



# Handbook for International Students



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Aimed to aid exchange students, professors and personnel



## Barcelona, university city

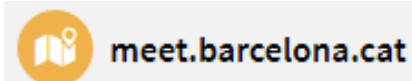
Barcelona is ranked eight in Best Cities of the World and third within Europe according to the [2018 World's Best Cities done by Resonance Consultancy](#), Competitive Identity, welfare and future prosperity are some of the [23 elements weighed within the ranking](#).

Barcelona has established itself has a prestigious brand identified with aspects such as creativity, talent, quality of life, modernity and economic, technical and social progress.

With five public and three private universities, Barcelona is home to over 25,000 foreign students and researchers each year: a unique opportunity to experience different cultures and enrich your personal and professional relations.



**40% of master's degree and graduate studies students and 30% of PhD students in Barcelona come from different international destinations.**



# Covid-19 Safety Measures

## Barcelona's City Hall

Barcelona is applying the necessity measures in order to contain the COVID-19's spread as well as prevent any new outbreaks.

[On this website](#) you will be able to know any news regarding those measures as well as advice and links



## Generalitat de Catalunya

Catalonia's Government has made available information regarding the actions that has been taken throughout the whole territory in order to contain the COVID-19's spread as well as the preventive measures taken for any new outbreaks.

[On this website](#) you will be able to look into any news regarding those.



Generalitat de Catalunya



## Catalonia's Sanitary System

Catalonia has one of the best health center network in the EU. [On this website](#) you will find information regarding the services it provides.



## Meet the UAB

The UAB is a public university with an international aim that boosts mobility, cooperation and the attraction of international talent.

The UAB offers high-ranking studies in every area of knowledge with over a hundred different studies, 300 master and postgraduate programs and close to 70 different PhD's offers. UAB's teaching is characterized by an interdisciplinary approach and it is tightly linked with research activities.

UAB's campus is comprised in 283 hectare with 60% of them being forest and green zones, located next to Barcelona proper.

It has all types of services; specialized libraries open 24/7, IT rooms, labs, language schools, health center, gym, theatre, cafeterias, shops, a hotel and the University Residence building with near 2100 spots in shared apartments.

- UAB in the main International rankings

**The UAB Campus is a safe green and biodiverse space half an hour away from Barcelona**



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**Choose UAB**



# COVID-19 within the UAB

## Online teaching

The UAB will try to guarantee the maximum in-class subjects while adhering to the safety distance measures. In the cases in where an in-class approach cannot be taken it will guarantee the on-line approach. For more information, please do contact the UAB

[Coronavirus website](#)

## Quarantine

In some cases, depending to the evolution of the safety measures some exchange students might be obliged to keep a 14-long quarantine at their arrival in Spain. For more information please do contact your [Spanish consular office](#).

## Health Insurance and International Emergency Protocol

Exchange students residing in Spain due to their studies must accredit own a health insurance that covers any possible treatment for COVID-19. For more informational please do check with our Emergency Protocol

## International Support Service

From the International Support Service Office we guarantee on-line aid –from the enrollment of exchange students to any other services regarding the International Community within the UAB- For more information please look into our [website](#).



• [Emergency Protocol](#)

# Are You Covered?

## Healthcare Insurance

Every student, researcher and Exchange teachers coming to a catalonian university must be covered by a health insurance

- [Health insurance for UE students](#)
- [Health insurance for non-EU students](#)

### Non-EU students

In our current circumstances, and with the possibility of a new coronavirus outbreak, it will be strongly recommended to own a health insurance that covers any eventuality for COVID-19.

[Omnibus](#) offers UAB students a health insurance policy for mobility programs to Spain that covers any possible COVID-19 treatment. Although any other insurance that covers such eventuality will also be accepted.

### EU students

EU-incoming students, researchers and teachers from within the Schengen borders will be allowed to get the [Healthcare European card](#). This is the document that grants one the ability to get every sanitary options that might be found needed from a health-related perspective during a temporary residence within those same Schengen borders.

For more information check the aforementioned website. In any case, it is also recommended the purchase of an additional health insurance in order to cover and avoid any co-paid related issues.





## Medical Services and Psychological Aid

### Health Assistance Services

The Health Assistance Service (or SAS) can be located in the campus proper and they offer preventive as well as in-place care.

#### [SAS - Servei Assistencial de Salut](#)

93 581 18 00 / 93 581 13 11

[Servei.salut@uab.cat](mailto:Servei.salut@uab.cat)

### Psychopedagogical Assistance

The UAP is a service that offers support and help to the teaching experience to any UAB student.

Hel is directed towards any strictly academical difficulties as in time management, study strategies, academic-orientation...etc.

#### [UAP - Unitat d'Assessorament Psicopedagògic](#)

93 581 29 43

[uap@uab.cat](mailto:uap@uab.cat)

### Psychological Help

The Psychology and Speech therapy service located in the Psychology Faculty offers psychological aid via online to those who show difficulties on adapting due to the current Sanitary crisis.

In order to be attended in English, Italian, French or German, please do make an appointment in the following email address: [info@utccb.net](mailto:info@utccb.net)

#### [SPL - Servei de Psicologia i Logopedia](#)

900 10 15 80

[spl@uab.cat](mailto:spl@uab.cat)

## Social Inclusion

### Fundació Autònoma Solidària

FAS designs and implements projects regarding any social activity within the university in regards of awareness and encouragement of critical thinking with the objective of generating a social impact oriented to boost social justice as well as a betterment and the quality of life.

[Fundació Autònoma Solidària](https://www.fas.uab.cat)

93 581 24 85

fas@uab.cat



**Fundació  
Autònoma Solidària**  
UAB CAMPUS

### Observatory for Equality

The observatory for equality devotes itself to the analysis of inequalities within the university and the creation of plans regarding gender and disabilities.

[Observatori per a la igualtat](https://observatori.igualtat.uab.cat)

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observatori.igualtat@uab.cat



**Observatori per  
a la Igualtat UAB**

### PIUNE

The Service For Inclusion to Students with Special Education Needs works in order to guarantee that every person – regardless of their disability or NEE is able to Access any kind of high studies with an equal footing as well as enjoy the academic life offered by the university

[PIUNE](https://piune.uab.cat)

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fas.piune@uab.cat





## Other Services: SAF and UAB

### Servei d'Activitat Física

The SAF (Servicio de Actividad Física) it's the entity that runs the sports complex situated within the UAB.

They have a group of more tan 50 experts and have a total of 30.000m2 in where one can practise plenty of sports activities.

Currently they work daily to have a safe and in the best possible condition return to their facilities



[Servei d'Activitat Física](#)

93 581 19 34

saf.usuaris@uab.cat

### Language Courses

Both crash and extensive courses in both catalán and spanish during the academic year.

The courses grant the abilities needed in order to understand the language and be able to communicate from the first day onwards to the student.

[UAB Idiomes](#)



93 433 50 60

info.idiomes@uab.cat

# IT Services and Online Resources

## CAS

The uab has an IT service that will help with any doubts that remote and online work might entail

## IT

93 581 21 00

cas@uab.cat



## Self-learning resources

The UAB also offers –to students, teachers, researches and administration staff- a series of online resources in order to aid them with online work.

- [Self-learning Resources](#)

## MOOC UAB

UAB was introduced in the world of MOOC due to the wish of the university itself of being able to share scientific knowledge, culture and educational alike with a clear international focus.

## MOOCs UAB

93 586 80 53

mooc@uab.cat





## Activities intended for international students

The **International Welcome Days** are intended for the international students of the UAB.

They consist of a week of activities, workshops and talks offering an initial introduction to the academic, social and cultural life of the campus for recently arrived students, and they are also a good way of getting to know other both local and international UAB students. Two are held, one in September and the other in February, at the beginning of each semester.

[See more information](#)

**Mentor (buddy)** offers international students arriving at the UAB the support of local students with a mobility program to facilitate integration into the academic, social and cultural world of the UAB.

Registration is required.

[See more information](#)

**Tandem** offers you the opportunity to practise different languages and get to know other cultures and ways of doing things, having a language partner and participating in the activities that are organized.

In addition, we organize other language-related activities, such as conversation groups or watching films in their original version, with subtitles in the same language.

[See more information](#)

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# Planning your stay in Barcelona

## Accommodation

On campus: [Vila Universitaria](#) is a residential complex of 812 apartments located on the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona campus.

Off campus: we have a support service to [contact different accommodation options](#) off the UAB campus.



[Choose your room](#)

 Vila Universitària

## Calculate accommodation and living expenses

In general, you should count on the following monthly expenses:

- Food: €250 to 350
- Personal and leisure expenses: €160 to 220
- Transport: €60 to 80
- Accommodation: €250 to 500

**TOTAL: €720 to €1,200 per month for accommodation and living expenses**

## Study expenses

All academic expenses are included under “registration”. In public universities this is a separate expense from accommodation and living expenses.

The prices are calculated in accordance with the credits for which you have registered. You can consult the approximate cost of your registration at the following link:

[Enrollment simulator](#) 

## Foreign procedures

The law on foreigners is constantly being renewed, and it is therefore very important for future students of the UAB to contact the UAB [International Support Service \(ISS\)](#) before their arrival so that they can be informed about possible changes to the law

### UE-students:

Those who come from within the European Union don't need to make any further bureaucratic procedure before their arrival.

- [Legal procedures for UE students](#)
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- [Legal procedures for non-UE students](#)
  - [Types of Visa](#)
  - [Spanish consulate offices](#)
  - [Foreigners Identity Card \(TIE\)](#)

### Non-UE Students:

It is mandatory for you to ask for a visa in the [Spanish Consulate office](#) of where you are legally residing at the time of matriculation. You can jump-start the procedure with the **admission documentation** that the UAB gives to their students.

Depending on the duration of your stay the types of [visa](#) can be:

- **Type C:** Maximum duration of 90 days
- **Type D, Code SSU:** Maximum duration of 6 months
- **Type D, Code SLU:** More than 6 months. In this case, you need to process the [TIE](#) within one month after your entrance in Spain.

### Non-UE Students residing in the UE at the time of admission:

You can regularize your situation in the **Foreigner's Office** back at Barcelona at [Murcia Street, 42](#) within one month after your entrance to Spain. For this the TIE of the current UE country you are residing at must be on-going as well as having an entrance sign of the moment you entered in Spain.

If the passport has not been signed you need to fill an **entrance declaration** within the Police Office back at the Airport or, at the very least, at the Police Office situated in [Gipuzkoa Street, 74](#) (Barcelona) within the first 72 hours after your entry in Spain.

# Work placements and working as a student

## UAB Work Service

UAB students have a set of resources geared toward enabling employment and seeking work and/or work placements related to their studies. All these resources are available on the [Work Service](#).

The main aim of the Work Service is to help UAB students and degree holders to access the labour market through companies and institutions seeking the most appropriate professionals and talent for their companies at the University.



## How to apply for a work permit

Those non-Community students who wish to work in Spain and have a job offer can do so by applying for a work permit.

This permit only allows you to work part-time or full-time for a maximum three months, provided that it is compatible with your academic timetable. Its expiry is subject to the contract termination date and/or to the expiry date of the TIE (foreigner ID card), although it can be renewed.

[Application for work permit](#) ➔



# Universitat Autònoma

## How to arrive

The main campus is located in Bellaterra and it's close to Barcelona as well as to Sabadell and Terrassa.

The campus is very well linked with the other cities and can be easily accessed by train, railroad, bus, car or bike via any of these three cities.

Pick an option in order to know more:

Caminando



En tren

En bicicleta



En coche y moto

En autobús



Accesibilidad



Upon your arrival the first step is visit the [International Support Service office \(ISS\)](#) that will aid specifically with doubts regarding students, teachers and staff coming from other countries.

Furthermore, each faculty has an office in order to aid Exchange students. These places offer information aimed to the studies present on each faculty.

- [International Students](#)



## International Support Service

The International Support Service (ISS), located in the Plaza Cívica of the UAB campus, provides information and assistance with immigration formalities for students, teaching staff and administrative staff from other countries.

The International Support Service (ISS) is an office from the International Relationships Area created in order to offer aid to the student, PDI and PAS international body as well as their family members if needed.

Our goal is to help in the practical aspects of your stay with us in order to better its quality in Barcelona as well as facilitate your academic or professional performance within the UAB.



### International Support Service

93 581 22 10

[international.support@uab.cat@uab.cat](mailto:international.support@uab.cat@uab.cat)





## Foreign procedures on arrival

### UE-Students:

All students coming from a country member of the European Union or from within the Schengen treaty who happen to wish to reside in Spain for a **longer period of three months** must enter in the **Foreigners Central Register** in which they will obtain a certification of register as well as the **Foreigners Identity Number (NIE)**.

The registration must be done in-person in the **Police Office** of the city or town you'd be living at.

[Check for more information](#)

### Non-EU Students:

If you are going to stay in Spain for **more than six months** you have a total of **30 days** after your entry to Spain in order to ask for the [TIE card](#).

The TIE is a temporary authorization card that runs through your stay in Spain. It is given for a maximum of a year and is renewed at the end of said time-window if all the requirements for such a thing are met. In order to have the TIE card having a [Type D, code SLU visa](#) is mandatory.

[Check for more information](#)

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[Check for more information](#)

# Enrolment

If before leaving your country you need to pay the student fees you can check on the different payment modalities with the information point (Gestió Acadèmica) of the faculty in which you will be studying at.

## Undergraduates:

Matriculation procedures are done either in July or in September, depending on the place of the waiting list.

It is done **on-site** in the [Gestió Acadèmica](#) of the faculty in which you will be attending to.

The payment for the fees will be done by direct debit. The bank account must be from a Spanish bank or one within the [SEPA](#) zone

- [How to fill the matriculation papers](#)
- [Payment methods](#)

## Official masters:

Enrolment is done from September onwards since it attends to the master's specifications.

Usually, it is done **on-site** at the [Gestió Acadèmica](#) of the faculty in which you will be attending to.

Payment is done by direct debit in a Spanish bank account or one from the [SEPA](#) zone. It will also be possible to pay with a credit card..

- [How to fill the matriculation papers](#)
- [Prepayment](#)
- [Payment methods](#)

## Master/Postgraduate UAB-specific studies:

- [How to fill the matriculation papers](#)
- [Payment methods](#)

## PhDs:

- [How to fill the matriculation papers](#)
- [Payment methods](#)

If you have any doubt contact with

**infoUAB**



## UAB Student Card

After the enrollment you will be able to ask for the UAB student card, which will identify you as a member of the university

- With your University Number that can be found on the card (or NIU) you will be able to Access all the on-line services the UAB offers. You will get your password via the following link <https://apps.uab.cat/apwd/>, and you will also be able to Access the [Virtual Campus](#)

- The UAB card also grants you access to the [Library Network](#) present on campus. The card will remain valid for the whole duration of your studies.



- [UAB virtual tour](#)
- [UAB's faculties and schools](#)
- [Activities within the UAB](#)
- [UAB's social network](#)
- [UAB news](#)
- [UAB's shop](#)



# Courses and programmes for international students

## Specific programmes for international students

The UAB offers several programmes for international students who wish to study for a semester or a complete academic year in Barcelona.

- [Selected Course](#)
- [Pre-established Programme](#)
- [Tailor Made Programmes](#)
- [UAB Barcelona Summer School](#)

## Exchange programmes

The UAB has student exchange agreements with universities worldwide, especially in Europe, Latin America and Asia. See map of all the programmes.

There are currently three exchange programmes, distributed according to the geographical area.



[Check the exchanges programmes map](#)

- [Exchanges Programmes UAB](#)



# UAB Barcelona Summer School

The best way of enjoying the academic experience UAB has to offer while you explore Barcelona during your international summer stay

[UAB Barcelona Summer School](#) offers a great variety of subjects on every area of knowledge.

The classes are in English with some of them being also given in Spanish. You will also have the option of learning or improving your already acquired Spanish skills in a complementary course.

Subjects are offered in a two-timed period of three weeks from the end of June to the beginning of August.

All subjects allow you to get a maximum of [6 ECTS credits](#) (European Credit Transfer System).

In the case of those students coming from another countries their original University will be able to transfer said credits. Specially if they already have a mobility program with the UAB even if it will also be subjected to regulation procedures. Check with your own university first as well as the following links for more information.

- [Check the pre-requisites.](#)
- [Check the timetable and every program of each subject.](#)

## Buddy Programme:

Aside from the subjects given in the UAB the UAB Barcelona Summer School also offers a social activity program with students from within the university in where you would be able to participate alongside with other Exchange students so you will be able to enjoy yourself while learning more of our culture.

- [Buddy Programme](#)



- [UAB Barcelona Summer School video 2m 38s](#)



The logo of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), featuring the letters 'UAB' in a stylized, bold, white font on a black background.

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de Barcelona

## Contact the UAB

### International Support Service

Information and attention service for students, teachers and researchers from others countries.



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- [Check for more information](#)

