



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
STUDY ABROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Madrid, Summer 2019

- Argelia Andrade (Humanities) and Xocoyotzin Herrera (BSS) are leading another trip to Madrid in 2019.
- In Summer 2018, the flight planned by ACCENT was too expensive. Students mostly flew on their own to save money. Next time, we could do some research and recommend a flight. For instance, Norwegian Airlines flies cheap to Spain. For some students, it will be their first time on a plane. Flying together on the plane would be a good shared experience to create a bond amongst the students from the start. We should be careful though that recommending a flight might create a liability. Also, we should be careful of the connecting flights. A student on the Summer 2018 trip had trouble with a connecting flight in Canada.
- The ACCENT center had 6 to 7 classrooms, and the student apartments were nice.
- In the afternoons, the students visited sites in Madrid as part of the cost of the program.
- Some students went to other countries on the weekend.

Study Abroad Planning

- We need to plan our trips a full year in advance. By the end of Spring, we should have Summer planned. We should get things moving earlier for Summer 2020.
- The committee likes the idea of having two trips in the Summer to different locations with different course offerings. We could have one trip to Europe and another to Latin America, Africa, or Asia.
- In the past, we had up to three programs in a year and offered more variety.
- One idea is to offer a less expensive trip as a 6-week class with 3-weeks at ECC and 3-weeks abroad.
- We could make presentations to the counselors and have them recommend Study Abroad.