

# Student Magazine

Your pathway for learning languages, culture, and more





# What Is ACA?

The universe is a sort of book, whose first page one has read when one has seen only one's own country.—Fougeret de Monbron



## Dr. Juan Antonio López ACA Director

Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) is the study abroad office of the NAD Department of Education. ACA's consortium consists of Seventh-day Adventist universities and colleges located primarily in North America. Undergraduate students are provided with opportunities to study abroad at ACA-affiliated institutions while completing program requirements from their home institutions.

Through ACA, students are immersed in the culture and life of another country while becoming conversant in its language. Because of these experiences, ACA students will gain an appreciation of, and perhaps an inspiration for, mission or other multicultural service.





Our programs remain open in every country where it is safe to do so. We continually monitor each country's safety status and will make adjustments as needed. We are committed to prioritizing the safety of our students and staff while offering an exceptional study abroad experience that promotes cultural awareness and academic success.

# Why Study Abroad?



- Get university credits for many courses, including some general education courses (check our course catalog online)
- Become more valuable to an employer by mastering fluency in another language.
- Amplify visibility when applying for graduate programs
- Discover new skills and passions
- Deepen your spiritual life
- Enjoy awesome adventures and collect incredible personal stories
- Find the love of your life
- Acquire cultural competency and adaptability
- Establish a global network of friends, classmates, and mentors
- Develop your confidence and grow as a person
- Get easier access to international job opportunities
- Diversify your educational experience
- Learn accompanied by ACA teachers, whose experience cannot be compared to any AI platforms.
- Study and travel for the best price EVER!

66 I think everyone should at the least think about doing a year abroad. The location doesn't matter. The truth, however, is that it is not for everyone. It requires a certain mindset succeed. If you think you're up for the challenge, don't be scared, take the plunge. Not only will you come back home a new and better person, but you'll also thank yourself later.

—Logan Robbins (SAU)









Study abroad is a valuable experience for many American college students who hope to become our country's future leaders.

— Senator Roger Wicker (MS)



Learning another language is useful to all careers. The following is a non-exhaustive list of careers in the United States that value world language skills.

Ask us about the benefits of ACA for your future career!



## Most In-Demand World Languages Reported by U.S. Employers







# Countries with





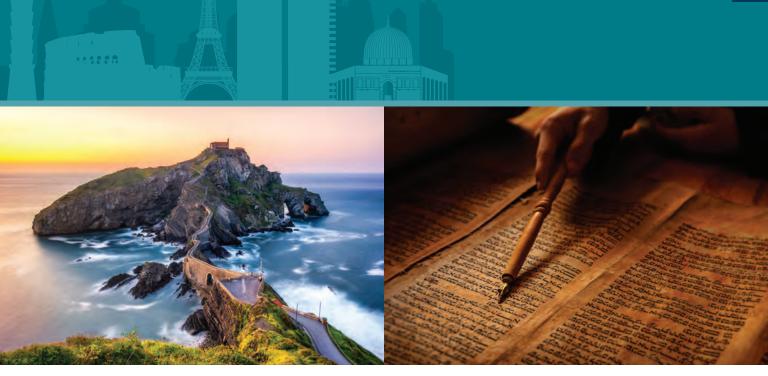








# **ACA Programs**





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# Applying to ACA

A step-by-step guide through the process for undergraduate students (high school applicants see pages 30 and 31)

## **Application Deadlines**

Summer: Friday, May 17, 2024

**Early Academic:** Friday, May 17, 2024 **Academic Year/Fall:** Friday, July 12, 2024

Winter/Spring Only: Friday, Oct. 18, 2024

# Undergraduate students must:

- Have a college GPA of at least 2.5
- Have good citizenship record
- Be currently enrolled in an institution that is a member of the ACA Consortium (if you are not, please contact us)
- No prerequisite for ACA language programs except for the academic year Spanish programs

# How to apply to an ACA program (after meeting eligibility requirements)



Speak with the ACA Campus Coordinator at your home university about your study abroad plans and the ACA application process.





Follow the application instructions at www.acastudyabroad.com



Please Note: ACA recommends not buying a plane ticket before being admitted as an ACA student and receiving your student visa (when applicable). Visas are usually required for students with American passports who spend more than 90 days in the program of their choice. ACA is not responsible for denied or delayed visas that may affect travel arrangements.

## After You Submit Your Application to Your Home School

- 1. Check your email! If accepted by ACA, we will send you an admittance email with any documents/ instructions needed to attend the program abroad.
- 2. If a visa is needed, the ACA office will provide documentation and guidance.

## What You Will Need

For more suggestions please check the FAQs section on our website.





A valid passport



Possibly a visa

ACA office will provide information



**Local currency** 

(of host country)



**Credit card** 

American Express not recommended



## **Adapter plugs**

Ethernet adapter for Apple products will provide a better internet connection



Phone charger

While traveling



### **Personal items**

Appropriate clothing (Google weather of destination) • Personal toiletries • Comfortable walking shoes • Backpack for weekend trips.



A good sense of humor



**Attention:** For an extended packing list, recommendations and policies, please visit the FAQ section of our website.

## Items Provided on Host Campus

Sheets and blankets

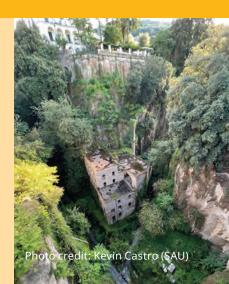


**Towels** 



**Books** 





# Money Matters

Airfare, passport, and visa expenses not included in the ACA price.

We understand that finances matter when you think about studying abroad. Therefore, we are committed to keeping all ACA prices competitive and as low as possible. We also believe that your financial investment in ACA offers invaluable returns that will benefit you for a lifetime! Seriously, this may be your only chance to study abroad for a great price, using your Federal Aid + SDA subsidy (if applicable). See for yourself!

Price of Your ACA Program Includes:

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Transfer of credits
- Books
- Program organized cultural tours (includes hotels, food, tickets)
- Health insurance and travel insurance (for more information visit the "Your Insurance" page on our website)
- Pick up/drop off at airport at beginning/end of program
- Unpaid internship opportunities during the academic year

**Employees of our church and institutions in the North American Division:** Please consult with your HR about your benefits. Your child may be eligible for subsidy when studying abroad.



Travel has a way of stretching the mind. The stretch comes not from travel's immediate rewards, the inevitable myriad new sights, smells and sounds, but with experiencing firsthand how others do differently what we believed to be the right and only way.

—Ralph Crawshaw



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## **Dates and Prices**

Please refer to the previous page for a detailed listing of what is included in the ACA prices. Detailed dates also available on the ACA website.



## **Summer Session**

**A** = Arrival **D** = Departure

Austria	Brazil*	France	Italy
\$4,679.00	\$4,830.00	\$4,218.00	\$3,707.00
<b>A:</b> June 15–16, 2024 <b>D:</b> July 27, 2024	<b>A:</b> June 17, 2024 <b>D:</b> July 26, 2024	<b>A:</b> June 14–16, 2024 <b>D:</b> July 27–28, 2024	<b>A:</b> June 23–24, 2024 <b>D:</b> July 31, 2024
South Korea	Spain	Biblical Hebrew	
\$4,607.00	\$4,367.00	\$4,851.00	

## **Academic Year Session**

A = First Quarter Arrival SQ = Second Quarter Arrival TQ = Third Quarter Arrival D = Departure

Argentina \$16,125.00	Austria \$20,294.00	Brazil* \$21,399.00	
<b>A:</b> Sept. 16, 2024	<b>A:</b> Sept. 8–9, 2024	<b>A:</b> Sept. 5, 2024	
<b>SQ:</b> Jan. 6, 2025	<b>SQ:</b> Jan. 6, 2025	<b>SQ:</b> Feb. 2, 2025	
<b>TQ:</b> March 23, 2025	<b>TQ:</b> March 16, 2025	<b>D:</b> May 15, 2025	
<b>D:</b> June 2, 2025	<b>D:</b> June 11, 2025		
France \$19,665.00	Italy \$19,511.00	Spain \$18,785.00	
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<b>A:</b> Sept. 10–11, 2024	<b>A:</b> Sept. 16–17, 2024	<b>A:</b> Sept. 17–18, 2024	
<b>A:</b> Sept. 10–11, 2024 <b>SQ:</b> Jan. 5, 2025			
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\* The program in Brazil is on the semester system

### **Application Deadlines:**

Early application deadline: May 17, 2024. Students who complete their application by this date should have time enough to get their visas if they plan to stay more than one quarter in any of the programs.

Late application deadlines: Fall-Winter-Spring: July 12, 2024 Winter-Spring: October 18, 2024 Spring: February 7, 2025

# **ACA Campus Coordinators**

Ready to apply? Your ACA Campus Coordinator is looking forward to hearing from you.





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**Loma Linda University** 

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# Argentina

LANGUAGE OF STUDY: SPANISH



**Experience:** Buenos Aires, Machu Picchu, Iguazu Falls, Patagonia, and more!

Airport: Buenos Aires Ministro Pistrarini (EZE)

Ezeize, Argentina



Spending a year abroad in Argentina was the best decision I could've made. It gave me the opportunity to improve and practice my Spanish and now I can say that I'm fluent in Spanish. The ACA staff were very welcoming and kind and made the whole experience 10 times better. ... During my time in Argentina I got to travel and explore, gain confidence in my second language, and make amazing, lifelong friends. I'm so glad I went, and I can't wait to go back to visit.

—Lesieli Savelio (SAU)

The following are samples of courses offered through ACA Argentina:

#### LANGUAGE COURSES

Spanish for False Beginners **Intermediate Spanish Advanced Spanish** Spanish for Heritage Speakers

#### **ELECTIVES**

Geography of Latin America Folklore of Argentina Latin American Literature Current Events in South America Translation and Interpretation

## **INTERNSHIPS** FSI

**Translation** 

Multimedia

Primary School Teacher's Aid

## **3 REASONS TO SELECT** THIS PROGRAM

- 1. Cultural immersion
- 2. Diverse landscapes & activities
- 3. Geographical spread



**Web:** https://uap.edu.ar/carrera/aca/

Instagram: @aca.uap







# Austria

LANGUAGE OF STUDY: GERMAN



Airport: Munich Airport (MUC), Germany



This program offers plenty of ways to learn, friendly professors, and an intimate learning experience ... Bogenhofen has a strong spiritual component, loving teachers, and a beautiful campus.

—ACA Student, 2023–2024

## Summer program available.

The following are samples of courses offered through ACA Austria:

#### LANGUAGE COURSES

Beginning German
Intermediate German

#### **ELECTIVES**

Survey of Literature for Advanced German European Civilization I & II Chamber Orchestra & Choir

### **INTERNSHIP**

**Elementary Education** 

## 3 REASONS TO SELECT THIS PROGRAM

- 1. Economic strength
- 2. Scientific research
- 3. Cultural depth

Web: https://www.bogenhofen.at/en/sprachinstitut/

Tatjana Turczynski









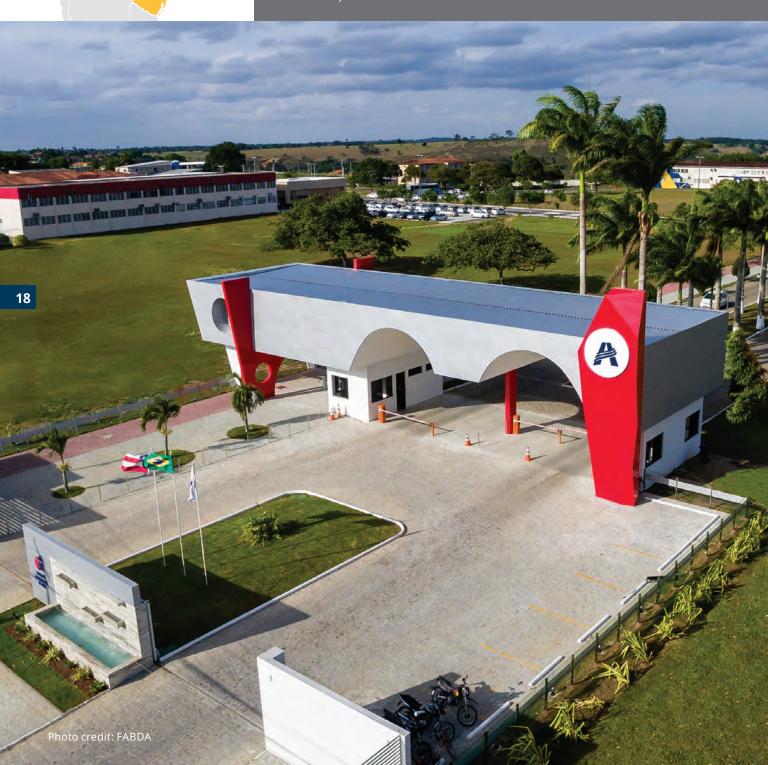
Brazil

LANGUAGE OF STUDY: PORTUGUESE



**Experience:** World renown beaches and islands, Iguazu Falls, Rio de Janeiro, and more!

**Airport:** Salvador International Airport (SSA), Salvador, Bahia, Brazil



Diverse, international experiences are incredibly valuable for today's students who want to compete for jobs in tomorrow's economy and lead the way in building a more prosperous, peaceful, and stable future.

—Brad Schneider

## Summer program available.

The following are samples of courses offered through ACA Brazil:

#### LANGUAGE COURSES

Beginning Portuguese Intermediate Portuguese

#### **ELECTIVES**

Brazilian Cuisine
Brazilian Literature
Communication and Media:
A Brazilian Perspective
Current Events in Brazil
Translation and
Interpretation

### **INTERNSHIPS**

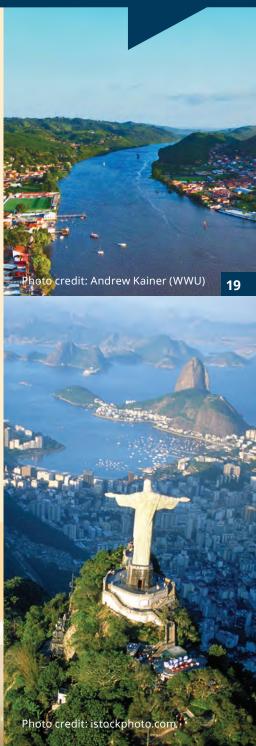
Business
Health Care & Medicine
Marketing
Social Work
Youth Ministries

## 3 REASONS TO SELECT THIS PROGRAM

- 1. Cultural immersion: music, rich culinary traditions
- 2. Professional opportunities: Brazil is the largest country in South America and has a rapidly growing economy
- 3. Scenic beauty & diversity: stunning natural landscapes

Web: https://www.adventista.edu.br





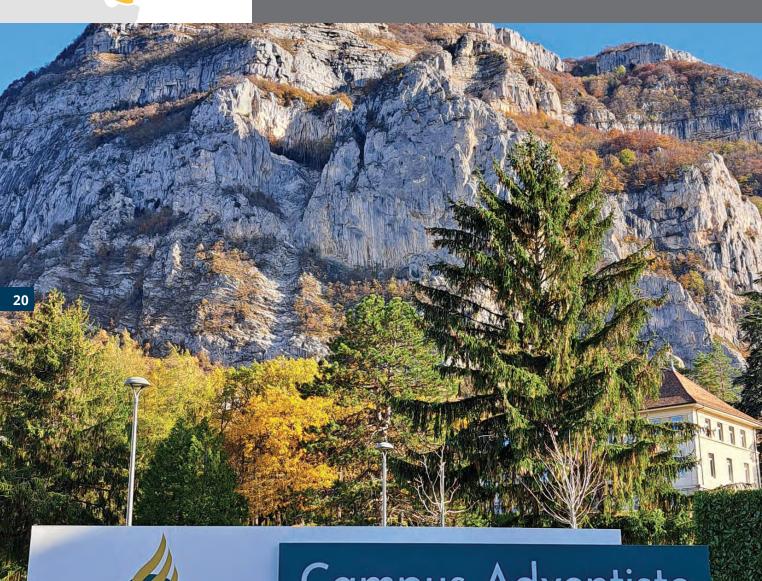


LANGUAGE OF STUDY: FRENCH



**Experience:** Versailles Palace, Paris, French Riviera, Monaco, Switzerland, and more!

Airport: Geneva Airport (GVA), Switzerland



France



Campus Adventiste du Salève 66 I decided to attend Collonges because I've heard so many great things about the ACA experience from family and friends. I love how you're able to travel and experience new cultures, while at the same time be fully immersed in your target language.

—Mari Weber (PUC), ACA France 2023–2024

## Summer program available.

The following are samples of courses offered through ACA France:

#### LANGUAGE COURSES

Beginning French
Intermediate French
Advanced French

## ELECTIVES

French for Health Professionals
International Organizations
France and Its History
Ski & Snowboarding
French Fine Arts & Monuments
French Cuisine

#### **INTERNSHIPS**

ADRA/NGOs Graphic Design Medicine Education

## 3 REASONS TO SELECT THIS PROGRAM

- 1. Worldwide medical missions
- 2. Diplomatic influence
- 3. Business efficiency

Web: https://www.campusadventiste.edu/en/study/french-school-of-language

Instagram: @ifle.collonges

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IFLE.Collonges







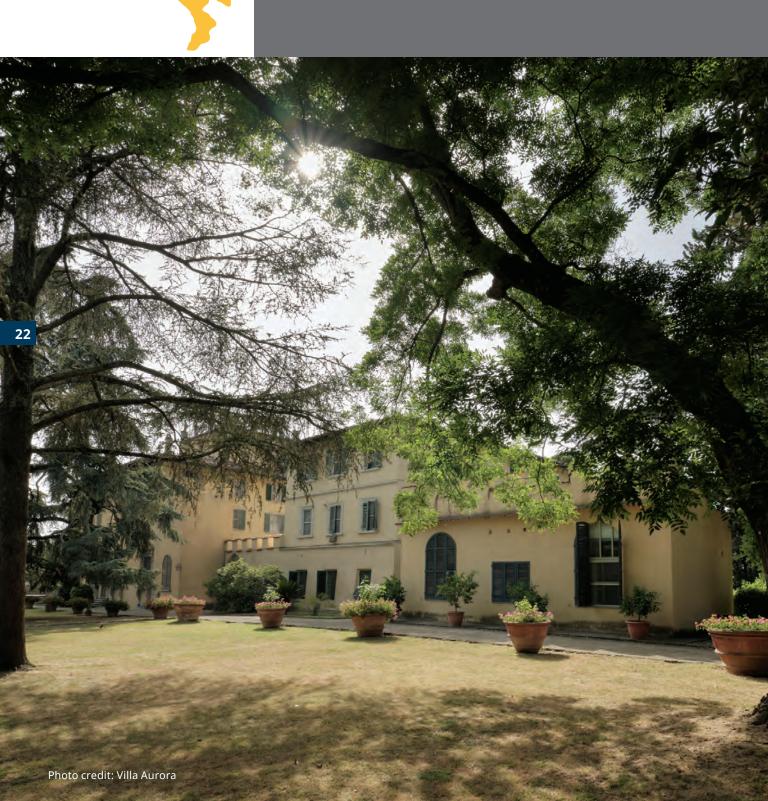






**Experience:** Florence, Rome, Venice, Amalfi Coast, and more!

Airport: Florence Airport (FLR), Italy



Coming to Italy with ACA has been a dream come true. I have wanted to study abroad for years, and this experience is everything that I had hoped for. I have met incredible people, seen many new beautiful places during our travels, and learned a lot along the way. I know this year has been and will continue to be a year of growth and new experiences, and I'm so grateful for it.

—Ellie Britain (UC), ACA Italy

## Summer program available.

The following are samples of courses offered through ACA Italy:

#### LANGUAGE COURSES

Beginning Italian Intermediate Italian Advanced Italian

#### **ELECTIVES**

Techniques of Italian Sculpture Mediterranean Cuisine Fashion Design Painting Styles and Techniques Photography in Italy

**Web:** https://villaaurora.it/dicali/ **Instagram:** @villaaurora.dilcai

#### **INTERNSHIP**

Art

## 3 REASONS TO SELECT THIS PROGRAM

- 1. Historical importance of sites like Rome and Florence
- 2. Culinary delights
- 3. Art, fashion, and design

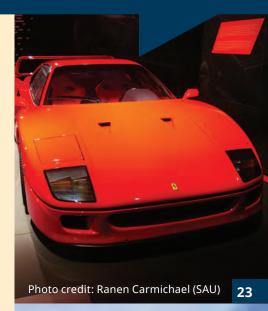




Photo credit: Clarissa Hurtado (WWU)







# South Korea

LANGUAGE OF STUDY: KOREAN



**Experience:** Myeong-dong, Gyeongbok Palace, Everland Amusement Park, Lotte Tower, JeJu-do and more!

Airport: Incheon International Airport, Seoul



66This has been an incredible experience, marking my first summer in Seoul. The warmth of the teachers and the bonds formed with friends made it truly special. Immersing myself in genuine Korean culture beyond the classroom enhanced both my language skills and cultural understanding. It goes beyond memorizing words; it's about embracing the essence of the language.

—Jason Park, ACA South Korea

## Only summer program available.

The following are samples of courses offered through ACA South Korea:

#### LANGUAGE COURSES

**Beginning Korean** Intermediate Korean

**3 REASONS TO SELECT** THIS PROGRAM

- 1. South Korea has a rich cultural heritage that goes hand in hand with its language.
- 2. The structured language education, coupled with opportunities

for language exchange and practice, contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of Korean language and culture.

3. South Korea is a major player in the global economy, particularly in industries such as technology, finance, and entertainment.



Web: https://syu.ac.kr/eng

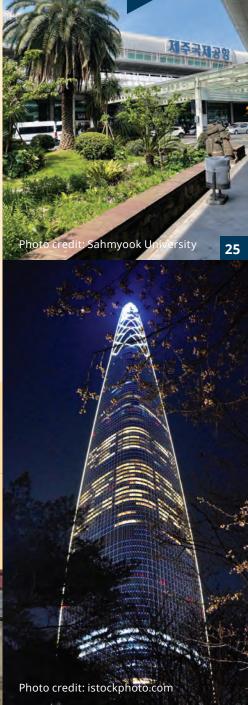
**Instagram:** https://Instagram.com/sahmyook university



**Seungyeon Lee** Director of the Program / Director of Korean Language School







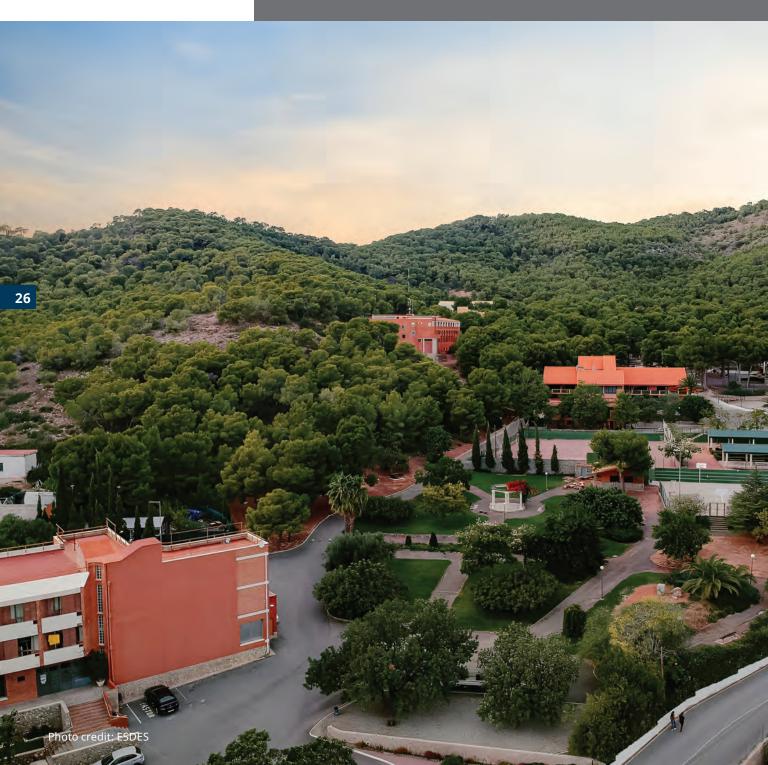




# Spain

**Experience:** Madrid, Bilbao, Sevilla, Córdoba, Granada, Mediterranean beaches and more!

Airport: Valencia Airport (VLC), Spain



66My time at ESDES was truly one of the best years of my life. I met so many amazing people and traveled to some places I thought I'd never be able to see. ESDES will always hold a special place in my heart and I hope to one day return to the beautiful place I once called home. —Sean Pratt (PUC), ACA Spain

## Summer program available.

The following are samples of courses offered through ACA Spain:

#### LANGUAGE COURSES

Spanish for False Beginners Intermediate Spanish **Advanced Spanish** Spanish for Heritage Speakers

### **ELECTIVES**

Spain and its Culture **Business Spanish** History of Spanish Literature Spanish for Health Professionals Art

**Web:** https://campusadventista.es/

esdes/en/ **Instagram:** @esdes.sagunto

Facebook: Escuela Superior de

**Español Sagunto** 

### **INTERNSHIPS**

Education Social Work Physical Therapy Media/Communication Youth Ministries Dentistry **Business Administration** 

## **3 REASONS TO SELECT** THIS PROGRAM

- 1. Geographical spread
- 2. Cultural diversity & immersion
- 3. Diverse regional accents & expressions









SPECIAL PROGRAM

LANGUAGE OF STUDY: HEBREW

# **Biblical Hebrew**

**Experience:** Jewish legacies in Sagunto, Madrid, Toledo, and more!

Airport: Valencia Airport (VLC), Spain

**Please note:** The special Biblical Hebrew Summer Program will take place at Campus Adventista de Sagunto



I cannot put into words the joy and thankfulness that I have in my heart to you all for making this study an experience that I will never forget.

—ACA Student, Biblical Hebrew

## Only summer program available.

The following are samples of courses offered through ACA Israel:

### LANGUAGE COURSES

HEBR331, 332, 333 Biblical Hebrew OTST/HEBR551, 552 Biblical Hebrew

## 3 REASONS TO SELECT THIS PROGRAM

- 1. Access to original texts
- 2. Cultural and historical context
- 3. Enhanced exegetical skills



**Dr. Zdravko Stefanovic**Program Director
Zdravko.Stefanovic@ahu.edu



# Applying to ACA

High Schoolers

## **Application Deadlines**

Summer: Friday, May 17, 2024

Dates and prices can be found on page 11.



## Students must:

- Have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Have good citizenship record

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 Be currently enrolled in an SDA academy or high school (if you are not, please contact aca@nadadventist.org)



## Who?

Students 15+ years of age are welcome in all ACA summer programs (except for South Korea, where students must be 16+)

## What?

#### **Academy Credit:**

Earn 1 Carnegie unit through your high school or academy *OR* 

### **College Credit:**

(Only for high school juniors and seniors)
Earn 9 quarter credits
(6 semester credits) by enrolling through an Adventist college or university. Please ask ACA how to proceed with your application.

## How?

- Speak with your school's principal/registrar/language teacher about your study abroad plans
- 2. Follow the application instructions at acastudyabroad.com

## Where?

Study on a Seventh-day Adventist campus in

Austria, Brazil, France, Italy, South Korea, or Spain



## **Teachers**

ACA has partnered with the North American Division's Department of Education to create a scholarship opportunity for teachers working in Adventist secondary schools.

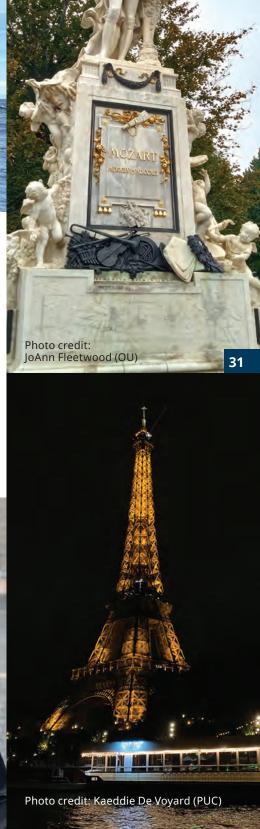
If you recruit and accompany 10+ students from one or

various SDA academies to any of our ACA Summer Programs, you will receive:

- Full tuition scholarship (Room, board, food, etc. covered during your stay)
- \$1,000 toward airfare

Please contact the ACA office for additional information.









Seventh-day Adventist Church



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