

US university students to study in Catalonia

06.09.2007 **Studying** - Since 3 September three of Catalonia's universities (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universitat de Barcelona and Universitat Pompeu Fabra) now include American students who are participating in the first international mobility programme entitled "Advanced Studies in Barcelona". The programme offers academic classes and cultural activities, and has been especially designed for students belonging to six of the most prestigious universities of the United States.

In June all three Barcelona universities signed a cooperation agreement with the aim of organising a mobility programme together with the Consortium for Advanced Studies in Barcelona, whose members include the universities of Brown and Northwestern and the University of Chicago, as well as Cornell, Harvard and Princeton as associated members. Four of these universities - Brown, Cornell, Harvard and Princeton - belong to the Ivy League, an association made up of the top eight private universities in Northeastern US providing excellent education in the academic and scientific fields.

The academic classes last one semester and will be carried out at all three Catalan universities. All 37 of the American students began their stay last week with a three-week seminar on the language and culture of Catalonia. After completing the seminar they will begin to attend their university courses.

At the presentation of the programme, UAB Rector Lluís Ferrer pointed out the high level of demand of American university students and how important a collaborative initiative with the top US universities is for Catalan universities. UB Rector Màrius Rubiralta and UPF Rector Josep Joan Moreso also highlighted the efforts put in to make Catalonia's universities among the best and most attractive for students from all over the world.