Barcelona, Spain Program
Housing Information

**General Information**
All students who participate in the Arcadia University study abroad program in Barcelona, Spain, are guaranteed housing for the duration of the program. There are two options for housing in Barcelona.

1- Students can choose to live in a shared apartment with other BCEA students or international roommates.
   OR
2- Students can choose to live with a carefully selected Spanish host family.  *additional fee

**Apartment Living**
Students choosing to live in an apartment will have the option to live with other American students or to live with international roommates. 2-6 people will share each apartment. Apartments consist of a common kitchen and bathroom and 2-4 bedrooms. Students living in an apartment will be responsible for their meals and cleaning their apartments. Students will be provided with one set of sheets and a towel. We recommend that you bring one more set of sheets and a towel. Apartment living in Barcelona requires a great deal of flexibility. Apartments and roommate situations vary significantly; international roommates often come for short periods of time. You may have several international roommates throughout the semester.

**Host Families**
If you choose to live with a Spanish host family for the semester, the housing staff at the BCEA will select a host family for you that seeks to meet your personal preferences and expectations based on the information you provide on your housing preference form. This is an excellent way to increase your Spanish language skills. Arcadia University tries to place one student per host family. You will meet your host families during your in-country orientation, upon your arrival in Barcelona. You will not need to bring linens. Your host family will provide them for you. Each student is encouraged to participate with their host families in daily activities to improve their Spanish language skills and increase their knowledge of Spanish culture. The staff at the BCEA will cover host family information with you upon arrival.

If available, housing assignments are normally sent out with your final newsletter, approximately one week prior to the scheduled group flight departure date.

**Meals**
If you live in an apartment, you will be responsible for your own meals. Host families will provide breakfast and one other meal a day (*additional fee).  Arcadia University cannot guarantee that special dietary requests can be met. If you have special dietary needs, please contact your program coordinator, Paige Wilson, to discuss your options.

**Telephones**
Whether you are living in an apartment or homestay, we advise that students (a) have their parents call directly to a cell or (b) use a calling card from a local pay phone to make international calls.

Using a Calling Card: The staff at the BCEA will help you learn how to call home from Spain using a simple long distance calling card that can be used from any fixed line telephone or payphone. The rates of such calling cards are actually quite reasonable. We do not recommend using a calling card from a cell phone.

Direct Dialing From Host Family Telephone: You are not allowed to call out of a host family home. You should keep in mind that direct-dial calls from and within Spain are expensive, and even local calls may cost your host families money. Remember to be courteous and schedule long incoming phone calls around your host family’s schedules, and try to limit calls to 5-10 minutes, as your host family will not want to have their phone tied up for long periods of time.

There is no internet connection in apartments and homestays. There are many inexpensive internet cafés throughout Barcelona. Internet is available at the University of Barcelona and is also available at the BCEA in the computer lab. Computers there are provided for class-related projects and activities. The BCEA is wireless and we do recommend that students bring their laptops.

If you have any questions regarding housing, please contact Paige Wilson at wilsonp@arcadia.edu for more information.
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Housing Preference Form

Please provide us with the following information so that the best accommodation match can be made for you. Return this form along with your completed Intent to Enroll Form.

Term: (please check one) Fall _______ Spring _______ Summer _______ Academic Year _______

Name: ________________________________________     Gender: ___________________

Home University: ______________________________               Major:____________________

Home Address: ___________________________________________________________________
__________________________

Emergency family contact: __________________________________________________________
(Name)                                (Telephone)               (Country)

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): ______________________

E-mail address:________________________________________________________ (It is very important that your handwriting is legible. Additionally, if your e-mail address will change at some point, please indicate which one is current and which one should be used while you are studying in Spain.)

Medical Information
Do you have any physical conditions or limitations? NO / YES Please detail:

Are you allergic to or do you have an aversion to any animals? NO / YES Please detail:

Do you have any other allergies, dietary requirements or is there anything else you would like us to know? NO / YES Please detail:

Personal Habits
Please circle any term that generally applies to you (this helps us match roommates):

- Extroverted
- Introverted
- Quiet
- Noisy
- Late-Riser
- Early-Riser
- Moody
- Organized
- Talkative
- Shy
- Studious
- Flexible
- Easy-to-Please
- Picky-Eater
- Eat-Anything
- Musical
- Practical
- Reader
- Late-to-Bed
- Religious
- Vegetarian
- Athletic
- Artistic
- Independent
- Tidy
- Not-so-tidy

Do you smoke? Yes/No

Would you be willing to share a room with a smoker? Yes / No
Would you prefer to live in a same-sex or mixed-gender apartment? Please circle one.

**Accommodation Request**
Please rank preferences with 1 being your first choice. (Please note that stating preferences does not guarantee that each preference can be met.)

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**Homestay Letter** – Only for those students staying with a family.

Please write a letter of introduction, in Spanish to your host family. Begin the letter with “Estimada familia”. You may want to include details about your own family, your university and studies, hobbies and interests, reasons for studying in Spain and anything else you think might be of interest to your new family. This letter is not used to evaluate your language skills. It is simply a method of providing information to your family. Please attach your letter to this form and return it to our office.

**Notes:**
The program costs do not include food. You will be required to buy your own food or if you are living with a homestay, pay an additional fee for breakfast and one other meal a day.

If you choose the apartment option, please make sure to indicate if you would like to live with other students from this program or with international roommates. Please be as specific as you can about what environment you would like.

The BCEA does their best to accommodate requests to the greatest extent possible. There are no guarantees and housing is based on availability.

Is there anything else you would like to let us know?

I understand and accept the Arcadia University Housing Policy.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________________

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