1. Is it possible to do this program with a Homestay rather than in an apartment with roommates? Yes. For $450.00, you can live with a family in Barcelona. The $450 also provides breakfast and dinner daily with the same family!
2. Are any vaccinations required for this study abroad? No. For regular updates on this question, please see US State Department info on Spain: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/spain-and-andorra.html>
3. Is there a laundry-mat near the apts? or washer/dryers in the apt? Apartments are all provided with washing machine. Dryer is not typical here in Barcelona. Students can hang their clothes to dry, they will have all the materials to do so
4. Is it possible to find internships in the Barcelona area?  We offer internships so maybe we can make them a discount in case they are interested in doing internships after the program. If you mean during, I don’t think that will be possible. Although, we have some contacts in places to do volunteering.
5. I am hearing from a few students who—though not necessarily fluent in Spanish—have completed SPAN203 (highest level taught here).  Does BarcelonaSAE have the capability of providing Spanish instruction that is more advanced than our SPAN203?  When we test all the students, we can see which levels they apply to.  In Fall 2015, two COCC students, who had completed SPAN203, took SPAN213, Conversational Spanish, for advanced vocabulary and idiomatic expression.
6. One student has family who would like come with her (not just for a visit—for the entire term).  I suggested that perhaps it would be possible for BarcelonaSAE to “refund” the apartment expenses of the program fee, so that the student could put that money toward a multi-person apartment that they locate on their own. I think that would be the perfect solution. We can talk later about their attending the activities. Some of them would not be possible for liability reasons. For the rest, it would be up to you (although they might have to pay for some). Sometimes bringing families into group activities may break the ‘group spirit’.
7. Do the Homestay families speak Spanish in the home? Homestay families will all use Spanish at home, though they are typically bilingual and can switch to Catalan when not using Spanish.