In short, your family will want to get to know you and for you to know them.

Each homestay room will include the following:

- Bed
- Linens
- Towel
- Desk
- Closet or space for storing clothes
- Internet connection

### *Meals*

Host families will provide 10 meals each week: breakfast and dinner Monday through Friday. WFU study abroad meal plan fee applies.

### Student Apartments

Fully furnished student apartments are located throughout Barcelona. The units may not all be in the same neighborhood and not all units will be identical. The apartments typically house between four and six students in shared bedrooms. The units will have shared living areas, kitchens, and bathrooms. Kitchens are equipped with basic cooking utensils. Students are responsible for purchasing and preparing their own meals. Utilities (electricity, water, and heat) and Internet are included in the housing fee. Each apartment will provide one set of bed linens and one set of bath towels for each student. A weekly cleaning service of the common areas is also provided.

*Some* WFU students may have the opportunity to live alongside American, Spanish, and other international students in one of these shared apartments. This option is best for students who want to live with other WFU students as well as have maximum independence.

### *Meals*

No meal plan provided; students are responsible for own meals.

## Residence Halls

The student residence hall option provides WFU student the opportunity to live alongside Catalan, Spanish, and other international students in a local student residence hall. Similar to dorm-style buildings (except no two rooms are identical in size or design), these residences are made up of fully furnished single bedrooms with a number of common spaces throughout the building, including a kitchen, bathrooms, sitting room (with TV) and study areas. One set of bed linens and bath towels are provided. Each room will have a fridge, desk, wardrobe, and Wi-Fi access. The residence halls are not located on UAB's campus.

Students can use the shared kitchen area to store food and prepare meals; others may find they eat a meal outside their accommodation practically every day. Some residences offer a meal plan for a supplemental fee. Each residence hall has a live-in housekeeper who tidies up common areas and can also do student laundry for €5-6 per load. This is the best option for students who wish to improve their Spanish language skills while making new student friends from around the world. The residence halls used by the program will vary each semester based on the cohort size and room availability.

### *Meals*

Meal plans are optional with the residence halls option.

## Additional Information

- All housing options require a reasonable commute to courses via public transportation. Cost of transportation is not included in the program fee.
- All housing options are located in various neighborhoods throughout Barcelona.
- Average commute from housing to courses is 20-40 minutes.
- All options are non-smoking indoors.
- Not all first choices can be honored, although every effort is made to do so.
- Regardless of your choice, every option will expect you to abide by its rules. You will be living in a communal arrangement. Therefore, students should be conscious not to disturb their neighbors/families and possibly jeopardize future WFU students from living in the same accommodation.
- You will be held financially responsible for any damage that occurs to any item within your housing.