

ACADEMIC CREDIT

1. **Pre-approval at your college or university:** Contact the study abroad office or Spanish language department at your college prior to starting the program. It is important to get courses pre approved in order to earn academic credit for your language and elective courses. We can send syllabi for you to review with your academic advisor

2. **Credit or ECTS:** You may register to receive Credits or ECTS depending on the system which you are studying under.
 - a) Veritas is a Year round university with three 15-week semesters called “Cuatrimestres” since they are 4 months long.
 - b) One Credit is based on 15 hours of work during either a 15 week or 5-week intensive Summer Session term for the International Study Abroad Students. Academic course work includes class contact hours (50 minutes), laboratories, community practices and research assignments. We use a competencies based pedagogical model for teaching and assessment so students will be working with case studies, projects, presentations, research, etc. If a course meets 2 hours per week and it is worth 3 credits it means that it usually has one or two extra hours per week of lab, project development and research assignments.
 - c) Students who want a transcript for the European system can receive ECTS credits based the contact hours and the extra laboratory or individual work load. One credit in the Schools of Architecture, Interior Design, Advertising Design, Fashion Design, Product Design, Animation, Photography, Environmental Sciences, Political Science or Humanities is worth 1.87 ECTS based on 1 hour / week x 15 weeks plus 200% extra individual work.

3. **Transcripts:** Official transcripts can be sent in Credits or ECTS. Transcripts are usually sent from Registrar to Registrar unless otherwise requested by the student or sending institution.

4. **Internship Credit:** Students must work a minimum of 90 hours, in no less than three weeks, in order to receive 3 credits. This can be defined as 30 internship hours is equivalent to 1 credit. Satisfactory completion of the internship is determined by: Check-in Meetings, Reflection Journal, Application Project or Work Experience Portfolio, Supervisor's Performance Evaluation, Final Presentation of work experience.