Barcelona Summer Studio: Revitalizing Public Spaces
June 5 – June 28, 2019

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WHAT

- A joint urban planning and urban design studio in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain
- A chance to spend nearly a month in one of the world’s most beautiful, walkable cities with great public spaces and transit
- An opportunity to learn about public spaces from both urban design and urban planning perspectives
WHO

- Required Advanced Travel Design Studio for MUD students (URBN 6612)
- Approved Planning Project Studio for MURP students (URPL 6000)
- Available to other CAP students with approval from their advisor
Exploring culture resources in Barcelona’s El Born district—Barcelona studio Summer 2018
Barcelona is the capital and economic center of Catalonia, a region within Spain with a fascinating history, vibrant culture, and great urban spaces.

Students will stay in apartments in the center of Barcelona in a highly walkable, transit-rich area.

Studio activities will take place in central Barcelona with several day trips to nearby Catalan cities.
Studio lunch in Sabadell after an extensive walking tour—Barcelona studio Summer 2018
WHEN

- Official studio dates are Wednesday, June 5 through Friday, June 28
- Apartment check-in is Tuesday, June 4
- Daily schedule is generally 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM—a mix of scheduled studio activities and open working sessions
- No scheduled studio meetings or events on the weekends
WHY

- As cities worldwide continue to urbanize, having great public spaces available to all citizens is critical.
- Some public spaces aren’t successful so urban planners and designers facilitate revitalizing these places.
- Urban planners and designers must know the principles, tools, and methodologies for planning, analyzing and designing great public spaces.
Traveling by train is a great way to see communities throughout Catalonia—Barcelona studio Summer 2018
HOW MUCH

- Program cost is $4,990 per student
- Fee includes tuition for 6-credit studio, lodging, ground transportation, and a few group meals
- $500 given to MURP students by the Urban Planning Department to help defray travel costs
- CU Denver Office of Global Education has competitive $1,000 travel scholarships available
Students observing and studying in Barcelona’s Plaça dels Angels—Barcelona studio Summer 2018
The 2019 Barcelona “Revitalizing Public Spaces” studio consists of two phases:

- Phase A provides foundational knowledge and skills development in understanding and analyzing the many dimensions of urban planning and design of the public realm.

- Phase B focuses on creating a vision plan and conceptual design for revitalizing a major public space in a dynamic Barcelona neighborhood.
Socializing with classmates is a fun part of the studio experience—Barcelona studio Summer 2018
PHASE A

- Explore Barcelona’s thriving streets, sites and public spaces
- Study the history of Barcelona’s urban fabric and environment
- Take a deep dive into the design concepts of urban public spaces
- Understand public space design within the larger context of urban planning
Assignment presentations in Barcelona’s Parc del Centre del Poblenou—Barcelona studio Summer 2018
PHASE B

- Conduct existing conditions research on a key Barcelona public space in need of revitalization
- Create a framework plan for the role and function of the space within the city context
- Develop alternative urban design concepts for improving the space
- Engage with local stakeholders about the future of the space
- Finalize a Revitalization Plan and Conceptual Design for the space
Students and faculty group photo after the final studio presentations—Barcelona studio Summer 2018
HOW TO APPLY

- Start your application at the CU Denver Global Education/Study Abroad website at:

- Questions? Please contact the Barcelona studio instructors:
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ARE YOU READY TO SPEND JUNE 2019 IN THE AMAZING CITY OF BARCELONA STUDYING PUBLIC SPACES?