



## Internship Placement Profile: 8-Week Internship in Barcelona Architecture, Arts & Design

### Program Overview

This 8-week Internship program is designed for American university students seeking hands-on experience in Architecture, Interior Design, or Graphic Design, with a special focus on renovation projects. Interns will work with a Barcelona-based design firm, assisting with creative and technical aspects of projects while gaining exposure to European design principles, sustainability, and historic restoration.

### Language

- English (basic knowledge of Spanish helpful, but not required)

### Internship Structure

- **Duration:** 8 weeks
  - **Location:** Barcelona, Spain
  - **Work Schedule:** 6-8 hours per day, Monday to Thursday. The schedule for an 8 hours per day placement would be 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mon-Thurs with a 1-hour lunch break. If your placement is fewer hours per week, your schedule would be adjusted accordingly.
  - **Total Hours:** 180-240
  - **Academic Credits:** To receive transfer credit, you must obtain pre-approval from your home institution. Start by asking your study abroad advisor at your home institution for details, and feel free to [contact ASA](#) with any questions.
  - **Requirements:** Please see Requirements list at end of this document
  - Unpaid
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## What Students Will Gain

- Deeper understanding of Architecture & Design industry and workplace in Spain
- Global awareness and intercultural sensitivity
- Practical skills in communication, research, project planning, and event support
- Increased self-confidence, clarity of purpose, and professional growth
- See also: Learning Objectives

## Learning Objectives

By the end of the internship, students should be able to:

- ✓ Understand the key principles of renovation, graphic design, and interior design
  - ✓ Assist in concept development, sketching, and digital modeling
  - ✓ Gain proficiency in design software and architectural drawing techniques
  - ✓ Learn how to balance aesthetics with functionality in design projects
  - ✓ Analyze sustainable design solutions and restoration techniques
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## Internship Breakdown

### Week 1 – Onboarding and Training

- Introduction to the company, team, and active projects
  - Overview of Barcelona's architectural history and contemporary design trends
  - Training on design software (AutoCAD, SketchUp, Adobe Suite, etc.)
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### Weeks 2–4 – Renovation & Architectural Design Focus

#### Tasks & Activities:

- Assist in site visits to analyze renovation spaces and take measurements



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- Support in drafting floor plans, elevations, and 3D models
  - Contribute to material selection and sustainable renovation strategies
  - Research historical and modern architectural influences in Barcelona
  - Attend client meetings to understand project requirements and expectations
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## Weeks 5–8 – Graphic & Interior Design Focus

### Tasks & Activities:

- Assist in branding and visual identity projects for architecture and design clients
  - Develop mood boards, color schemes, and layout concepts for interiors
  - Work with designers to create presentations and marketing materials
  - Support furniture and decor selection for interior projects
  - Participate in team brainstorming sessions on creative solutions
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## Supervision and Mentoring

- **Assigned Supervisor:** An experienced architect or designer will guide the intern's progress.
  - **Mentor Meetings:** Bi-weekly check-ins with assigned mentor to discuss project involvement and career development.
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## Assessment and Feedback



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- **Midpoint Evaluation:** Supervisor-student review of skills, design contributions, and engagement.
  - **Final Evaluation:** Presentation of a design portfolio, including sketches, renderings, and project summaries.
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## Complementary Learning Activities

To enhance your internship experience and provide broader insight into your field, the program will include 2-4 activities outside of work hours that complement your internship. Examples include:\*

### Architectural Tour of Barcelona's Iconic Renovation Projects

- Explore Gaudí's influence on modern renovation techniques.
- Visit restored buildings that blend historical preservation with contemporary design.

### Graphic Design Workshop – Branding & Visual Storytelling

- Hands-on session with industry professionals on design trends and client engagement.
- Learn the role of graphic design in architecture and interior design projects.

### Interior Design & Sustainability Seminar

- Discussion on eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient design practices.
- Case studies on integrating sustainability into renovation projects.

### Networking Event with Architects & Designers

- Meet professionals from Barcelona's architecture and design community.
- Gain insights into career pathways in renovation, graphic design, and interior design.



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*\*Example activities shown here. Activities may vary based on availability.*

## Requirements

- Minimum GPA 2.70 (Applicants with GPA between 2.60-2.69 will be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- 19 years of age, by the time the program starts
- Must have completed at least 2 semesters (minimum 24 credits) at a U.S. or Canadian college, university, or community college before the program starts
- Résumé or CV
- Cover Letter describing your motivation and interest in this specific placement (1-2 pages)
- Unofficial transcript from your college or university
- [Internship Questionnaire](#)
- Optional for GPA 2.70 or higher: Academic or professional recommendation letter
- Required for GPA 2.60-2.69: Academic or professional recommendation letter