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It is with great pleasure that I welcome you on behalf of the university community’s teaching staff, students and administration staff to Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). A university with campuses in Bellaterra, Sabadell and Barcelona, where you will find excellent lecturers and researchers, highly qualified administration and services staff, and all the equipment and tools needed to pursue your studies. This is precisely why the Spanish Ministry for Education awarded the university with the recognition of Campus of International Excellence.

You will be making the right choice by choosing UAB. Our university is one of the top higher education establishments in Spain and also one of the leading universities in Europe. This is the reason why one third of our postgraduate students come from abroad and why UAB is one of the centres with the greatest number of Erasmus students.

One of the traits that define UAB is the close relationship between teaching and research activity. On our campuses, over 4000 researchers work at the various centres and groups dedicated to both basic and applied research. The Bellaterra campus is an interdisciplinary framework uniting teaching, research, technology platforms, knowledge transfer and the creation of spin-off businesses all in the same area. It thus fosters a close-knit research network where students have the chance to progress from academic studies to professional research.

In addition, UAB is one of the few universities in Spain whose infrastructure was created entirely for university life, with different academic, research, cultural and social activities all concentrated in the same area. I invite you to take advantage of all the cultural, associative and sports activities UAB has to offer. Study in our libraries, join a team or do sports, enjoy our choir or play in our university orchestra. Visit our theatre and cinema. Join our associations. Make friends and meet new people. Take time to discovery the language and culture of Catalonia.

UAB offers the things you need not only to study but also to grow and learn as a person. I encourage you to use them all. I am certain your stay at UAB will have nothing but positive effects and I hope the time you spend with us here at university will be filled with intense experiences you will remember fondly in the years to come.

Both I and my team are at your disposal for anything you may need to make your stay here even better. This is your home. Welcome!

Ana Ripoll Aracil
Rector of the UAB
The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona is a young and dynamic academic institution, among the best educational centres in the whole of Spain and the European Union, both in terms of quality of education and excellence in research. It was founded in 1968 at the dawn of Spanish democracy and instigated by academics who were fervent defenders of liberties and human rights.

We are a public university, committed to society and our surroundings, but also open to the rest of the world with a strong commitment to projecting ourselves internationally.

UAB makes up an important scientific and technological cluster thanks to its location in the nearby surroundings of top quality research centres and companies from the advanced technology industry. The Alba Synchrotron Light Facility, the largest scientific facility in Spain, was recently inaugurated and is located next to the UAB campus. UAB has strongly opted for the promotion of research in the emerging areas of nanoscience, biotechnology and biomedicine.

In addition, UAB has campuses in Barcelona (specialising in life sciences), and in the nearby towns of Sabadell and Badalona. The main UAB campus, located in Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès), is a short 25 minute train ride from the centre of Barcelona.

Barcelona is an open-minded cosmopolitan metropolis located on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea; a city which leaves no visitor indifferent. One of its greatest virtues as a city dating back to Roman times is its ability to mix the old with the new. It is also rich in architecture, where one can find Modernist buildings such as the Sagrada Familia and Parc Güell designed by Antoni Gaudi, and other architectural masterpieces by Jean Nouvel, Arata Isozaki, Ricardo Bofill and many others.

The mild Mediterranean climate and different landscapes make it possible for you to bathe at any of its numerous beaches, while the beauty of the Pyrenees mountains, with several ski resorts and natural parks, is only an hour’s drive away.

UAB makes up an important scientific and technological cluster thanks to its proximity to high level research institutions and advanced technology industries. In addition to the Bellaterra campus, the university also offers courses at its Sabadell campus and in Barcelona at the Sant Pau Hospital.
1. EHEA Degrees

Official degrees offering academic and professional training which enables students to be prepared to enter the labour market. To obtain the degree students must complete a total of 240 ECTS credits.

**HEALTH SCIENCES**

- Food Science and Technology
- Medicine (UAB)
- Medicine (UAB-UPF)
- Nursing (UAB)
- Nursing (Affiliated Schools)
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy (UAB)
- Physiotherapy (Affiliated Schools)
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Speech Therapy
- Veterinary Medicine

**SCIENCES**

- Applied Statistics
- Chemistry
- Environmental Sciences
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Mathematics + Computer Engineering
- Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- Physics
- Physics + Mathematics

**BIOSCIENCES**

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Environmental Biology
- Genetics
- Microbiology

**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

- Archaeology
- Art History
- Arts and Design
- Catalan Language and Literature
- Catalan Language and Literature + Catalan, Classical Languages or English
- Catalan and Classical Studies
- Catalan and Spanish Studies
- Classical Studies
- Classical Studies + Catalan, English or Spanish Design
- East Asian Studies
- English Studies
- English Studies + Catalan, Classical Languages or Spanish
- English and Catalan Studies
- English and Classical Studies
- English and French Studies *
- English and Spanish Studies
- French Studies *
- French and Catalan Studies *
- French and Classical Studies *
- French and Spanish Studies *
- History
- Humanities
- Musicology
- Philosophy
- Spanish Language and Literature
- Spanish Language and Literature + Catalan, Classical Languages or English
- Spanish and Classical Studies
- Translation and Interpreting

**SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW**

- Accounting and Finances
- Advertising and Public Relations *
- Aeronautical Management
- Audiovisual Communication *
- Business Management and Administration
- Business Management and Administration + Law
- Business Management and Administration - English
European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

The European Higher Education Area (EHEA) was born in the city of Bologna in 1999 and represents the decision of all European universities to promote a higher quality university model.

In Spain, UAB has led the adaptation to this model since the beginning. The new EHEA gives students a more participative role and transforms them into the centre of the learning process. Precisely one of its main pillars is establishing a system of credits that measures, in different dimensions, the total amount of work students actually do.

DEGREES AND THEIR EQUIVALENT IN ECTS CREDITS

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is the standard system adopted by all universities. In contrast to the present system – which is based on class hours – this is based on the overall work carried out by the student (hours spent in class, studying, working on projects and practical lessons). One ECTS credit is equivalent to 25 hours of student work.

The new structure is based on four-year degrees (which will substitute present three-year and four-year qualifications), master’s degrees and doctoral programmes. Four-year degrees consist of 240 ECTS credits (60 ECTS credits per year).

To obtain a master’s degree students will need to course between 60 and 120 ECTS credits, i.e. an additional one or two years. To obtain a PhD students will need to have completed the number of credits specified for their studies and present a doctoral thesis.
POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

The UAB offers a broad range of postgraduate studies aimed at responding to the current needs of society. Their objective is, on the one hand, to train professionals capable of accepting and overcoming the contemporary socio-economic challenges and, on the other hand, of creating an entire generation of top-rate researchers.

The UAB postgraduate courses consist on masters, doctorates and continuing education.

OFFICIAL MASTERS

The official masters have been adapted to the New European Higher Education Area. Courses offered by the UAB provide advanced training that facilitates academic or professional specialisation, or else which foster initiating a research career. These studies carry between 60 and 120 ECTS credits and may be applied for by anyone holding an official university degree.

DOCTORATE

Doctoral studies are aimed at training academics and researchers of the very highest level. They combine specialisation within a scientific, technical or artistic area with training in research techniques.

WHAT DOES THIS CHANGE REPRESENT?

1. More mobility for undergraduate and graduate students, teaching staffs and professionals throughout Europe. Thus, for example, a student at a Catalan university who has completed 180 ECTS credits can register to enrol in a master’s degree offered at a German university.

2. Thanks to the European Diploma Supplement (DS) there is more transparency between the higher learning degrees issued in each country, which facilitates validating these qualifications in any other university belonging to the EHEA. Degrees obtained in any of the European universities will be accepted by the other countries in the EHEA, while each university will nevertheless have the right to establish their own additional training requirements.

3. Quality education based on continuous assessment. The aim of universities is to provide students with the tools needed to enter the labour market and with the competences required for critical thinking and the assimilation of knowledge in order to be able to apply them in the real world.

4. An improvement in the competences acquired by the student.

5. To create comparable higher learning quality standards in all areas: management, teaching and research.

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More information:

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www.uab.es/postgrado
informacio@uab.cat
1. Students with pre-university qualifications (A-Levels, High School Graduation, Baccalauréat, Abitur, advanced vocational qualifications, etc.)

If you have foreign qualifications equivalent to the Batxillerat or to advanced vocational qualifications, you can apply for a university place. You must however follow different steps to endorse these studies in Spain, depending on the country you come from.

EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE OR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

You can enrol in a university in Spain under the same conditions as Spanish students who have passed their university entrance exams if your qualifications also grant you entrance to a university in your home country. You may register to take the specific phase of the university entrance exams before obtaining the qualifications certifying that you are eligible for university studies in your home country.

Education systems: European Union member states, Switzerland, China, Island, Norway, Liechtenstein, European or International Baccalaureate.

Please check with the Spanish National University for Distance Education (UNED) for more information on requirements for your country. More information can be found at: http://www.uned.es/accesoUE. Once your documents have been validated by the UNED, you can pre-register for the studies you wish to enrol in at the University Access Office (Oficina d’Orientació per a l’Accés a la Universitat).

More information can be found at UNED:
Tel.: +34 91 398 66 13
selectue@admin.uned.es

Please bear in mind the following:

• You cannot enter university through this route if you have already enrolled in a university in Spain.
• Depending on the studies you wish to enrol in, you will first need to take a Personal Aptitude Test before being admitted.
• There is no need for you to take a language level test before enrolling at UAB.
• If you have taken both the Spanish university entrance exams (PAU) and entrance exams in your home country, only one of the entrance marks will be taken into account when admitting you to university.

If you wish to take the specific phase of the entrance exams, you must also obtain the corresponding certificate. In this case, you will first need to present the necessary documents before taking these exams.
VALIDATED QUALIFICATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY
ENTRANCE FOR NON-EU CITIZENS

If you are not an EU citizen you must first validate qualifications that give access to university for a Spanish secondary school diploma. This must be done at the Ministry for Education.

Ministerio de Educación
Subdirección General de Títulos, Convalidaciones y Homologaciones.
P. del Prado, 28. 28014 Madrid.
Tel. +34 91 506 56 00 - +34 902 21 85 00

or at the Barcelona office:
Área de Alta Inspección en Educación
C. Bergara, 12.
08002 Barcelona.
Tel. +34 93 520 96 03

Please bear in mind that once you have validated your qualifications and received the Spanish diploma, it will be the only diploma valid for your further studies in Spain. You will also need to pass the university entrance exams (Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad - PAU) organised by the Spanish National University for Distance Education (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia) which all students in Spain must pass to be admitted into university.

Main offices:
C. Bravo Murillo, 38
08040 MADRID
Tel. +34 91 3986613

or at the Barcelona office:
Travessera de the Corts, 159
08028 - Barcelona
el. +34 902 27 25 23
info@barcelona.uned.es
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08222 - Terrassa
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info@terrassa.uned.es
http://www.uned-terrassa.es
Selectiv@adm.uned.es
Tel.: 91 398 66 13
http://info.uned.es

You can also register to take the PAU exams through the Spanish Embassy or Consulates. Once your documents are valid in Spain and you pass the PAU exams, you can pre-register for the studies you wish to enrol in at the University Access Office (Oficina d’Orientació per a l’Accés a la Universitat).

More information on validations:
http://www.educacion.es/educacion/sistema-educativo/convalidaciones.html

More information on PAU exams:
www.uned.es

Exam periods
Two exam periods are offered each year: an ordinary sitting and an extraordinary or free turn sitting. You are allowed to sit the exam as many times as you wish until you pass the exams.

Once you have passed the exams, you will be allowed to resit them if you are interested in improving your results. The highest score obtained is the one that will be taken into account for academic purposes.

You can enrol for the PAU exams at http://accesnet.gencat.cat
2. Students who have begun university studies in another country

If you began university studies in another country, you should contact the Academic Administration Office (Gestió Acadèmica) in the faculty or centre where you would like to study and request a partial validation of your studies (convalidació parcial d’estudis estrangers).

If the centre validates a minimum of 30 credits from the studies you began abroad, you will be eligible to enrol for that degree at UAB. Places are assigned according to availability and to the criteria established by the Governing Council, which will also take into consideration your academic transcript.

All documents must be official, they must have been issued by the right authorities and they must be authenticated by diplomatic means, unless you are from an EU member state. If your documents are not issued in Catalan, English or Spanish you must provide an translation of the documents into one of these three languages.

3. Validation of university qualifications obtained abroad

You should apply to validate your qualifications through your nearest office of the Spanish Ministry for Education (MEC). Once your studies have been validated, you will need to pre-register for university at the Catalan Government’s Pre-Registration Office.

If the Ministry for Education does not fully validate your degree, they may ask you to take an entrance exam in a public centre that teaches the degree you wish to validate. For more information please contact the Academic Administration Office of the centre you wish to study in.

If the Ministry of Education and Culture does not validate your qualification, you will still be able to apply for some of your modules to be validated.
4. Students who want to take a postgraduate course

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN OFFICIAL MASTERS

1. Anyone with an official Spanish university qualification.
2. Anyone with an official university qualification from the European Higher Education Area valid for admission to master's degree courses in the country in which it was obtained.
3. Anyone with a qualification from a country not belonging to the European Higher Education Area, if it is verified that your studies certify a level of training equivalent to the Spanish university qualification and they are valid for admission to postgraduate courses in the country in which they were taken. Admission to an official master’s degree does not constitute official recognition or validation of any previous qualifications. However, once you have earned your master, it will have full official recognition.

More information:

UAB General-Information Point
Plaça Cívica
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Tel.: +34 93 581 48 48 / 93 581 11 11
masters.oficials@uab.cat
www.uab.es/officialmasters

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DOCTORATE

Admission requirements are:

1. Applicants must meet one of the following conditions:
   a. To have completed the appropriate previous academic training (official Master degree).
   b. To hold a Master’s degree from an official university or the equivalent issued by a higher education institution of the European Area Higher Education Area.
   c. To hold a degree from a country outside the EHEA, provided such degree is equivalent to the official Spanish Master’s Degree.
2. Each PhD programme will determine its own specific admission requirements
3. In all cases, the applicant must certify that:
   - the degree has been issued by a Spanish or by foreign university which enables the applicant to locally access the research stage of the PhD.
   - the Master has a minimum 60 credits, 15 of which must be research credits, provided 300 credits have been earned during undergraduate and graduate studies as a whole. If it were not possible to certify that a minimum of 15 ECTS credits of introduction to research have been earned, the student will have to register and complete the research module of the previous university Master. In such cases, admission to the PhD will be pending approval of this module.
ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A MASTERS OR POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE (continuing education)

Master: you need an official university degree (i.e., university studies of approximately 3,000 tuition hours).

Postgraduate Diploma: you need an official university diploma (i.e., university studies of approximately 1,800 tuition hours).

Specialisation courses: Most of these do not stipulate university qualifications as entrance requirements.

More information:

http:www.uab.es/postgrado
ep.info@uab.cat

Postgraduate School
EDIFICIO U
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)
Tel.: +34 93 581 24 91
Fax: +34 93 581 31 27
1. Mobility and exchanges

The UAB participates in the following exchange programmes: Erasmus, Sicue-Séneca and the UAB’s own programme.

To apply for a period within any of these programmes students should begin the process at their university of origin. The duration of these programmes may be between 3 months and one academic year.

- **ERASMUS**: students from universities in the 27 member states of the EU, the 3 member states of the European Economic Area and Turkey, who have signed an exchange agreement with the UAB.
  erasmus@uab.cat

- **UAB PROGRAMMES**: students from any university in the world that is not included in the Erasmus programme, which has signed an exchange agreement with the UAB.
  internacional.propi@uab.cat

- **SICUE-SÉNECA**: students from Spanish universities that have signed an agreement with the UAB.
  sicue.seneca@uab.cat

More information:

**Area of International Relations**
Campus UAB – Block N – Media library
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès) Barcelona
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Mobility and exchanges
www.uab.es – right-hand menu: Mobility and exchanges

2. Study Abroad and other programmes

Students from any country who want to take courses on the UAB Campus through the Study Abroad programme can select from between different subjects offered in Spanish and in some other languages and receive a certificate from the university which may be presented to their university of origin to validate the credits obtained.

There are three different programmes. Students can register for regular classes offered on the UAB main campus (Regular Classes Study Abroad Programme), form part of a group with a tailor made programme (Tailor-made Programmes for groups) or spend 15 weeks in Barcelona studying Spanish and a selection of between two and four subjects taught in English.

Another possibility is to come as a visiting student, applying directly to the Academic Management office of the destination university and paying special fees. The destination university will award a grade certificate but its official recognition depends on the university of origin.

More information:

**Department Study Abroad**
Fundació Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (FUAB)
Tel.: +34 93 433 50 29
Fax: +34 93 433 50 26
study.abroad@uab.cat
1. International Welcome Point (IWP)

The International Welcome Point (IWP) situated in the Plaça Cívica on the UAB campus offers information to students, lecturers and administration and services staff from other countries.

The IWP will give you:

- A welcome pack with practical information for your stay at the UAB.
- Help with the legal procedures you need to carry out for your stay.

**INTERNATIONAL WELCOME POINT (IWP)**

**Campus de Bellaterra-Plaça Cívica**

Tel.: +34 93 581 22 10  
Fax: +34 93 581 25 95  
international.welcome.point@uab.cat  
Open Mondays to Fridays from 9.30am to 7pm  
(Wednesdays from 9.30am to 3pm).  
July and August from 9.30am to 3pm.

**REGISTRATION AT THE IWP**

**Procedures**

On arrival at the UAB Campus, the first thing you need to do is ENROL at:

- The Academic Management office of the Faculty that your Official Master, Diploma or Degree course pertains to.
- The Postgraduate School if you are going to do a Doctorate or Continuing Education Postgraduate course.

Once you have registered, you should register at the International Welcome Point (IWP) to receive Pack and other information about the University, such as language courses (Catalan, Spanish), maps and other useful information.

The first thing exchange students need to do is to register at the IWP, before heading to the International Office of their Faculty to finalize the enrollment.

2. Welcome Programme

The UAB Welcome Programme (Programa d’Intercanvi) is a project aimed at helping students from outside Catalonia. The programme provides information on the social and cultural situation of Catalonia, guidance on life on the campus and support on other matters that may be of use during your stay at the UAB.

As part of the Welcome Programme a number of activities are organised, including International Welcome Days, an activity week for getting to know each other as well as the university community and day trips during the year.

Additionally the ETC team offers informal language learning like the Tandem or Mentor programme. You can also go to office R-105 in the Students Building - ETC.

**More information:**

**Students Building - ETC**

Office R-105  
Pl. Cívica  
Tel.: +34 93 581 43 83  
intercanvi.estudiants@uab.cat  
http://etc.uab.cat/participacio
3. Legal issues

Please be aware that immigration is a complex area of Spanish law and that currently it is undergoing some changes, so that the information presented here should be only used as a source of general information. For details contact the IWP.

More information:
http://www.uab.es/servlet/Satellite/international-students/mobility-exchange/international-welcome-point-1259046571490.html

a) EU Citizens
Lecturers and students who are EU citizens have no legal formalities to complete before coming to Spain.

Nevertheless, students or lecturers who are temporarily at UAB have to make sure that they are covered by a medical insurance during their stay.

Students and lecturers from the European Economic Area and who are covered by a state social security system in their country, should ask for the European Health Insurance Card.

Students and lecturers to whom this does not apply should contract a private medical insurance for the duration of the stay. It is recommended to obtain a document from the insurance company, in Spanish, English or French if possible, stating the insurance policy benefits.

After arriving, please visit the UAB International Welcome Point, located in the Plaça Cívica of the Bellaterra Campus, where you will receive a Welcome Pack with information that will help you get settled.

In accordance with Article 3 of the Royal Decree 240/2007, of 16 February, all UE/EEA citizens intending to reside in Spain for a period of time longer than three months must apply for a certificate of registration to obtain their foreign identification to obtain their Foreigner’s ID Number (NIE).

The certificate of registration can be obtained without prior appointment and in person at national police station (Comisaría) close to your place of residence.

More information:
Visit www.uab.es: Mobility and exchange - Visa and resident card EU

b) Non-EU Citizens
If you are a Non-European Union citizen and you are preparing to study in Spain, either on your own or through one of the many available scholarships (exchange programmes, undergraduate and postgraduate studies, master’s degrees, doctoral programmes, etc.), you need to arrange your legal situation before leaving your country and depending on the duration of your stay.

Period of studies up to three months:
1) The European Directive EC Nº 539/2001 March 15th, 2001 includes in its annex II the countries whose nationals are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for study periods of up to three months. Those have to fulfill the legal requisites described in article 5 of the Schengen Code, and in case of having to prolong the stay, it is possible to request an extension for a maximum of three more months.

2) The European Directive EC Nº 539/2001 of March 15th, 2001 includes in its annex I the countries whose nationals are submitted to the visa obligation (type C) to enter the Schengen Area. For more information, consult here.

Period of studies up to six months:
There is a visa (type D) for studies that allows you to stay in Spain for a period of up to 180 days (Visado D Estudios hasta 180 días). This type of visa does not allow you to obtain the Residence Card for foreign students (TIE), but it does allow you to request the Identity Number for foreign students (NIE), by verifying the existence of economic, professional, or social interests.
Period of studies longer than six months:
Those non-EU citizens who are going to study in Spain for a period of more than six months have to apply for an “open” visa for studies (type D). This type of visa (Visado D Estudios, Investigación) is valid for three months for entering the Schengen Area and once you have entered Spain you have to obtain the Student Residence Card for Foreigners (TIE) in order to remain legally in Spain.

The TIE is a temporary permit that permits you to stay in the country for the period of your studies. The card is valid for a maximum of one academic year and can be renewed annually until you finish your studies. Your academic performance will be taken into account when renewing your permit. The document gives you the right to remain legally in the country while you study.

You will have a maximum of 30 days after entering the European Union to begin the process of applying for the Student Residence Card (TIE). For this, you will need to present your flight ticket (boarding ticket) or the stamp in your passport showing the date in which you entered the European Union.

You can apply for a visa through your nearest Spanish Embassy or Consulate.

Important: A visa can never be changed once you are in Spain. The only visa valid is the one obtained from the Spanish Embassy or Consulate before coming to Spain.

Students and lecturers from outside the European Economic Area should find out if there is an agreement between the social security in their country and that in Spain. If there is an agreement, you should request the relevant document from the health authorities in your country. This document will entitle you to medical care in Spain.

All other students and lecturers should take out private medical insurance for the duration of their stay at the UAB. You should obtain a document from your insurance company, in Spanish, English or French if possible, stating the insurance policy benefits.

It is very important to be covered by a medical insurance when renewing the ID card for foreigners (TIE or NIE).

More information:

More information:
Visit www.uab.es: Mobility and exchange - Visa and resident card

International Welcome Point-IWP
Campus de Bellaterra-Plaça Cívica
Tel.: + 34 93 581 22 10
Fax + 34 93 586 80 25
E-mail: international.welcome.point@uab.cat
Opening times: 9.30am to 7pm (Wednesdays 9.30am to 3pm).
Summer opening times: July and August 9.30am to 3pm.
Useful addresses where you can apply for or renew your residence permit:

**ID CARD FOR FOREIGNERS (TIE or NIE)**

After entering the European Union you need to begin the process of applying for a Student Residence Authorization. Here are some useful addresses, although we recommend that you go to the IWP for assistance with the application process. **NIE First application:** National Police station in the town or district where you are registered.

**TIE RENEWAL**

You can renew your TIE through the IWP or by requesting an appointment online at the Subdelegación del Gobierno: [http://www.mpt.es](http://www.mpt.es)

**Subdelegación del Gobierno - Oficina de Extranjería**

C/Murcia, 42. Barcelona. Metro: Navas/Clot L1
Clot/Bac de Roda L2

**WORK AUTHORIZATION**

If you were offered a work contract by UAB, IWP can inform you how to apply for a work permit. [http://www.oficinadetreball.cat/socweb/opencms/socweb_ca/ciutadans/cita_previa_estrangers.html](http://www.oficinadetreball.cat/socweb/opencms/socweb_ca/ciutadans/cita_previa_estrangers.html)

**RETURN PERMIT**

(Document that allows you to come back to Spain while your card is being renewed)

You must book an appointment online at: [http://www.mpt.es](http://www.mpt.es)

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4. **Medical insurance and social security**

Any foreign student coming to study at the UAB must have medical insurance cover.

If you are a citizen of the European Union or a citizen of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland, and you are entitled to social security in your country, you should apply for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The card makes visiting a state-run hospital, doctor’s surgery or dental practice in European countries easier and means you will be treated in the same way as someone who lives in that country.

You can obtain a card free of charge by contacting your local health insurance institution as each individual country is responsible for producing and distributing the card in its own territory.

Take into account that the card does not cover private health care or repatriation costs.

Visit the EHIC website to find out more: [http://ehic.europeu.eu](http://ehic.europeu.eu)
Once you arrive in Barcelona, to obtain medical care you should go to your nearest healthcare centre (Centre d’Assistència Primària) and show your EHIC and your identity document (ID card or passport).

If you are from outside the European Union you should check whether there is an agreement for healthcare between the social security of your country and of Spain. If there is such an agreement, you should submit the necessary documents in your country so that you can have free access to Spanish public healthcare. If your country has no healthcare agreement with the Spanish Social Security system, you should take out private insurance cover for the whole of your stay in Spain.

UAB has designed together with ACE Europe and ÓMNIBUS Grupo Concentra an insurance for international students, researchers and professors of the university: There is also an insurance exclusively for repatriation available.

More information:

- uab.movilidadin@omnibusbcn.com
- Tel.: +34 93 241 21 38
- All the students under 28 registered at the UAB have right to cover under the UAB Educational Insurance scheme.

Social Security in Barcelona
www.seg-social.es

Catalan Public Health Institute
www.gencat.net/ics

Public Healthcare Centres
www.gencat.cat/ics/usuaris/centres_serveis.htm

5. Accommodation

The University Village (Vila Universitària) is strategically located, offering comfortable accommodation for students or staff who come from outside the local area. The 860 residential units vary in size, providing accommodation for a total of 2,300 people with a wide variety of available services and benefits.

It is a real on-campus city, with parks, leisure areas and all the basic services for residents (laundry, bakery, supermarket, etc.) There are good road links and regular trains to Barcelona, Sabadell, Cerdanyola del Vallès and Sant Cugat del Vallès.

Vila2 is a new phase made up of by Q-type apartments exclusively for teaching and research staff, administration and services staff, and postgraduate students.

VILA UNIVERSITÀRIA

If you visit the Vila Universitària website at http://www.vilauniversitaria.com you will find the reservation form for apartments/rooms in the Campus hall of residence or a flat/room in any of the towns close to the Bellaterra Campus. More information:

- vila@vilauniversitaria.com
- Tel.: +34 93 581 70 04
- Fax: +34 93 580 9186
- www.vilauniversitaria.com

STUDENTS BUILDING – ACCOMMODATION

The ETC Office (Edifici d’Estudiants de la UAB) provides information and advice on renting off-campus private accommodation and also advertises details of accredited landlords and property on the web. There you will be able to check for room rental offers as well as flats. You can search by location, price and also by public transport facilities.

http://etc.uab.cat/habitatge.php
You can also contact the following accommodation services:

**Barcelona Housing Service for Students**
(Apartments, rooms, flats for rent, hostels, halls of residence…)
C/ Torrent de l’Olla, 219. 08012 Barcelona
Tel.: +34 93 238 90 72
Fax: +34 93 228 92 59
info@bcn-housing-students.com
www.bcn-housing-students.com

**Habitatge Jove**
C/ Enric Granados, 19, entresol 1a.
Tel.: +34 93 323 9068.
http://www.habitatgejove.com/webv2c/es/index.htm

**Departament d’Habitatge de la Generalitat de Catalunya**
(normativa, guia, consejo, recursos…)
http://www.cat365.net/Inici/FetsVitals/CanviardeCasa/

**Secretaria de Joventut**
http://www20.gencat.cat/portal/site/Joventut
Left Menu HABITATGE: Servei de Borsa Jove d’Habitatge

**OTHER WEBSITES TO FOR ACCOMMODATION OUTSIDE THE UAB**

The UAB facilitates links to websites that offer housing for students, but it is not involved either in the management of the mentioned websites or in the signing of rental contracts and, consequently, takes no responsibility for any possible disagreements that could arise as a result of the relationship between tenants and landlords.

http://www.loquo.com
http://www.pisocompartido.com
http://www.barcelonesjove.net/guialloguer/
http://www.jove.cat
http://www.provivienda.org
http://es.bcu.cat/

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6. **Grants and scholarships**

All students registered in Spanish universities can apply to the Ministry of Education, Social Policy and Sport for general or mobility grants. Student from countries outside the EU should have a residency card.

We recommend that you visit the “Interesting links” section of the Postgraduate School website. There you will find detailed information under the Postgraduate and Masters Grants tab.
7. Cost of living

You will need to bear in mind the basic expenses you will incur while studying at UAB. In order to adapt your budget accordingly, we have included a list of the main items and their approximate cost:

**RENT:**
- **Vila Universitària de la UAB – Vila2**
  - Shared apartment / Non-shared apartment*
- **Vila Universitària – External shared apartment**
  - Shared apartment*
  *Check the web [http://www.vilauniversitaria.com/](http://www.vilauniversitaria.com/) for prices

**Accommodation in Barcelona**
- Shared apartment €260 - €400
- Non-shared apartment €700 - €1200

**Accommodation in Cerdanyola del Vallès**
- Shared apartment €180 - €270
- Non-shared apartment €500 - €800

**Accommodation in Sabadell**
- Shared apartment €210 - €300
- Non-shared apartment €600 - €800

**FOOD:**

The amount of monthly food expenses ranges from €250 to €350.
- A hamburger €5
- A sandwich €4
- Breakfast at the University Bar €4
- Lunch at a cheap restaurant €7 - €12
- Lunch at the University Bar €5 - €7
- Go out for dinner €20 - €30

**TRANSPORTS**

Get to the campus Bellaterra UAB:
- **Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC)** – 2 zones
  - Station: “Barcelona-Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona”
- **RENFE Local trains** – 2 zones
  - Station: Renfe: “Barcelona-Cerdanyola Universitat”

- **Transportes metropolitanos de Barcelona (TMB):**
  - **AUTOBÚS / METRO / FGC**
    - Check for prices and zone map in: [http://www.tmb.cat/ca_ES/home.jsp](http://www.tmb.cat/ca_ES/home.jsp)
    - Cards: Single ticket / 10 journey Card / Monthly card / 50/30 card / Youth card (under 25 years).

**FREE TIME:**
- Club entrance €10 - €30
- Music Show or Concert €20 - €80
- Football match €20 - €100
- Museum entrance €5 - €15
- Cinema entrance €7 - €10
- Theatre entrance €2 - €50

Generally speaking, monthly expenses are approximately the following:
- Food €250 - €350
- Personal expenses €160 - €220
- Transport €60 - €80
- Accommodation €250 - €500

**TOTAL:** €720 - €1200
8. Using languages

As is the case in the whole of Catalonia, the language of the UAB is Catalan, which is the co-official language along with Spanish. Between 60% and 70% of classes are taught in Catalan. Students can write their projects and coursework and take their exams in either Catalan or Spanish, and in some cases also in English.

More information:
http://www.uab.es/servei-llengues
http://www.uab.es/ (Mobility and Exchange link)

LEARNING LANGUAGES

At the UAB you can learn languages and improve your language skills. The Language Service – UAB Idiomes has more than twenty-five years’ experience in language teaching at the University. There are courses designed to help you improve and extend your use of languages. There are also official certificates for each level and a translation and language consultancy service is offered.

In addition to its headquarters on the Bellaterra campus, there is also a centre in the UAB-Casa de la Convalascència in Barcelona. Apart from Catalan and Spanish you can also take English, French, German, Italian and Japanese. Before enrolling all students must take a level test. Language Service- UAB Idiomes courses may be recognised as credits.

CATALAN LANGUAGE COURSES

The Language Service – UAB Idiomes offers Catalan language courses for newly arrived students. These courses enable students to understand written and spoken Catalan and to begin to speak and write it. They are entirely subsidised by the UAB and recognised as open credits.

They are subsidised by UAB until completing the basic level and may be recognised as credits.

Timetables and levels can be consulted on the Language Service website.

To complement these courses the Language Service offers a Centre for Independent Language Learning and a series of linguistic and cultural activities (Ajuda’m programme): conversation groups, a resource centre for independent learning, the opportunity to receive support, practice the language and find out about the culture and traditions with a fellow UAB student.

More information:
Language Service – UAB Idiomes
Tel.: +34 93 581 13 25
http://www.uab.es/uab-idiomes
s.llengues.info@uab.cat
9. Exchange Programme Students

Every UAB faculty has an office for international students. The staff will provide you with information about the faculty or university school where you are going to study, help you with administrative tasks (registration, timetables, etc.) and put you in contact with your coordinator.

If there is no International Relations Exchange Office in your centre, you should contact your programme coordinator directly.

UAB EXCHANGE OFFICES IN CENTRES

**Sciences**
Tel.: 93 581 42 30
intercanvis.ciencies@uab.cat

**Biosciences**
Tel.: 93 581 37 07
intercanvis.biociencies@uab.cat

**Media Studies**
Tel.: 93 581 17 95
intercanvis.comunicacio@uab.cat

**Economics and Business Studies**
Tel.: 93 581 49 52
intercanvis.economia.empresa@uab.cat

**Education**
Tel.: 93 581 17 84
intercanvis.educacio@uab.cat

**Political Science and Sociology**
Tel.: 93 581 38 24
intercanvis.politiques@uab.cat

**Law**
Tel.: 93 581 10 79
intercanvis.dret@uab.cat

**Philosophy and Arts**
Tel.: 93 581 17 58
intercanvis.lletres@uab.cat

**Medicine**
Tel.: 93 581 25 09
intercanvis.medicina@uab.cat

**Psychology**
Tel.: 93 581 24 59
intercanvis.psicologia@uab.cat

**Translation and Interpretation**
Tel.: 93 581 24 63
intercanvis.fti@uab.cat

**Veterinary Medicine**
Tel.: 93 581 14 13
intercanvis.veterinaria@uab.cat

**Sabadell School of Engineering**
Tel.: 93 728 77 25
intercanvis.eui@uab.cat

**School of Engineering**
Tel.: 93 581 13 01
intercanvis.enginyeria@uab.cat
UAB EXCHANGE OFFICES IN THE ASSOCIATED CENTRES

School of Tourism and Hotel Management
Tel.: 93 592 97 28
albert.vancells@uab.cat

EINA-Art and Design School
Tel.: 93 203 09 23
internacional@eina.edu

The MASSANA School- Art and Design Centre
Tel.: 93 442 20 00
internationalhead@escolamassana.cat

Vall d’Hebron School of Nursing
Tel.: 93 489 43 85
mdbernabeu@vhebron.net

Red Cross School, Terrassa
Tel.: 93 783 77 77
cristina@escola.creuroja.org

Salesiana de Sarrià School
Tel.: 93 280 52 44
relacions.internacionals@euss.es

Gimbertat School of Nursing and Physiotherapy
Tel.: 93 589 37 27
intercanvis.infermeria@eug.es
intercanvis.fisioterapia@eug.es

Fundació Universitària del Bages
School of Health Sciences
School of Social Sciences
Tel.: 93 877 41 79
intercanvis@fub.edu
1. Getting to Barcelona

As an important international city, Barcelona has extensive transport links with the whole of Europe and the rest of the world.

**BY AIR**

Barcelona has a major international airport just 12km from the centre of the city, with flights from Europe, America and the rest of the world. There are also airports in Girona and Reus with bus links to Barcelona. Over the past few years, a number of budget airline have begun flying to these three destinations from across Europe.

For a list of all budget airlines that fly to Barcelona, Girona and Reus, go to WhichBudget.com.

There are buses from all three airports to the centre of Barcelona. Barcelona airport also has a train link.

Check the timetables for transport to the centre of Barcelona from Barcelona, Girona or Reus Airports.

More information:
Tel.: 90 240 47 04
www.aena.es

**BY COACH**

Eurolines and several other companies run coaches from across Europe and North Africa to Barcelona. Because of the city’s geographical location, nearly all coach services from the rest of Europe to Spain and Portugal stop here.

More information:

Estació d’Autobusos Barcelona Nord
Tel.: 90 226 06 06
bcnnord@bsmsa.cat
www.barcelonanord.com

**BY CAR**

Barcelona also has good road links.

The AP-7/E-15 comes from France (via Perpignan) in the north and from the eastern and southern Spain (via Valencia and Tarragona) in the south. The UAB is right next to this motorway and is signposted.

The C-16/E-9 also comes from France, but further to the west (via Toulouse). The C-16 goes to the centre of Barcelona. To get to the campus, take the C-58 just south of Terrassa and follow the signs for “UAB”.

The AP-2/E-90 comes from central and northern Spain (via Saragossa and Lleida) and connects with the AP-7 approximately 70km to the south-west of Barcelona.

More information:

RENFÉ – Red Nacional de Ferrocarriles
Tel.: 902 320 320 / 902 243 402
www.renfe.es
2. Getting to the UAB campus

There are several ways of getting to the UAB campus:

**BY TRAIN**

**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 need to buy a ticket for 2 zones for this journey.

**More information:**

Tel.: +34 93 205 15 15

FGC website (www.fgc.net).

**RENFE (Spanish National Railway Network)**

Line C4 - 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, offers 40% discount.

**More information:**

Tel.: +34 902 240 202 / 902 243 402

RENFE website (www.renfe.es).

**Free bus service**

A free bus service connects the RENFE station to the different buildings across the campus. You can check the UAB-Renfe station shuttle service on the: www.uab.es.

**BY CAR**

The easiest way to get to the UAB by road is to take the motorway. You can check the motorway exits on the following map:

- AP-7: direction Tarragona-Lleida, if travelling from the north; direction Girona, if travelling from Barcelona or the south.
- C-58 Barcelona-Sabadell-Terrassa-Manresa.

Several other roads connect Bellaterra with the surrounding towns and villages.

**Car sharing**

The Student Services Office organises the Shared Transport Service, with the aim of enabling members of the university community to offer their vehicle or find a vehicle to share when they travel to the UAB. By sharing your car with other students, you help to preserve the environment and reduce your own costs.

**Mobilitat.org**

If you are still not sure how to get to the campus using public transport, you can check the Mobilitat.org website and find out further information on the most comfortable, economical and environmentally friendly ways of travelling to the UAB.
1. UAB Bellaterra campus / 2. Faculty of Economics and Business Studies (Sabadell Campus)/ School of Engineering (Sabadell Campus) / 3. Teaching unit at Vall d’Hebron University Hospital / 4. Teaching Unit at Santa Creu and Sant Pau University / Hospital and UAB-Casa Convalescència / 5. Teaching unit at Hospital del Mar / 6. Teaching unit at “Germans Trias i Pujol” University Hospital
3. Bellaterra campus map

**TEACHING CENTRES**

Central Classroom Block 1
Graduate School 2
White Building 3
- School of Prevention and Integral Security
- Graduate School of Archival and Records Management
- School of Tourism and Hotel Management
School of Engineering 4
Faculty of Bioscience 5
Faculty of Science 5
Faculty of Education 6
Faculty of Communications Studies 7
Faculty of Economics and Business Studies 8
Faculty of Political Science and Sociology 9
Faculty of Law 10
Faculty of Philosophy and Arts 11
Faculty of Medicine 12
Faculty of Psychology 13
Faculty of Translation and Interpreting 14
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine 15

**RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND CENTRES**

Centre for Olympic Studies and Sport (CEOE) 16
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Centre for Mathematical Research (CRM) 20
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National Microelectronics Centre (CNM) 22
European Thematic Centre on the Region and the Environment 23
Building E 24
- European Records Centre
- Centre for Demographic Studies
- Centre for International and Intercultural Studies
- University Institute for European Studies
Experimental Farms and Fields 25
UAB Veterinary Clinical Hospital 26
Catalan Institute of Nanotechnology 27
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Mediterranean Motorway AP-7
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Arrival at the UAB
1. Useful addresses

UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA

International Welcome Point (IWP)
Campus de Bellaterra-Plaza Cívica
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)
BARCELONA
Tel.: +34 93 581 22 10
Fax: +34 93 586 80 25
Open from Monday to Friday, from 9.30am to 7pm
(Wednesdays from 9.30am to 3pm)
July and August from 9.30am to 3pm
international.welcome.point@uab.cat
www.uab.cat

Information desk
General information about the UAB
Campus de Bellaterra-Plaza Cívica
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)
BARCELONA
Tel.: +34 93 581 11 11
Fax: +34 93 581 25 95
informacio@uab.cat
www.uab.cat

CATALAN GOVERNMENT - GENERALITAT DE CATALUNYA
www.gencat.net/dursi
www.estudiarencatalunya.net

BARCELONA CENTRO UNIVERSITARIO
www.bcu.acesca.es

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
www.univ.mecd.es

MUNICIPAL REGISTRATION
Citizen Advice Office (OAC) Barcelona
City Hall Sabadell
www.sabadell.cat/fitxes/tramits/tramit_1139.htm
City Hall Cerdanyola
www.cerdanyola.cat

RETAIL OUTLETS CAMPUS BELLATERRA
www.uab.es/servlet/Satellite/life/retail-outlets-1101231886353.html

NIGHT TRANSPORT - NITBUS
www.emt-amb.com/Principales/BusquedaNitBus.aspx
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Campus de Bellaterra-Plaza Civica
Tel.: +34 93 581 22 10
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