



UNIVERSITAT<sub>DE</sub>  
BARCELONA

# The University of Barcelona

## Tradition & innovation

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## University of Barcelona Figures

**41,540**

bachelor's degree students

**4,776**

university master's degree students

**4,816**

trainee researchers

**21,029**

postgraduate students

National leader in the  
foremost international  
rankings

**168<sup>th</sup>**

worldwide  
(70<sup>th</sup> in Europe)  
QS World University Rankings

**87<sup>th</sup>**

worldwide  
(28<sup>th</sup> in Europe)  
Best Global Universities Rankings

Approximately

**1,400**

mobility destinations at universities  
around the world

More than

**750**

doctoral theses read  
2020-2021

**16**

libraries with the EFQM European  
Seal of Excellence; more than  
300,000 document loans each year

**250**

consolidated research groups and  
more than 958 active research projects

**28**

university master's degrees with  
the AQU Seal of Excellence,  
12 Erasmus Mundus masters and  
65 inter-university master's degrees

**37%**

of university master's degree  
students from outside Spain

The only Spanish  
member of the League  
of European Research  
Universities (LERU)

Academic staff

**5,963**

(41.1 % women)

Administrative/technical staff

**2,387**

(63.5 % women)

Budget

**425,150,663 €**  
budgeted

**139,837,093 €**  
secured for research  
and technology transfer

# Why choose the UB?

The University of Barcelona, founded in 1450, is a comprehensive higher education institution that offers profound academic tradition coupled with frontier scientific knowledge. It is located in the city of Barcelona, one of the major cosmopolitan hubs of the Mediterranean and, indeed, in Europe.

The University of Barcelona's 16 faculties are spread over six main campuses situated throughout the city, which are completely integrated into the urban life and

landscape. And with the majority in central areas, the city effectively becomes the campus of the University.

With 16 libraries and 100,000 sq m dedicated to health and sport, the University of Barcelona offers a wide range of services. Currently, nearly 7,000 sq m of developed space are available to the largest university community in Catalonia.



## Study at the leading university in Spain

Leader in teaching and research, at the top in Europe (QS Rankings 2020)



## UB research, leading in Europe

The only Spanish university member of the League of European Research Universities



## Connected to the world

+ 100 destinations at universities around the world



## A wide range of services

Excellent publishing services and libraries, sports, housing, and more



## Committed to the community

Committed to the planet, promoting voluntary activities and social policies. Own funding programme: bkUB



## At Barcelona: a winning combination

Barcelona, among the 25 best cities in the world to study (QS Best Cities 2019)

Virtual tour of the Historic Building of the University of Barcelona



# Study at the leading university in Spain

We offer high-quality, innovative programmes for every stage of learning. Year after year, more than 14,000 students choose to pursue their undergraduate degrees at the University of Barcelona. From science and engineering to the humanities, social sciences, life sciences and education, the University of Barcelona offers more than 150 official university master's degrees and over 800 UB-specific degrees to provide a solid foundation for professional careers. For anyone passionate about research, our doctoral programmes offer 48 different ways to explore and discover. To update your knowledge or learn something new, at any age, we offer a complete, extensive and varied range of training programmes.

## ACTIVE LEARNING AND METHODOLOGIES

The training model at the University of Barcelona is based on competency-based education, wherein spaces are created for learning with commitment, critical spirit, rigour, responsibility, sustainability, diversity, accessibility, the gender perspective, and the relationship with society in the local and international environment. Students are the key agents and teaching strategies prioritize active methodologies such as gamification, flipped classroom, problem-based learning, case studies, project-based work, service-learning and collaborative learning. Digital files, simulations, personal learning systems, learning management systems, web environments and social networks are also used.



**95%**

performance rates in  
master's degrees



**+70**

bachelor's degrees



**+150**

master's degrees



**1st**

in employability in  
Spain (QS Employability  
Ranking)



### Bachelor's degrees

Our 74 bachelor's degrees and 15 dual track degrees are the culmination of top-quality programmes: extensive, stable and innovative.



### UB-specific master's and postgraduate degrees

More than 800 master's and postgraduate degrees to strengthen careers.



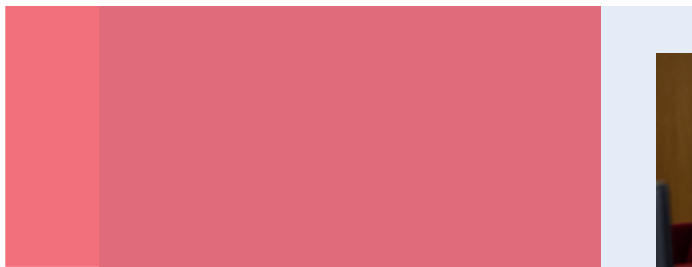
### Master's degrees

We offer more than 150 university master's degrees in all areas of knowledge.



### Doctoral programmes

Nearly 50 doctoral programmes that will start new careers in research.



**16**  
faculties



**9**  
affiliated centres



**+70,000**  
students



**87%**  
performance rates in  
bachelor's degrees

Find more about  
our history



# UB research, leading in Europe

The University of Barcelona is a leading university in Europe, with four cross-cutting missions: train future professionals, carry out high-level research, transfer knowledge to society, and ensure that knowledge contributes to the well-being and progress of society.

The UB is the only Spanish university that is a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), and it has HRS4R accreditation from the European Commission, a quality seal that recognizes efforts to foster equal opportunities and the capacity to attract talent.

The **League of European Research Universities (LERU)** is an association of 23 research-intensive universities with a shared concern for quality teaching in an internationally competitive research environment.

The UB became a LERU member in 2010 and is currently the only Spanish representative in the association. The highest decision-making body of LERU is the Rectors' Assembly, which meets twice a year at a different member institution.

Knowledge transfer is another fundamental focus of action, with first-rate infrastructures like the UB Science and Technology Centres, the Barcelona Science Park, and the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation.





## RESEARCH COMMITTED TO ETHICAL CRITERIA

At the University of Barcelona, research staff works to the highest ethical standards to ensure the integrity of the research that they undertake, according to The University of Barcelona's Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

The UB is strongly committed to improving institutional policies of recruitment for research staff and to guarantee the best working conditions.

## THE UB, COMMITTED TO OPEN SCIENCE

The open science movement promotes science that is more collaborative, transparent and accessible to all. The European Commission has identified eight pillars of action that affect publications, data, integrity, training and evaluation, among other aspects. The University of Barcelona, as a member of LERU, is working on developing the roadmap of recommendations published by the organization, which has had an open access policy since 2011. The University of Barcelona has also signed the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA).



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in 2019-2020



**958**  
active research  
projects



**7,112**  
scientific publications  
(WOS)



**73**  
patents requested

Find more  
about research



# Connected to the world

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## AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The University of Barcelona incorporates an international dimension in its teaching and research activity, and is committed to participation in international networks and collaboration with other prestigious universities and research centres. Some of the most notable international networks the UB participates in include the League of European Research Universities (LERU), Coimbra Group, the European University Foundation (EUF), Unimed, CINDA, and the Iberoamerican Union of Universities.

## MOBILITY AND EXCHANGE

Every year, the UB welcomes thousands of students from different universities worldwide to take part in bachelor's degree or master's degree courses on our campus. Temporary stays at the UB for a maximum of two semesters can be organized through agreements between universities, exchange programmes (Erasmus or Global), or based on individual applications.

## LANGUAGES AT THE UB

Catalan is the native and official language of the UB and is used in teaching along with Spanish. The two languages are common in the bachelor's and master's degree courses, while there are also an increasing number of pathways and subjects in English.

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

With its strong position in international rankings, the University of Barcelona leads numerous international research projects through its research groups and participates in a range of international networks and associations. As a higher research centre, it attracts foreign research staff for temporary stays in its research groups. The UB participates in regional programmes aimed at hiring highly qualified faculty staff whose academic records meet international standards at the Catalan public universities.



## CHARM-EU



**CH**allenge-driven  
**A**ccessible  
**R**esearch-based  
**M**obile  
**E**uropean  
**U**niversity

**CHARM-EU** is a European University Alliance co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, representing a Challenge-Driven, Accessible, Research-based and Mobile model for the co-creation of a European University aligned with European Values and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is coordinated by the University of Barcelona.

**CHARM-EU** offers a learning experience that, having mobility and inclusivity as its core, is based on the implementation of a transformative approach to programme and curricula design combining the best of the different European traditions in structuring curricula through knowledge-creating teams, with a flexible, skill oriented modulization structure.

It delivers an innovative, challenge-driven, student-centred, and self-directed teaching model that integrates research, teaching, innovation and enquiry within and across the disciplines open to the world. This model envisages a European higher education campus utilizing the latest modern technology in the service of accessibility and internationalization.



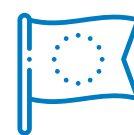
**+140**  
different  
nationalities




**+11,000**  
international  
students



**+1,100**  
UB students in  
exchange programmes



**79**  
active Erasmus  
programmes

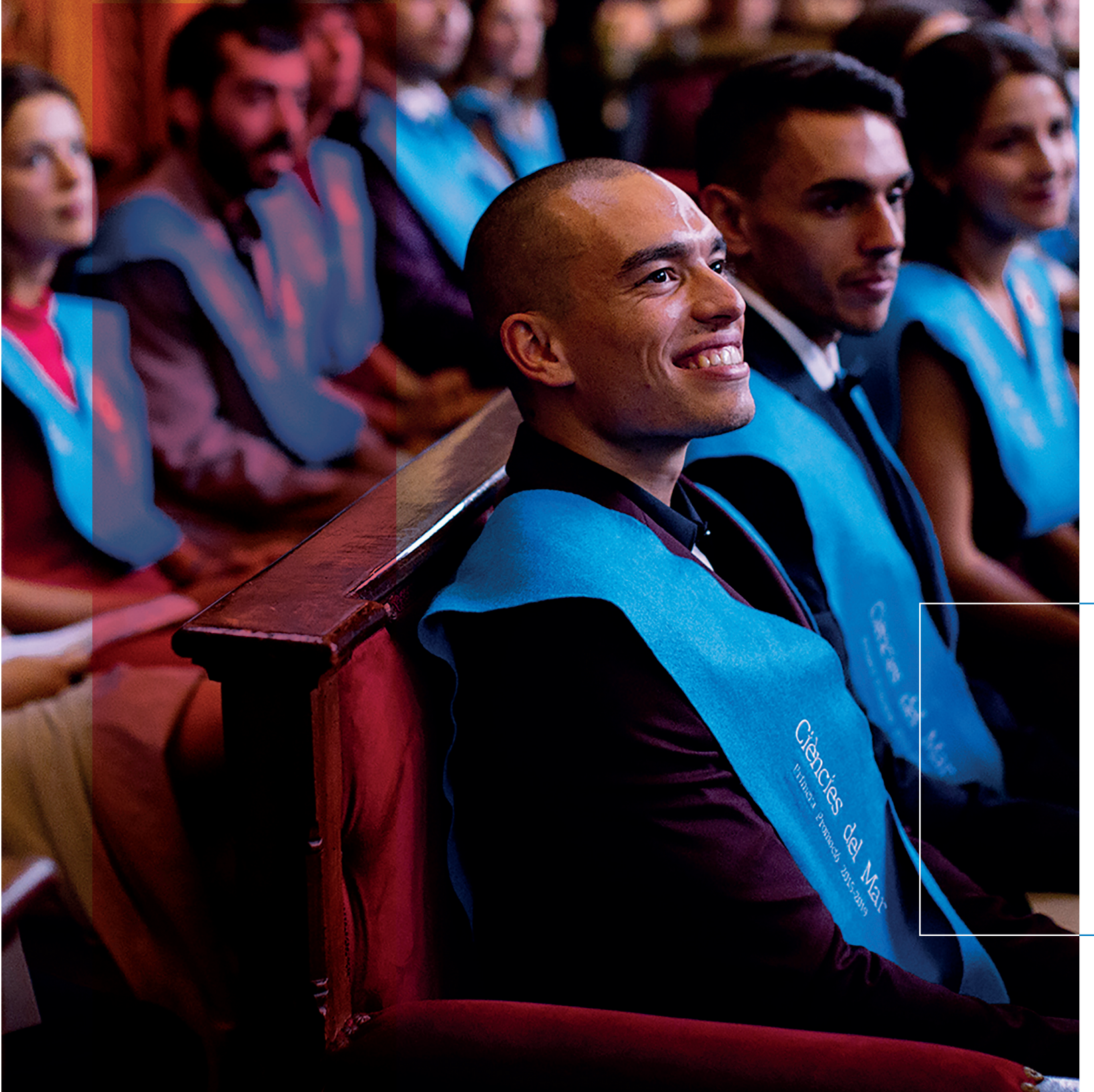
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internationalization 

# International networks and associations





# International mobility programmes





## ERASMUS+ STUDIES & INTERNSHIPS European Union

ERASMUS+ STUDIES: European Union student exchange programme between universities in the 33 countries participating in the programme (28 EU member states plus UK, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Turkey and Macedonia).



## ERASMUS+ Outside the European Union

ERASMUS+ STUDIES: European Union student exchange programme between universities in associated countries (outside Europe).



## Global Faculty UB Worldwide

Agreements for the exchange of students signed between UB Faculties and university centres in countries from the rest of the world.



## Global UB Mobility Worldwide

Agreements for the exchange of students signed between the UB and universities in different countries of the world.



## ERASMUS+ Erasmus Charter for Higher Education

The UB has been involved in Erasmus programmes since their inception in 1987. During all this time, Erasmus programmes have promoted initiatives that have since been consolidated at European level and even beyond the programmes, such as the ECTS.

The UB holds the Erasmus Charter, that allows participation in the Erasmus Programme 2021-2027. This certification was granted with a score of 100/100.

The Erasmus Charter allows the UB to apply for funding for the Erasmus programme in all its actions. Compliance with the commitments set out in the Erasmus Charter is monitored by the European Commission and the Erasmus National Agency (SEPIE).



Find more about  
these programmes

# International student applications

## TEMPORARY STAYS

Every academic year, the University of Barcelona welcomes a large number of students from other universities in all over the world who wish to study a part of their degree at the University.

These students may remain at the UB for one or a maximum of two semesters in an academic year through an international exchange programme (ERASMUS+ and Global) or through an individual application.

The online application form will be updated as of 1 March for the next academic year.

Deadlines:

- First semester or full academic year: 15 June.
- Second semester: 15 November.



Find more about temporary periods of study



Find more about admission with foreign qualifications

## DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

### Bachelor's degrees

Students who have foreign qualifications may be admitted to EHEA bachelor's degree courses at the UB. The admission procedure depends on each student's educational status, which is divided into three categories:

- The student has not begun university studies;
- The student has begun, but not completed, university studies;
- The student has completed university studies.

### Master's degrees and postgraduate courses

Holders of foreign qualifications may be admitted to master's degree and postgraduate courses. In all cases, successful admission depends on the evaluation criteria established by the university and by the directors of the master's degree course.

Forms are available via the UB website during pre-enrolment periods and contain information on pre-enrolment selection and evaluation criteria, pre-enrolment and enrolment deadlines and the coordinators names.

## DOCTORAL STUDIES

To access one of the UB's doctoral programmes, students must hold an official undergraduate degree (or an equivalent qualification) and a master's degree, which must have a combined study load of at least 300 ECTS credits. Consult the website for the chosen programme to check the deadlines for access and admission.





# A wide range of services



## ACCOMMODATION

The University of Barcelona offers a range of accommodation options, enabling students to find the best match for their needs and expectations.

### Halls of Residence

We have our own university residence hall and agreements with residences throughout the city of Barcelona that offer benefits for UB students.

### Homeshare programme

The Viure i Conviure programme promotes and encourages supportive relationships between generations by providing students who want to live close to the UB with a room in an elderly person's house or flat, in exchange for their company.

### Barcelona University Centre (BCU)

BCU coordinates activities to promote Barcelona as an international university city. It offers accommodation for UB students and temporary visiting students through a reservations centre.

## LIBRARY FACILITIES

A network of 16 different library centres located on-campus in the UB's faculties and schools. UB libraries have been awarded the EFQM 500+ European Seal of Excellence.

## LANGUAGE LEARNING

The UB offers a wide range of learning options for more than 30 languages, which include Catalan (offered by UB linguistic services) Spanish (Estudios Hispánicos) and other languages (EIM).

## SPORTS

100,000 sq m of sports facilities hosting a wide range of directed activities and providing a variety of installations for community use, including tennis courts, directed activity and fitness rooms, football and rugby pitches, a sports centre and an athletics track.

## IT FACILITIES

Teaching activity at the University of Barcelona is fully supported by the Virtual Campus, an online learning environment adapted to the needs of face-to-face, blended and distance learning models. UB students also have access to the University's numerous computer rooms across its campuses. The UB also provides Wi-Fi coverage on all campuses and a mobile app offering a reliable communication channel in real time for all students.

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## JOB OFFERS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Once graduated, former students can access the University of Barcelona Job Bank, where they will find job offers in all areas and economic sectors.

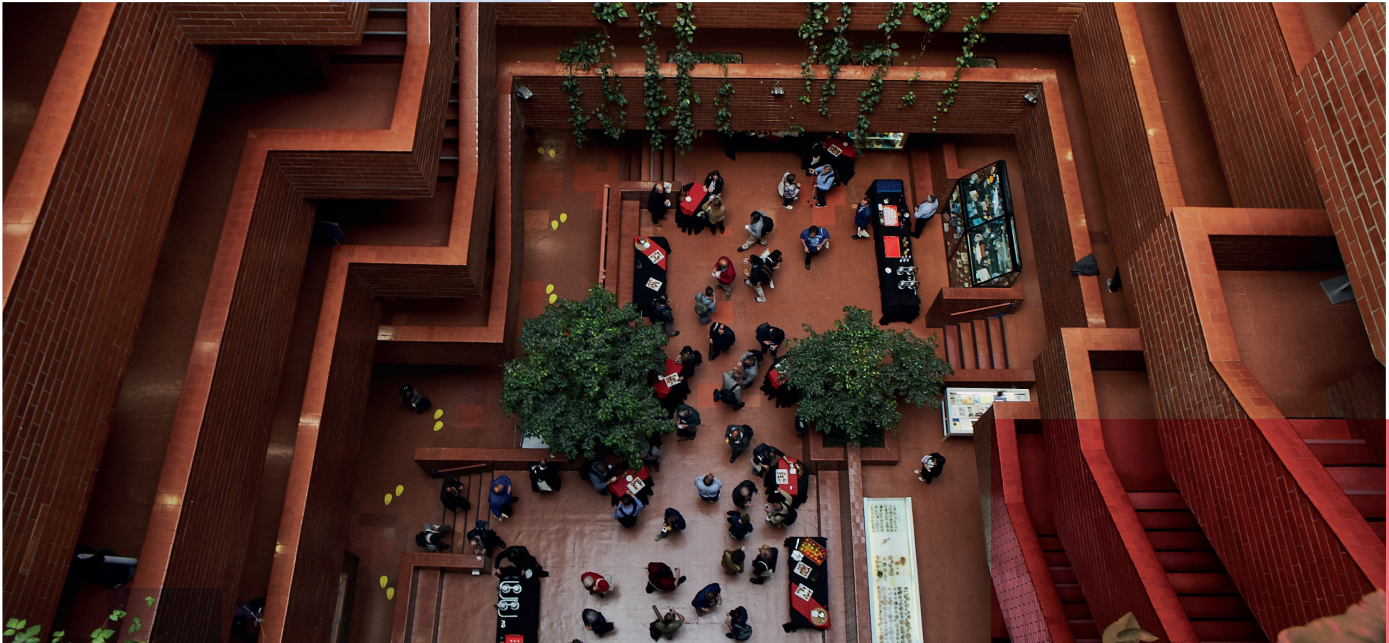
For entrepreneurs who want to promote and develop their business ideas, StartUB will provide guidance and support from the initial idea to consolidation of the project and the foundation of a company.

## CAREER SERVICES

The University of Barcelona has a team of advisers to provide personal advice and group programmes of activities to help students define their professional goals, train them in the key competences that are valued most in the job market, and define strategies for searching for work and a personal brand.

### In-company placements

The University of Barcelona helps students to complete their training and gain experience in a professional and work environment by completing academic placements in Spanish and international companies, institutions and associations.



Find more  
about services



# Committed to the community

## GRANTS AND AIDS TO STUDY

### bkUB scholarship programme

One of the principal aims of the University of Barcelona is to help students achieve their learning objectives. To this purpose, the UB allocates more than € 250,000 for its bkUB scholarship programme every year, which provides support to many students in pursuing their bachelor's or master's degrees. The only concern for students should be to focus on their training.

### UB collaboration scholarships and grants for specific activities

The UB offers students the possibility of collaborating in its various units and centres and with external entities that have signed collaboration agreements with the University. Students receive financial aid in return and are registered with Social Security. Collaboration scholarships are an opportunity for additional academic and personal training for students studying at the UB in formal education.

### Other scholarship programmes

The Spanish Ministry of Education announces two scholarship calls for undergraduate and official master's degrees each year: the General Scholarship, and the Departmental Collaboration Scholarship.

The Catalan Government announces Equity Scholarships for the reduction of the fees for university studies based on income.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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## ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND SOLIDARITY

### Gender equality

Incorporating the gender perspective into the university environment is the main objective of the Equality Unit of the UB, which works to increase the visibility of equality and the work-life balance, promote non-sexist use of language, and establish a policy of prevention and eradication of violence against women, among other actions.

### Solidarity and volunteering, at the heart of the UB

The promotion of human rights and the culture of peace through collaboration with people and local institutions, social volunteering, and strengthening development cooperation are three areas to which the University of Barcelona devotes particular attention.

The UB channels its activity through the UB Solidarity Foundation, which adapts its areas of activity to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. In 2019, in the area of volunteering, the UB collaborated with more than 50 entities and carried out activities with almost 3,000 volunteers.

### Reducing the carbon footprint

Of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, four are strongly related with reducing the carbon footprint: clean water and sanitation; affordable, clean energy; sustainable cities and communities, and climate action.

The University of Barcelona is carrying out actions in each of these areas, including cutting polluting emissions, converting to 100% renewable electricity sources, and reducing water consumption. More information is available on all our actions relating to the SDGs in this area.

### Outreach

The UB is committed to giving back to society the knowledge generated through its research, and its members are engaged in multiple scientific divulgation, dissemination and outreach activities through the Scientific Communication Unit (UCC+i).



The UB's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, one of the hallmarks of our identity, is clearly reflected in the UB Strategic Plan 2030. In this regard, the UB has approved Agenda 2030 in 2020. In the coming years, Agenda 2030 will give structure to the UB's commitment and help to clearly show the links between our activities and the SDGs.

# UB & Barcelona: a winning combination

Barcelona, with more than 2000 years of history, has always been a mixed, welcoming, tolerant, and open city. Open to the sea, open to trade and commerce, as well as to other people and cultures. Barcelona is a city with soul and a special charm, full of stimulating contrasts, committed to current global challenges, and with initiative and drive.

With a long industrial and commercial tradition, the Barcelona area is one of the most powerful economic engines in Europe, with a strong presence of foreign companies that invest here thanks to a diversified economy with many competitive assets. The city is also one of the most dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystems, especially in new technologies and life sciences. It is ranked among the top five start-up cities in Europe and is a hub for innovation, research and culture. Effectively, Barcelona represents an outstanding academic system that generates and attracts talent.

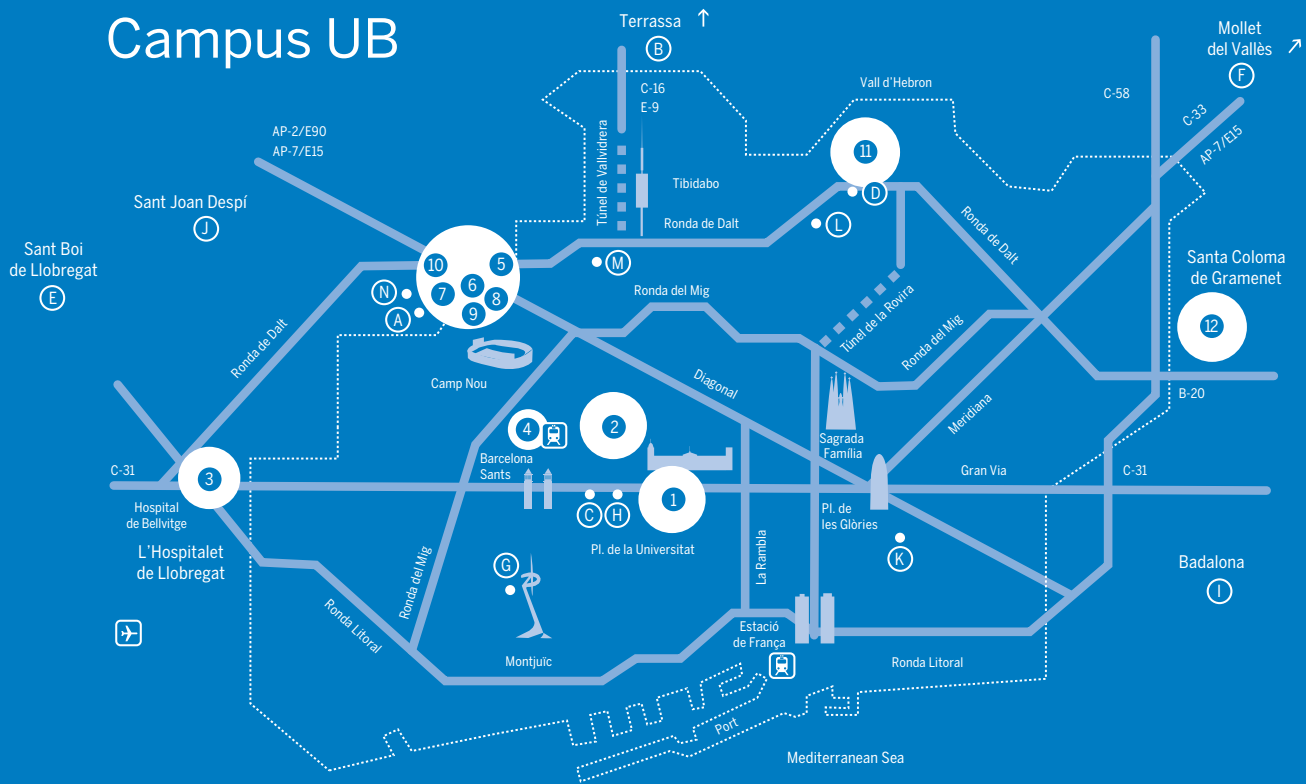
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## BARCELONA INTERNATIONAL WELCOME DESK

The City Council has launched the Barcelona International Welcome Desk, a new office for welcoming international talent, aimed at researchers, university students, investors, entrepreneurs, and highly qualified professionals. It offers, in addition to information and advice, the possibility of carrying out different procedures to settle in the city. Personalized attention is available in-person and online.



# Campus UB



- 1 Humanities Campus
  - Rector's Office, General Manager's Office and general services
  - Faculty of Philology and Communication
  - Faculty of Philosophy
  - Faculty of Geography and History
  - Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
  - Institute of Hispanic Studies

- 2 Medicine Campus Clínic August Pi i Sunyer
  - Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
  - Hospital Clínic of Barcelona

- 3 Bellvitge Health Sciences Campus
  - Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
  - University Hospital of Bellvitge

- 4 Faculty of Information Science and Audiovisual Media

- Barcelona Knowledge Gateway Campus
  - 5 Faculty of Economics and Business
  - Faculty of Law
  - 6 Faculty of Biology
  - Faculty of Chemistry
  - Faculty of Earth Science
  - Faculty of Fine Arts
  - Faculty of Pharmacy and Food Science
  - Faculty of Physics
  - Science and Technology Centres
  - 7 Barcelona Science Park
  - 8 Penyafort-Montserrat Hall of Residence
  - Yugo Aleu University Residence
  - 9 Pavelló Rosa - General services
  - 10 Sports UB

- 11 Mundet Campus
  - Faculty of Education
  - Faculty of Psychology
  - Institute for Professional Development (IDP-ICE)

- 12 Food and Nutrition Torribera Campus
  - Faculty of Pharmacy and Food Science

- A ■ School of New Interactive Technologies (ENTI)
- B ■ School of Cinema and Audiovisual Studies of Catalonia (ESCAC)
- C ■ School of Public Relations (ESRP)
- D ■ Barcelona School of Tourism, Hospitality and Gastronomy (CETT-UB)
- E ■ Sant Joan de Déu Teaching Campus
- F ■ Institute of Public Safety of Catalonia (ISPC)
- G ■ National Institute of Physical Education of Catalonia (INEFC)
- H ■ Area of Further Training
- Doctoral School
- I ■ El Carme Cultural Centre
- J ■ Torre de la Creu
- K ■ Institute for Lifelong Learning (IL3-UB)
- L ■ Center for International Historical Studies (CEHI)
- M ■ Finca Pedro Pons
- CEI International Affairs
- Ombuds Officer
- Doctors' Senate
- N ■ Student Support Service (SAE)

