

Universidad de Barcelona

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The University



The University of Barcelona is above all an urban university, outward-reaching and cosmopolitan like the city in which its campuses live. And because of this, it plays a direct and active part in the urban fabric of Barcelona, becoming a hub of cultural activity for the city itself.

The UB campuses are spread out across the entire inner-city area, thus fostering a series of close ties between the institution of our University and the city around us. These ties contribute to the human and cultural environment present in certain parts of Barcelona and enables members of the university community to enjoy both the city's services and those of the UB.

With respect to facilities, the Faculty of Geology was built (1985-1986), teaching began on the Bellvitge Health Sciences Campus (Nursing, Medicine, Dentistry and Podiatry) in 1982, the Mundet Campus was developed during the nineties (Teacher Training, Education and Psychology) and a new building opened in the district of the Raval in 2006 for the Faculty of Philosophy and the Faculty of Geography and History.

Campuses



Scattered throughout Barcelona, the University of Barcelona campuses maintain a close relationship with the city. This interdependence adds to the cultural vitality of Barcelona and it gives the university community access to the services provided by city and the University.

Campus profiles



Humanities Campus

Located in the city centre, this campus is found in the Historic Building in Plaça de la Universitat, and is home to the Faculty of Mathematics and the Faculty of Philology. In addition, the Faculty of Geography and History and the Faculty of Philosophy are now housed in the University's new building in the nearby Raval district.



Diagonal Knowledge Gateway Campus

This campus straddles Avinguda Diagonal, the busy thoroughfare that runs across the city of Barcelona. To the north are grouped the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Economics and Business, which together offer studies in social sciences. To the south are located the Faculties of Pharmacy and Physics, which offer studies in experimental sciences, and the Faculty of Fine Arts.



- Bellvitge Health Sciences Campus

Part of Bellvitge Hospital, this campus is located in l'Hospitalet de Llobregat. It is home to the Faculty of Dentistry, the University School of Nursing and some of the departments in the Faculty of Medicine.



- Medicine Campus - Hospital Clínic August Pi i Sunyer

Linked to Hospital Clínic, this campus houses the Faculty of Medicine.



- Mundet Campus - University of Barcelona

Located in the northern part of the city near the park of Collserola and officially known as Mundet Campus - University of Barcelona, this campus is home to the Faculty of Psychology, the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Teacher Training.



- Food and Nutrition Torribera Campus

This campus is home to the degree studies Human Nutrition and Dietetics and the degree studies Food Science and Technology.

Contact Information

Office of Mobility and International Programs

The Office of Mobility and International Relations is the equivalent to UCC's International Education Office. Their job is to help international students with any enquiries they may have. Please go there if you need any assistance.

Pavelló Rosa (Recinte de la Maternitat)
Trav. De les Corts, 131-159 – 08028 Barcelona

Phone: 934035380 – 934021709

Fax: 934035387

Email: relacions.internacionals@ub.edu

Head of Office: Esther Martra

Phone: 934039816

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday (09.00-14.00)

For a map on how to get there please follow link provided:

http://www.ub.edu/uri/comu/mapa_en.htm

For information on how to contact the different Faculties in University of Barcelona please follow the link provided:

http://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/estudis/estudiar_UB/estudiants_estrangers/responsables_ub/responsables_UB.html

Travel

Arrival:

Presently you can fly directly from Ireland to El Prat in Barcelona. Ryanair and Aer Lingus both fly directly El Prat, which is the main airport in Barcelona. Ryanair also fly to the other airports Reus and Girona, which are located further outside the city of Barcelona.

From the airport: There are several ways of getting from the airport to the University of Barcelona. Barcelona has an excellent air, rail and bus transport systems which connect to the rest of Spain.

Trains

Transport system

To check the best way of getting to the UAB, consult the map for Barcelona's integrated transport systems (excluding buses).

Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC)

Line S2: Barcelona-Sabadell, station: Universitat Autònoma.

In Barcelona, these trains stop at Catalunya, Provença, Gràcia, Muntaner and Sarrià. You can also take these trains from Sant Cugat, Sant Quirze and Sabadell, among other places. At Sant Cugat station, there is a connection with line S1 (Terrassa and Rubí). All trains to Sabadell, UAB or Barcelona stop at the University. The journey time to Barcelona is 30 minutes, and trains depart approximately every 10 minutes. You can check the timetables by phoning 93 205 15 15 or on the **FGC website**.

RENFE (Spanish National Railway Network)

Line C7 - Cerdanyola Universitat station. From Barcelona you can take the train from Sants, Plaça Catalunya, Arc del Triomf and Sant Andreu Arenal. The journey takes around 30 minutes from the centre of Barcelona, with trains leaving every 30 minutes. A ten-journey ticket, which can be used by more than one person if travelling together, gives a 40% discount.

You can check the timetables by phoning +34 93 490 0202 or on the **RENFE website**.

Free bus service

A free bus service connects the RENFE station to the different buildings across the campus.

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For more information contact the information centre on : + 34 93 581 11 11

Accommodation

Once you have been selected by your home university, please contact the Barcelona Housing Service for Students, the reservation centre of the Barcelona University Centre (BCU) as soon as possible, in order to arrange accommodation for your stay. On the Barcelona Housing Service for Students website, you will find information about the different types of housing that are available and how to go about renting accommodation.

Barcelona Housing Service for Students: Central de reserves del BCU

Address: C/. Torrent de l'Olla, 219 - 08012 Barcelona

Phone: (34) 932 389 072 - Fax: (34) 93 228 92 59

Website: www.bcn-housing-students.com

Email address: info@bcn-housing-students.com

Opening hours, September to June: Mon-Thu -> 10:00am - 1:30pm and 3:30pm - 5:30pm // Fri -> 10:00am - 1:30pm

Opening hours, July and August: Mon-Fri -> 10:00am - 1:30pm

The Barcelona University Centre (BCU) provides the information you need to know to live and to study in Barcelona: how to get to Barcelona, the cost of living, climate, moving about the city or services for the university community.

Barcelona Centre Universitari (BCU)

Address: C/.Torrent de l'Olla, 219 - 08012 Barcelona

Phone: (34) 93 238 90 49 - Fax: (34) 93 228 92 59

Website: www.bcu.cesca.es - Email address: info@bcu.cesca.es

Opening hours: Mon and Wed -> 10:00am - 1:30pm and 3:30pm - 5:30pm // Tue, Thu and Fri-> 10:00am - 1:30pm

Cost of Living

As a rough guide, the monthly cost of living for a student in Barcelona is as follows:

Accommodation: as many students are in private accommodation, accommodation ranges from €300 to €500.

Transport: approximately €60 (dependent on the amount of travelling you intend to do)

Other: (food, other bills, socialising, incidentals, etc.): €50-€200 depending on the individual.

How to apply to study temporarily at the UB



To be accepted as a temporary visiting student at the UB you need to follow the steps described below:

1. Find out if your home University has a student exchange agreement with the University of Barcelona. International students: ERASMUS, Bilateral Agreements, Especific Agreements with EUA Colleges, Coïmbra Group, EMSPS Programme, etc.
If your home university has no formal exchange agreement with the UB, you may submit an individual application (**see the requirements and conditions**)
2. Obtain authorization from your home university to participate on an exchange programme at the UB.
3. Complete and send the application form to the UB via Internet. (Students of the Spanish SICUE programme don't have to fill out this form)
4. Once completed, post your application form and any supporting documents to the Head of International Exchanges in the faculty or school in which you wish to study. (Students of the Specific Agreements with US Colleges don't have to send any document).
5. Once accepted, you need to make the necessary arrangements for accommodation and to take out medical insurance to cover all your stay in Barcelona.
6. On arrival in Barcelona, you first need to visit the faculty or school in which you will study to register at the UB.
7. A few weeks into the semester, you must register for the subjects that you have decided to study. Registration should be completed at the secretariat of your UB faculty or school.

Application form for admission to the UB

Once you have been selected or authorized by your home university to study temporarily at the UB, you should complete the corresponding application form and send it by internet to the UB. You should also make a sufficient number of copies of your application to complete the subsequent procedures. For information on application procedure please follow link provided:

http://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/estudis/estudiar_UB/estades_temporals/solicitud_aceptacio/solicitud_aceptacio.html

Deadlines

The online application form will be updated as of 1 April for the following academic year.

For students planning to study abroad during either the first semester or full academic year, the required documents should be sent to the Head of International Exchanges at the chosen faculty or school no later than 15 June.

- Classes start during the second week of September (the exact day will depend on the school or faculty).
- The examination period begins in January.
- Christmas holidays are from approximately 23 December to 6 January.

For students planning to study abroad during only the second semester of the academic year, the required documents should be sent to the Head of International Exchanges at the chosen faculty or school no later than 15 November.

- Classes start during the second week of February (the exact day will depend on the school or faculty).
- The examination period begins in June.
- One week for Easter holidays.

Academics

Grading System

Grades are awarded on a scale from 1-10, as follows:

10 *Matrícula de Honor* (Distinction) (limited to 5%)

9-10 *Sobresaliente* (outstanding)

7-8.5 *Notable* (credit)

5-6.5 *Aprobado* (pass)

0-4.5 *Suspense* (fail)

Computer rooms

You can use the computer facilities in the UB faculty or school in which you are registered on presentation of your temporary student card.

The Library

You have access to the services of **The Library of the University of Barcelona** (BUB).

Shopping for books and stationery

You can shop at any of the following university bookshops:

- **Bellvitge Campus**
Benvil, SA
Feixa Llarga, s/n - 08970 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat
Tel. 93 263 24 33
- **Mundet Campus**
Benvil, SA
Passeig de la Vall d'Hebrón, 171 - 08035 Barcelona
Tel. 934 705 400 - 934 021 974
- **Plaça Universitat Campus**
Niemon Impression, SL
Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585 - 08007 Barcelona
Tel. 933 178 442

Practical Matters

Medical insurance

- All international students should take out medical insurance for the duration of their stay in our University.
- Students who are members of the European Economic Area (European Union countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and who are entitled to social security benefit in their own country should present their European health insurance card. The form for this card is issued by your country's public health authorities and entitles you to medical care in Spain.
- Students from countries outside the European Economic Area should find out if there is a medical agreement between the ministry of health in their country and Spain (this is the case for some Latin American countries, for example). If there is an agreement, you should ask the health authorities in your country for the health document you will need. This will entitle you to medical care in Spain.
- All other students must take out private medical insurance for the duration of their stay at the University of Barcelona. You should obtain a document from your insurance company, in Spanish, Catalan, English or French if possible, stating that you are covered while studying in Spain.

When registering at the UB on your arrival, you will be requested to show a copy of your medical insurance.

Student Matters

Welcome sessions in UB faculties and schools

Most of the faculties and schools at the University of Barcelona organize welcome sessions for students on international exchange programs at the beginning of each semester. Usually, you should receive details of these in your letter of acceptance.

Sports

UB Sports on the Diagonal Campus, is a large sports complex that offers members of the University of Barcelona the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting activities.

You can use the facilities on payment of a membership fee calculated on the basis of the length of your stay in the UB.

Spanish language courses

These are delivered by the UB Institute of Hispanic Studies on the Plaça Universitat Campus. The Institute organizes Spanish courses for ERASMUS and Bilateral Agreement exchange students.

The courses for ERASMUS and Bilateral Agreement exchange students during the academic year are scheduled as follows:

- **PART-TIME SPANISH COURSE (elementary and intermediate levels)**
Level test: Start of September
Publication of groups and class times: Start of September
Course dates: First two weeks in September
Registration period: Start of September
- **REGULAR SPANISH COURSE (intermediate level)**
Level test: Mid-October
Publication of groups and class times: Third week of October
Course dates: Late October to mid-December
Registration period: Mid-October
- **REGULAR SPANISH COURSE (elementary and intermediate levels)**
For 2nd semester exchange students
Level test: Start of February
Publication of groups and class times: Second week of February
Course dates: Mid February to end of March
Registration period: First week of February
- **Price:** 115 €

To enrol in these courses, you need:

- a) To have been admitted to the UB as a Socrates-ERASMUS or Bilateral Agreement student
- b) To take the level test on the dates given above (students do not have to enrol in order to take the level test)

For further information, visit the **Institute of Hispanic Studies**.

Student Resident card

For information on obtaining your student resident card please follow the link provided: http://www.ub.edu/uri/estudiantsNOUB/nie_en.htm

Student Tips

Erasmus is full of excitement and adventure, but also uncertainty and nerves. Although the International Education Office in UCC and the Office of Mobility and International Programs in the University of Barcelona will help you as much as possible, nothing can beat the experience of being in your shoes. So here are some tips and tricks from UCC students who have studied in Barcelona.

Academic Matters:

- Take the chance to learn new things.
- Try and take some courses that allow you to learn more about Spanish life, culture, history, or literature. You'll never have quite the same opportunity in Ireland.
- Contact the Erasmus officers in your subject area if you have any questions about academics.
- Be aware that you are entering a new education system with different administration, course, and exam structures.
- Keep up with your reading.

Accommodation:

- Be aware that university residences are located outside the city centre. It's a good idea to find the location of your faculty before securing accommodation.
- Find out whether bed linen is included or if you have to buy it on arrival.
- When booking accommodation, ask about the times you will be able to collect your keys and access your residence so you can either arrive during these times or make alternative accommodation arrangements for the first night.
- Bring pictures of home to put on the walls.
- Bring a 2-pin plug for your Irish electrical products.

Travel:

- Remember generally the earlier you book the flights, the cheaper they are.
- Some clubs organise really cheap day and overnight trips.
- If you are coming home for Christmas, it is a good time to bring back excess luggage.

Bureaucracy:

- Bring multiple photocopies of any documentation you might need.
- EU citizens do not need a Residence Permit.
- It is a good idea to carry some sort of ID with you at all times.

Social:

- Buy local news papers and magazine, and listen to local TV, radio, and music.
- Immerse yourself in the culture.
- Try to interact with Spanish students and the local community.

General:

- Bring a good Spanish dictionary
- Unlock your mobile phone before you leave Ireland if you want to put a Spanish SIM card in it.
- Brings some books in English. Although you can buy some English-language books in Spain, they can be expensive, and it is handy to have some for travelling and for when you first arrive.
- Look into phone cards – they are one of the cheapest ways to phone home.
- If you have a laptop and internet access in your accommodation, look into getting Skype or other internet phone packages.