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Exchange Experience

Country & City (Barcelona, Spain):

Barcelona is an ideal exchange destination thanks to its sunny weather, relaxed lifestyle, and strong Mediterranean culture. The city is beautiful, lively, and offers excellent food everywhere, from casual spots to high-quality restaurants.

Host University (IESE) – Campus & Atmosphere:

Although the campus is not in the city center, it is very beautiful and has a strong “community” feeling. The staff are supportive, and the atmosphere is welcoming. Social integration is easy because IESE has many active student clubs (e.g., padel, football, dancing, foodies and more), which helped me connect quickly with students beyond the classroom.

Courses & Professors:

The academic quality is excellent. Professors are very strong, and most courses are practical and effective, with meaningful class discussions and a real business mindset. Attendance is compulsory and almost all of the courses have attendance requirements.

Extra-curricular Life / Student Activities:

Orientation and ongoing social activities were helpful, but the biggest advantage was the club culture. Clubs created natural friendships and made the exchange experience feel integrated rather than “separate” from full-time students.

Business & Network Development:

Networking was very easy (even as an exchange student) because the campus is relatively small, students are friendly, and clubs/events create constant opportunities to meet people and build relationships.

Accommodation:

IESE does not have dorms. Finding accommodation in Barcelona at a good price was difficult, and rent is the biggest challenge and expense. It's important to start searching early.

Visa:

The student visa process was not difficult. Everything was handled through the Spanish embassy and was manageable with proper preparation and timely submission of documents.

Transportation:

Public transportation is excellent, reliable, and makes commuting easy. If you are under 30, you can get a discounted 3-month transport pass (around €40), which is very cost-effective.

Insurance & Health Services:

Having insurance is important for the visa and for daily life. Overall, health services in Spain felt accessible and organized.

Living Expenses & Food:

Groceries are significantly cheaper than in Israel. However, rent and restaurants are not dramatically cheaper (depending on lifestyle). Spanish food is a major highlight (high quality, diverse, and enjoyable across the country).

Nightlife:

Barcelona has endless nightlife and social options. The Instagram page "Erasmus Barcelona" was especially useful for finding events and student-oriented activities.

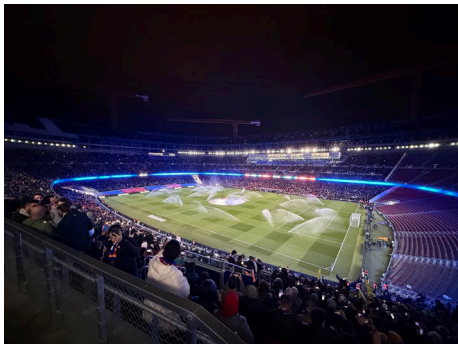
Tips:

Start accommodation search early, join clubs from the first weeks, use transport discounts, and most importantly, enjoy every second because time passes quickly.

Added Value to Coller Studies:

This exchange added value by expanding my global network, exposing me to diverse perspectives and cultures, and strengthening my professional business English through studying all courses in English. It complemented my Coller MBA by adding an international learning environment and practical communication skills.

Some pictures:



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