

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S INFORMATION DOSSIER



SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING (Campus Bellaterra)



UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA 2015-2016

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0. MAIN CONTACT INFORMATION**INSTITUTIONAL IDENTIFICATION**

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- Fachhochschule Frankfurt Am Main D FRANKFU04
- Miskolci Egyetem HU MISKOLC01
- Hogskolen I Molde South N MOLDE01
- Noordelike Hogeschool Leeuwarden NL LEEUWAR01
- Politechnika Wroclawska PL WROCLAW02
- Vaxjo University S VAXJO01
- Tampere University of Technology SF TAMPERE02

Rest of Universities

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Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday from 10:30 to 13:30 hours
Monday and Wednesday from 15:00 to 17:00 hours

July: Monday to Friday from 10:30 to 14:00 hours

August: Closed

1. INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC STAYS AT THE UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA AS PART OF AN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The UAB has an on-line application form for this purpose, which will be available at the <http://sia.uab.cat> website for the following periods:

- From March 1st to May 15th 2015, for students wishing to start their exchange visit in September 2015.
- From October 1st to November 15th 2015, for students wishing to start their exchange visit in February 2016.

VERY IMPORTANT: The application form will only be available for the periods detailed above. After these periods applications will be closed and admission to the UAB as part of the Exchange programme will not be possible.

The on-line application forms filled in by students will be analysed in conjunction with the information sent by their home universities. Please note that any application form sent without prior communication from the student's home university will not be considered.

Once we have screened all the application forms received and after having verified them with the information sent by our partner universities, students will receive an e-mail confirming their admission as an exchange student and giving them useful information about their future stay at the UAB.

After receiving this e-mail and before arriving to UAB you must send to the exchange office your proposed learning agreement to be approved by the coordinator.

Important!!

Final Degree Project:

Students wanting to do their final degree project or thesis in our School, must contact with the specific degree coordinator (see list at page 2-3) in order to know if they can offer you this possibility or not.

Master Courses:

After implementation of the European Space of Higher Education (ESHE) Spanish universities are following the 4+1 system (4= 4 year undergraduate studies (bachelor) + 1= 1 year postgraduate studies (master)). This means that in many cases European students enrolled at master's programmes that are following at their home universities 3 year bachelor and 2 year master's system, can take subjects at the UAB's 4th year undergraduate programmes, as these courses are equivalent to the 1st year of other European master's.

Due to the particularities for admission of regular students to the master's programmes at the UAB, the admission of exchange students is only possible when the Erasmus Agreement has been signed for a specific master's programme (the name of the master's programme has to be clearly mentioned in the agreement). If the agreement does not specify any particular master's programme, admission will be done attending the procedure explained above.

For these reasons, students willing to take Master subjects in our School, can only choose them if the coordinator's Master considers that their level of studies is enough to follow the classes. To check this point you must send us a complete transcript of records of your studies (Bachelor and

Master degree) a CV and tell us which subjects and from which Master you want to take courses to the following e-mail: intercanvis.enginyeria@uab.cat . After checking the student's records, the Master's coordinator will decide if the students can take the Master courses or not. In the exceptional cases, that the exchange students can be admitted to take master's modules they will be able to take a maximum of 30 ECTS credits.

2. HOW TO ARRIVE AT THE UAB

LOCATION OF THE CAMPUS

The main campus of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) is located 20 km outside of Barcelona, in Bellaterra (municipality of Cerdanyola del Vallès), between the towns of Sabadell and Sant Cugat del Vallès. It is 3 km far from Cerdanyola, 4 km far from Sabadell and 5 km far from Sant Cugat, the most important towns in the surrounding area.

GETTING HERE:



1 Campus Bellaterra

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.cat).

RENFE (Spanish National Railway Network)

Line C4 - Cerdanyola Universitat station. from Barcelona you can take the train from Sant Andreu Arenal and Torrebaró. 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.cat.

BY COACH

Barcelona

SARBUS provides a bus service from Barcelona (St. Andreu Arenal/Fabra i Puig) to the UAB, with a bus leaving every 30 minutes. The journey takes approximately 30 minutes.

More information:

Tel.: + 34 93 580 67 00

www.uab.cat

SARBUS website (www.grupsarbus.com)

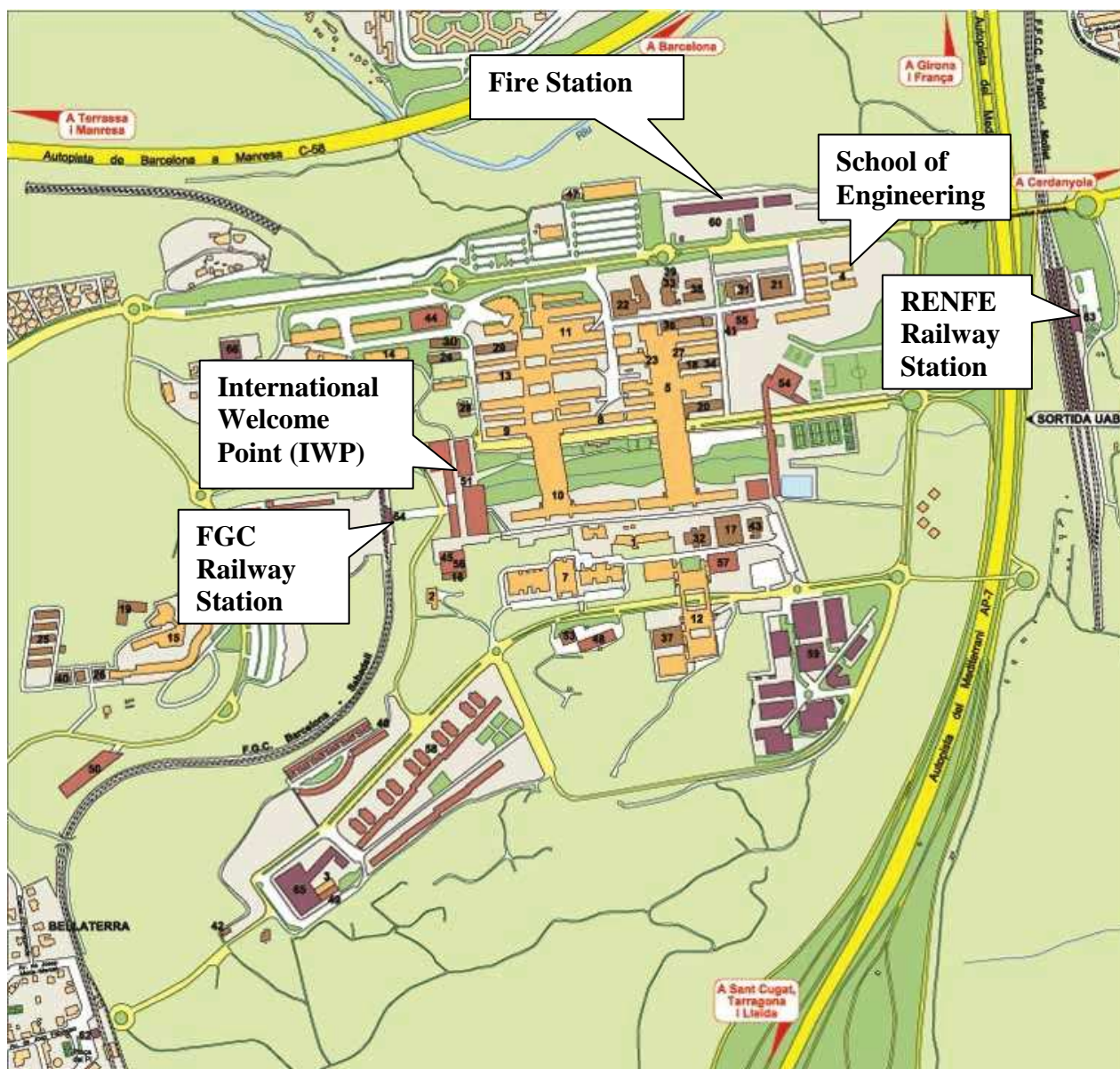
Other towns

There are daily bus services from many towns, including Igualada, Badalona, Montcada i Reixac, Sabadell and Mataró. You can find information on timetables for these services on the following link: www.uab.cat

BY TAXI

It costs about 50 € to get from the Airport to the UAB. From the city centre it costs about 40€.

Map of the Campus



SCHOOLS AND FACULTIES

1. Aulari Central
2. Escola de Postgrau
3. Edifici Blanc
 - Escola de Prevenció i de Seguretat Integral
 - Escola Superior d'Arxivística i Gestió de Documents
 - Escola Universitària de Turisme i Direcció Hotelera
- 4. Escola d'Enginyeria (Campus Bellaterra)**
5. Facultat de Ciències
6. Facultat de Ciències de l'Educació
7. Facultat de Ciències de la Comunicació
8. Facultat de Ciències Econòmiques i Empresarials
9. Facultat de Ciències Polítiques i de Sociologia
10. Facultat de Dret
11. Facultat de Filosofia i Lletres
12. Facultat de Medicina

13. Facultat de Psicologia
14. Facultat de Traducció i d'Interpretació
15. Facultat de Veterinària

RESEARCH INSTITUTES

16. Centre d'Estudis Olímpics i de l'Esport (CEOE)
17. Centre de Biotecnologia Animal i de Teràpia Gènica (CBATEG)
18. Centre de Recerca Ecològica i d'Aplicacions (CREAF)
19. Centre de Recerca en Sanitat Animal (CRESA)
20. Centre de Recerca Matemàtica (CRM)
21. Centre de Visió per Computador (CVC)
22. Centre Nacional de Microelectrònica (CNM)
23. Centre temàtic europeu de territori i medi ambient
24. Edifici E
 - Centre de Documentació Europea
 - Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics
 - Centre d'Estudis Internacionals i Interculturals
 - Institut Universitari d'Estudis Europeus
25. Granges i Camps Experimentals
26. Hospital Clínic Veterinari de la UAB
27. Institut Català de Nanotecnologia
28. Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (IAE)
29. Institut d'Estudis Medievals
30. Institut d'Estudis Regionals i Metropolitans de Barcelona
31. Institut d'Investigació en Intel·ligència Artificial (IIIA)
32. Institut de Biotecnologia i de Biomedicina (IBB)
33. Institut de Ciència de Materials de Barcelona (ICMAB)
34. Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals (ICTA)
35. Institut de Ciències de l'Educació (ICE)
36. Institut de Física d'Altes Energies (IFAE)
37. Institut de Neurociències
38. Laboratori de Llum de Sincrotó
39. MATGAS, AIE
40. Planta de Tecnologia dels Aliments
41. Port d'Informàtica Científica
42. Servei d'Anàlisi Arqueològiques
43. Servei d'Estabulari

SERVICES

44. Biblioteca d'Humanitats
45. Biblioteca de Comunicació i Hemeroteca General
46. Cases Sert
47. Deixalleria del Campus
48. Escola Bressol "Gespa"
49. Fundació UAB (FUAB)
50. Parc Mòbil
51. Plaça Cívica
- International Welcome Point (IWP)**
 - Edifici d'Estudiants
 - Sala de Cinema i Teatre
 - Punt d'Informació
52. Rectorat. Consell Social. Gerència
53. Servei Assistencial de Salut
54. Servei d'Activitat Física (SAF)

- 55. Servei d'Informàtica
- 56. Servei de Llengues
- 57. Treball Campus
- 58. Vila Universitària

PLACES OF INTEREST

- 59. Applus
- 60. Bombers de la Generalitat de Catalunya
- 61. Escola de Bellaterra- Col·legi públic
- 62. Estació de Bellaterra FGC
- 63. Estació de RENFE Cerdanyola- Universitat**
- 64. Estació Universitat Autònoma FGC**
- 65. Hotel Serhs Campus
- 66. Institut de Batxillerat "Pere Calders"

3. EXCHANGE STUDENTS CIRCUIT

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON HERE

Once you have arrived on UAB, you must go to the International Welcome Point (IWP) to present your personal details and collect the international student card. IWP is located in the Plaça Cívica [check the map]. It is open:

Mondays to Fridays from 9.30am to 15pm (Wednesdays from 9.30am to 16,30pm)
July from 9.30am to 3pm, august closed.

Your arrival will be recorded and you will find the following services:

- a. International student card, which will identify you as a UAB student. You must provide your passport or identity card.
- b. Information about the UAB.
- c. Accommodation.
- d. Practical information about life in Barcelona and its surrounding area (transport, advantages for students, etc.).
- e. Help solving your problems during your stay with us.
- f. Visas.

How to contact the International Welcome Point (IWP):

International Welcome Point-IWP
Campus de Bellaterra-Plaça Cívica
Telephone: +34 93 581 22 10
Fax +34 93 581 25 95
E-mail: international.welcome.point@uab.cat

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Very Important!! Is compulsory that all students coming to School of Engineering arrive on UAB at least one week before the semester starts (one week before 14th September for students coming on 1st semester or annual stages and one week before 8th February for students coming on the 2nd semester)

Registration takes place after arrival and after visiting the International Welcome Point, at the Exchange Office of the School of Engineering [check the map]. Notice that you can enrol any subject offered by our school and the rest of the faculties, but **you should also be aware that you must enrol at least 50% of your credits in the School of Engineering.**

You must follow these steps to register at School of Engineering:

1. Go to the Exchange Office in the School of Engineering with your Learning Agreement signed by your university's coordinator. There you will be given all the information you will need to register. If needed, The School's Exchanges Coordinator will sign all students' arrival certificates.
2. If you have doubts about the courses you are going to take, you must visit the departmental coordinator corresponding to your studies [check page 2-3] to get all the necessary academic information and choose the courses you would like to register.
3. Check the courses timetables in order to ensure you don't have any time incompatibility.

4. Register at the Exchange Office.

CHANGES TO REGISTRATION

You will have 4 weeks from your arrival to the School to attend lessons to determine the level and group you prefer in order to ensure the validation of your studies in your university, during this period you would be able to make changes to your registration. After this period your registration will be considered definitive.

LANGUAGE COURSES

These courses offered by the Servei de Llengües can be recognized as ECTS credits at your University, you must enrol the course directly at the Servei de Llengües and ask them for your certification before leaving (see more information at point 7 of the dossier)

WHAT TO DO BEFORE LEAVING

1. Ask for your attendance certificate at the Exchange Office one week before leaving because it will take some days that the coordinator will sign it.
2. Pick up your signed attendance certificate before leaving.

The Exchange Office will send your transcript of records directly to your University.

4. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

LIST OF COURSES AND TIMETABLES

You can find the list of courses at the following link:

ESHE Grades Courses:

<http://www.uab.cat/servlet/Satellite/informacio-academica/horaris-graus-2013/2014-1273557373806.html>

Lessons at our School can be done in Spanish or Catalan and run from Monday to Friday.

5. ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015/16

FIRST SEMESTER

Lessons: from 14th September 2015 to 15th January 2016

Exams: From 18th January to 5th February 2016

SECOND SEMESTER

Lessons: from 8th February to 3rd June 2016

Exams: From 6th June to 1st July 2016

HOLIDAYS

- Holidays at all UAB centres:

Year 2015

11th September Catalan National Day
24th September Mercè
12th October Hispanic Day
1st November All Saints
6th December Constitution Day
8th December Immaculate Conception
25th December Christmas Day
26th December St Stephen's Day

-Year 2016

1st January New Year's Day
6th January Epiphany
25th March Good Friday
28th March Easter Monday
1st May Labour Day
16th May Whitsun
24th June St John's Day

- Institutional holiday

7th January

- Christmas Holidays

These are from December 23rd (Wednesday) 2015 to January 6th (Monday), 2014, both inclusive.

-Eastern Holidays

These are from March 21st (Monday) to March 28th (Monday) 2015, both inclusive.

6. ACCOMMODATION

VILA UNIVERSITÀRIA: ACCOMMODATION ON THE CAMPUS [Check Map # 58]

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.

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.uab.cat/vilauniversitaria/

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>

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/>

7. CAMPUS SERVICES

UAB LANGUAGE: SERVEI DE LLENGÜES [Check Map # 56]

<http://www.uab.cat/servei-llengues>

UAB Language Service is a support service for the university community that also aims to promote culture at the UAB. Its objectives are to teach, improve and promote Spanish and Catalan, as well as foreign languages, in order to ensure that all language users are able to reach an adequate level of knowledge and competence in these languages, in accordance with their individual needs.

The UAB Language Service offers foreign students the possibility of taking Catalan and Spanish courses:

<http://www.uab.es/servlet/Satellite/idiomas-para-extranjeros/calendarios-cursos-extranjeros-1276584793085.html>

How to contact the UAB Language Service:

Telephone: +34 93 581 1325

Fax: +34 93 581 2736

E-Mail: s.llengues.info@uab.cat

CATALAN BEFORE COMING TO THE UAB

Learn Catalan on-line with Speakc@t <http://www.intercat.cat/speakcat/>, a free and personalised course that will enable you to learn basic Catalan grammar and vocabulary, help you to understand the language and encourage you to speak to us in Catalan. You will also find a series of electronic resources to help you learn about the Catalan language and culture.

SPORTS ON CAMPUS: SERVEI D'ACTIVITAT FISICA [Check Map # 54]

<http://saf.uab.cat>

The sports installations and facilities at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), administered by the Physical Activity Service (SAF), are the most comprehensive you can find in the surrounding area of el Vallès Occidental, and among the best in the whole of Catalonia. The following sports facilities can all be found on our complex:

2 indoor swimming pools, one shallow and another suitable for all types of training and competitions, including water polo. Annexed to the pools is an open-air space that has been prepared for use as a sport court solarium

Gymnasium that is specifically designed for fitness activities incorporating music, dance, etc.

1 indoor boulder climbing wall

1 climbing wall

2 paddle tennis courts

5 synthetic surface (green-set) tennis courts

5 squash courts

1 indoor multisport pavilion divided into three different units

1 pelota (and service practice) court

1 beach volleyball court

1 open air multisport court

1 artificial surface football pitch, designed for use for standard football, 7-a-side, football and futsal

2 saunas mixed used

3 blocks of changing rooms

1 hall for lighter gymnastics

In addition to the possibility of using all of the above sports facilities, the SAF offers a whole series of attractive complementary services, such as the Sports Medical Unit. Located within the SAF installations, the Unit's staff are specialised in all types of medical-sport check-ups, and work in full coordination with the UAB's Health Care Service.

Using these installations, we are able to host a wide range of externally organised events, and our team of professionals is also able to assist in developing the organisational stage of a variety of ideas or projects. Led by graduates in Physical Education or by specialised monitors, a large number of physical activities are available to SAF users.

We offer sessions in the following fitness disciplines: general fitness; aerobic steps; circuit training; combo aerobic; gym-music; tonification; funk and hip-hop; aerobic interval training; physical conditioning and preparation for winter sports. The fitness hall also provides a comprehensive service, offering personalised training plans for keeping fit (beginners' and advanced aerobics) and for specific sports, as well as for entrance tests.

In the area of lighter gymnastics and expression activities, there are sessions in flexibility, yoga, tai chi and ballroom dancing.

In water sports, there are sessions in water fitness, water-gym and swimming.

Finally, in the area of sports, there are sessions in self defence, taekwondo and basketball.

The sports section also provides an attractive range of competitions, both inside and outside the university, as well as dynamic training, in the following areas:

Team sports: basketball; baseball; flag; football; indoor football; 7-a-side football; korfball; volleyball; beach volleyball and water polo.

Individual sports: athletics; badminton; kayak; cycling; cross-country; self-defence; chess; climbing; squash; skiing; pelota (and tennis service practice); golf; judo; karate; swimming; orientation courses; paddle tennis; in-line skating; rowing; snowboarding; diving; taekwondo; tennis, table tennis; archery and triathlon.

For other fees check the SAF web site: <http://saf.uab.cat>

How to Contact the Servei d'Activitats Física (SAF):

Telephone: +34 93 581 3233

Fax: +34 93 581 2476

E-mail: saf@uab.cat

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME POINT (IWP)

The International Welcome Point (IWP) at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona provides information to students, lecturers, administrative staff and services staff from other countries. At the IWP, in the Plaça Cívica, students can get all the information they need before they arrive, resolve any queries regarding academic life, obtain their UAB student card, find out what activities are taking place, find out what grants are available, get help with finding accommodation, ask about the different services at the university and find out what language courses are available.

How to contact the International Welcome Point-IWP:

Campus de Bellaterra-Plaça Cívica

Telephone: +34 93 581 22 10

Fax: +34 93 581 25 95

E-mail: international.welcome.point@uab.cat

Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 9.30am to 15pm (Wednesdays from 9.30am to 16,30pm)

July from 9.30am to 3pm, august closed.

LIBRARY SERVICE

<http://www.bib.uab.cat>

The UAB Library Service is made up of nine libraries spread throughout the campus. You have free access to all the libraries. In order to gain access to the lending service you will need a library card, which you can obtain from your faculty library by showing your UAB international student card.

How to contact the Library Service:

Telephone of the Science and Technology Library: +34 93 581 1906

E-mail: bib.ciencia.tecnologia@uab.cat

POST OFFICE

<http://www.correos.es>

In order to offer a complete service, you will find a Correos Post Office on the Campus, where you can send and receive letters and packages. The office is located under the B building in the centre of the campus. Open from Monday to Friday from 08:30 to 14:30, and Saturday from 09:30 to 13:00

How to contact the Post Office:

Telephone: +34 93 581 1406

Fax: +34 93 581 1406

HEALTH CARE SERVICE

A Healthcare Service (Servei Assistencial de Salut - SAS) on the campus offers a range of health services to the whole university community. The Health Centre is open from 9:15 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 20:00, from Monday to Friday.

How to contact the Health Care Center:

Telephone: +34 93 581 1800 or +34 93 581 1900

E-mail: Servei.Salut@uab.cat

CULTURA EN VIU

<http://www.uab.cat/cultura/>

Cultura en Viu is the service that promotes the UAB's Arts Centre. One of the main objectives of its courses is to support creative and artistic activities as a complement to education. Courses and workshops are organised by different cultural groups and the offer is complemented by the full programme of Drama, Dance, Music, and Cinema at the UAB Theatre and Cinema The cultural

groups are: Aula de Dansa, Aula de Teatre Aula de Literatura, Aula de Música, Centre de la Imatge, Cineclub Fritz Lang Espai B5-125 d'Art and Colla Castellera Ganàpies.

How to contact Cultura en Viu:

Edifici d'Estudiants Plaça Cívica
Telephone: +34 93 581 27 56
E-mail: cultura.enviu@uab.cat

8. OFFICIAL PROCEDURES AND LIVING IN CATALONIA

FORMALITIES TO ENTER AND LIVE IN SPAIN AS A STUDENT

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/internationalstudents/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:

<http://www.uab.cat/web/mobility-international-exchange/international-welcome-point/legal-procedures-for-ue-citizens-1345680559177.html>

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:

<http://www.uab.cat/web/mobility-international-exchange/international-welcome-point/legal-procedures-for-non-ue-citizens-1345680665191.html>

More information:

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

SOCIAL SECURITY AND STUDENT INSURANCE

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://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=563>

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*

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Vila Universitària – External shared apartment

Shared apartment*

*Check the web <http://www.uab.cat/vilauniversitaria/> 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:**

In Catalonia there are two railway companies: the Spanish Renfe and the Catalan FGC, which have different prices:

RENFE Local trains – 2 zones Station: Renfe: “Barcelona-Cerdanyola Universitat” Check for prices in:

<http://www.renfe.es/cercanias/barcelona/index.html>

Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC) – 2 zones Station: “Barcelona-Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona”

Check for prices in: <http://www.fgc.cat/esp/cercador.php>

Transportes metropolitanos de Barcelona (TMB):**AUTOBÚS / METRO / FGC**

Check for prices and zone map in: 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 - €1.200

BANKS

You will find branches of two Catalan saving banks on Campus. "La Caixa" (Caixa d'Estalvis i Pensions de Barcelona) is located at the Rectorat (Building A), and La Caixa de Catalunya, in the Plaça Cívica, also Banco de Santander at the School of Engineering building. There are also ATMs in the different faculties. If you want to open a bank account, you sometimes have to pay a commission and provide your identity card or passport regardless of your nationality.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CATALONIA AND THE CATALAN LANGUAGE

About the language: <http://llengua.gencat.cat/en/index.html> (in English)

About Catalonia: <http://www.gencat.net/catalunya/eng/index.htm> (different languages)

About the UAB and its language policy: <http://www.uab.cat/servei-llengues>

**We hope you enjoy your stay at Autonomous
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