



Internship Placement Profile: 8-Week Internship in Barcelona Law & Human Rights

Program Overview

This 8-week Internship program is designed for American university students interested in legal research and international law, with a focus on human rights advocacy. Interns will work with a Barcelona-based legal organization or NGO, assisting in case research, policy analysis, and legal documentation while gaining first-hand insight into European and international legal frameworks.

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 the Legal system 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 key principles of international law and human rights legislation
 - ✓ Conduct legal research and prepare case summaries on current legal issues
 - ✓ Assist in drafting legal documents, reports, and policy briefs
 - ✓ Gain insight into the role of NGOs and legal firms in advocating for human rights
 - ✓ Analyze comparative legal systems, particularly European Union and Spanish law
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Internship Breakdown

Week 1 – Onboarding and Legal System Overview

- Introduction to the organization, team, and ongoing legal projects
 - Overview of Spanish and European legal systems, including human rights laws
 - Training in legal research methodologies and case analysis
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Weeks 2–4 – Legal Research & Case Analysis



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Tasks & Activities:

- Conduct legal research on human rights cases, refugee law, or international disputes
 - Summarize court rulings, treaties, and policy papers for team discussions
 - Assist in drafting legal opinions and case reports
 - Attend client or advocacy meetings (when permissible) to observe legal strategy
 - Compare U.S. and European legal perspectives on key human rights issues
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Weeks 5–8 – International Law & Policy Advocacy Focus

Tasks & Activities:

- Analyze international legal frameworks, such as UN treaties and EU regulations
 - Support legal teams in drafting policy briefs and public awareness materials
 - Assist in organizing legal workshops or community outreach programs
 - Conduct interviews or surveys for ongoing human rights research projects
 - Participate in discussions on asylum law, gender rights, and digital privacy laws
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Supervision and Mentoring

- **Assigned Supervisor:** A legal professional or human rights advocate will mentor the intern.
 - **Mentor Meetings:** Bi-weekly check-ins to discuss research findings and legal topics.
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Assessment and Feedback

- **Midpoint Evaluation:** Supervisor-student review of research skills and contributions.
 - **Final Evaluation:** Presentation of a legal research report or policy proposal.
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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:*

Visit to a Barcelona Law Firm Specializing in International Law

- Learn about legal practice in Spain and how firms handle cross-border cases.

Workshop – Human Rights & Global Justice

- Engage with legal experts discussing refugee law, human trafficking, and digital rights.

Guided Tour of Spain's Judicial Institutions

- Visit the High Court of Justice of Catalonia and Barcelona Bar Association.

Networking Event with Lawyers & Human Rights Advocates

- Meet professionals in the field to discuss career opportunities in law and human rights.

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

Requirements



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- 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