HANDBOOK
ACCESS TO THE UAB
FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
It is with great pleasure that I welcome you, on behalf of the whole university community, to the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, a public institution that demonstrates its commitment to society by contributing in two main areas: knowledge and innovation.

Our University is among the best education establishments in Spain and the European Union in terms of the quality of teaching and research, and we aim to prepare professionals with the profiles needed by society. We aim also to contribute to society through our scientific research. To achieve our objectives, we offer a wide range of courses, with 77 undergraduate courses, 81 official masters, 87 doctorates and around 300 Masters and Postgraduate Diplomas (continuing education). Our campus hosts a number of research centres and institutes, which together with the departments; make up the research consortium known as the Esfera UAB.

UAB also means Campus. Our university is one of the few to have an infrastructure created entirely for university life, with all the different academic, research, cultural and social activities on the same central campus. We are also very committed to projecting the university internationally, and we take part in a number of international programmes and student exchange programmes, especially with Europe, Latin America and Asia.

Yet the main asset of our University has to be the people. We invite you to join us in our great project, and we can guarantee that you’ll feel very welcome among us.

Lluís Ferrer i Caubet
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.

The main UAB campus is located in Bellaterra, close to the town of Cerdanyola del Vallès, only 25 minutes in public transport from central 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 Gaudí, 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.
UAB courses

BELLATERRA CAMPUS

HUMANITIES AND ARTS

ART HISTORY
CATALAN STUDIES
CATALAN STUDIES AND ENGLISH STUDIES
CATALAN STUDIES AND SPANISH STUDIES
CLASSICS
ENGLISH STUDIES
FRENCH STUDIES
FRENCH STUDIES AND ENGLISH STUDIES
FRENCH STUDIES AND CATALAN STUDIES
FRENCH STUDIES AND SPANISH STUDIES
HISTORY
HUMANITIES
LITERARY THEORY AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE (1)
MUSIC HISTORY AND SCIENCES (1)
PHILOSOPHY
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (1)
SPANISH STUDIES
SPANISH STUDIES AND ENGLISH STUDIES

FACULTY OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION
TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION
TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION, FRENCH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES

FACULTY OF SCIENCE
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
STATISTICS
PHYSICS
BIOLOGY
MATHEMATICS
CHEMISTRY

FACULTY OF BIOSCIENCE
BIOCHEMISTRY (1)
BIOLOGY
BIOTECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
AERONAUTICAL MANAGEMENT (2)
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
COMPUTER ENGINEERING
COMPUTING ENGINEERING + MATHEMATICS
ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING (1)
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY
MATERIAL ENGINEERING (1)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING (1)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING, SPECIALISING IN ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS
INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY SPECIALIZATION

HEALTH SCIENCES

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
MEDICINE

FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY
PSYCHOLOGY
SPEECH THERAPY

FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (1)
VETERINARY MEDICINE

SOCIAL SCIENCES

FACULTY OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (1)
EDUCATION STUDIES
TEACHING - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
TEACHING - FOREIGN LANGUAGE
TEACHING - MUSIC
TEACHING - PHYSICAL EDUCATION
TEACHING - PRIMARY EDUCATION
TEACHING - SPECIAL EDUCATION
SOCIAL EDUCATION
3 STUDIES ON OFFER

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES
ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATION
DOCUMENTATION (1)
JOURNALISM

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS STUDIES
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION + LAW
ECONOMICS
MARKET RESEARCH METHODS (1)

FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY
POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
SOCIOLOGY

FACULTY OF LAW
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION + LAW
CRIMINOLOGY (1)
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
LABOUR STUDIES (1)
LAW

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS
GEOGRAPHY

FACULTY OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING
EAST ASIAN STUDIES (1)
INTERNATIONAL AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES (1) (2)

SCHOOL OF PREVENTION AND INTEGRAL SAFETY AND SECURITY*
PREVENTION AND INTEGRAL SAFETY AND SECURITY (2)

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARCHIVAL AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT*
ARCHIVAL AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT (1) (2)

SCHOOL OF TOURISM AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT
HOTEL MANAGEMENT (2)
TOURISM

SABADELL CAMPUS

TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

MANAGEMENT COMPUTING
SYSTEMS COMPUTING

SOCIAL SCIENCES

SABADELL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS STUDIES
BUSINESS STUDIES

BARCELONA

HUMANITIES AND ARTS
MASSANA SCHOOL OF ART*
ART AND DESIGN (2)

EINA SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN*
DESIGN (2)

TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES

SALESIAN SCHOOL OF SARRIA*
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING - ELECTRICITY
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING - ELECTRONICS +
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING - ELECTRICITY
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING - INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING - INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING - MECHANICS

HEALTH SCIENCES

VALL D’HEBRON SCHOOL OF NURSING*
NURSING

SANT PAU SCHOOL OF NURSING*
NURSING
**SANT CUGAT DEL VALLÉS**

**TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

“TOMÀS CERDÀ” SCHOOL OF COMPUTER STUDIES*
- COMPUTER MANAGEMENT
- MULTIMEDIA (2)

**HEALTH SCIENCES**

“GIMBERNAT” SCHOOL OF NURSING AND PHYSIOTHERAPY*
- PHYSIOTHERAPY
- NURSING

**TERRASSA**

**HEALTH SCIENCES**

RED CROSS SCHOOL*
- NURSING
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

COLLEGE OF TRADE AND DISTRIBUTION (ESCODI)
- DIPLOMA IN TRADE AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT

**MANRESA**

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

MANRESA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS STUDIES*
- BUSINESS STUDIES

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**HEALTH SCIENCES**

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES*
- PHYSIOTHERAPY
- NURSING
- SPEECH THERAPY
- PODIATRY

(1) SECOND-CYCLE ONLY COURSES
(2) UAB-ONLY COURSES
(*) MEMBER CENTRES AND AFFILIATED UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS

**Further information:**

Tel.: +34 93 581 11 11
www.uab.cat
informacio@uab.cat
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.

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.

Mobility will be easier for European students thanks to the harmonisation of university studies outlined in the EHEA framework. Entering the labour market will improve as well, since studies focus on the specific academic and professional skills needed in each field.

DEGREES AND THEIR EQUIVALENT IN ECTS CREDITS

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.

THE UAB MODEL

UAB began a pilot programme in the 2004/05 academic year in which some aspects of the Bologna process were introduced in several different studies. Since 2006/07 the university also offers EHEA structured master’s degrees. New four-year EHEA studies (Mathematics, Physics and the Humanities) will be implemented in the 2008/09 academic year, and all other studies gradually will be substituted for the new EHEA models.
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.

Experimental Sciences
The Humanities and Fine Arts
Social Sciences
Health Sciences
Engineering

Further information:
Tel.: +34 93 581 30 10/ 93 581 24 91
www.uab.es/postgrado
informacio@uab.es
You must follow a specific procedure when applying for a university course, which depends on the qualifications you have already acquired and the course you would like to take:

1. Students with pre-university qualifications (A-Levels, High School Graduation, Baccalauréat, Abitür, 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.

a) For students of the European Union, Switzerland, China, Iceland, Norway, Lichtenstein or students who have a European que han realizado el European Baccalaureate or the International Baccalaureate

If you can apply to university in your country, you will not need to endorse your studies in Spain or take the university entrance examinations (PAU).

In this case, you only need to check the requirements needed to apply to university, established by the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED). You can consult the information here: http://www.uned.es/accesoUE

UNED will issue you a credential stating that you fulfil university access requirements, the data related to your entrance route and your overall university entrance mark.

Once you receive the UNED credential, you must pre-register through the Oficina de Orientación para el Acceso a la Universidad.

This option is not available if you have already begun your university studies in Spain.

Once you have completed the pre-registration process, you can enrol in university (see the enrolment process section).

b) For all other students

You must endorse your studies with the Spanish Ministry of Education, Social Policies and Sports (MEPSD).

Ministerio de Educación, Política Social y Deportes (MEPSD)

Subdirección General de Títulos, Convalidaciones y Homologaciones

Paseo del Prado, 28. 28014 Madrid
Tel. 902 21 85 00

For more information on entrance requirements, regulations, required documents, or translating and validating your documents, please visit: www.mepsyd.es/mecd/titulos/convalidacion.html

If the equivalent qualification that you are granted is a CFGS (advanced vocational qualification), you will have direct access to three-year courses and certain specific four-year and five-year courses.

If the equivalent you are granted is the Bachillerato, you will have to take the Spanish University Entrance Examinations (PAU) in any Spanish public university, which is what all Spanish students with the Bachillerato must take when they leave high school.

The Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED) organises exams specifically for foreign students.

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED)

Central office:

- MADRID Senda del Rey, 11
  28040 Madrid
  Tel.: + 34 91 398 66 79
  www.uned.es

Office in Catalunya:

- TERRASSA Colom, 114
  08222 Terrassa
  Tel.:+34 93 731 49 33
PAU FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS AT THE UNED:
At centres in Spain, the PAU examinations are organised twice a year:

June
Registration period: mid-April / Exams: early June

September
Registration period: first week of September / Exams: mid-September

You can also take the PAU examinations through your nearest Spanish Embassy or Consulate (check locations and dates).

For more information on Spanish University Entrance Examinations (PAU) organised by the UNED (dates, exam subjects and necessary documents) please visit:
http://www.uned.es
Tel.: +34 902 38 88 88
infouned@adm.uned.es

PRE-REGISTRATION:
Once you have endorsed your studies and passed the necessary entrance examinations or obtained UNED validation of your studies, you should pre-register for the courses you are interested in.

The pre-registration process is administered and overseen by the following body:
Oficina d’Orientació per a l’Accés a la Universitat
Plaça del Bonsuccés, 5-6
08001 BARCELONA
Tel.: +34 93 223 03 23 / 93 223 25 91
Fax: +34 93 552 71 20

You may pre-register at the following website:
http://accesnet.gencat.net/

There are two pre-registration deadlines:
June
The pre-registration period starts towards the end of May and ends during the first week of June.

September
The deadline is towards the end of September. The only places available are those not taken in June (similar to the Clearing system in the United Kingdom).

Students enrol for university once they have obtained a place through the pre-registration process. Depending on the date assigned, enrolment may be required either in July or in September/October. You can check the enrolment dates in the specific calendar for your university school or faculty.
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 endorsement of your studies (convalidació parcial d’estudis estrangers). You can find contact details for the faculties and teaching centres on the UAB website www.uab.es.

When making the request, you should present the following documents:

- Official form.
- Official certificate stating the level and type of your studies
- Personal academic transcript (with the grades for all the modules you’ve taken and passed).
- The programmes for all the modules you want to endorse, with an original official university stamp.
- Programmes for modules to be endorsed with the programme content and number of classroom hours stated and with an official university stamp.
- Official birth certificate, stating your nationality. Alternatively, you may present a certificate issued by your country’s consular services in Spain. If you have Spanish citizenship, you may present an official copy of your DNI. Many centres accept a passport as a certificate.
- Receipt of payment of public fees for endorsement.

Further information:

www.uab.es/bolonya
www.crue.org/espaeuro/euroindex.htm
www10.gencat.net/dursi/es/un/eees.htm

If you are able to endorse 60 to 120 credits you will have direct access to university depending on how many places are available at each centre. If you endorse only between 1 and 59 credits, you will have the same access as a person with an overall grade of 5.00 (out of 10). In this case, you must take your endorsement certificate to the Pre-Registration Office in Barcelona and apply for a place in that centre (see section 1).

If nothing is endorsed for you, or you would like an overall grade higher than 5.50 (e.g. to be admitted to a course that needs a higher grade), you should follow the procedure explained in section 1.

An academic credit is the equivalent of 10 hours of classes. The first year of a university course is usually worth at least 60 credits. Under the integrated university system of the European Higher Education Area, a credit will be the equivalent of 24-27 hours of work by a student.
3. Endorsement of university qualifications obtained abroad

You should apply for endorsement of your qualifications through your nearest office of the Ministerio de Educación, Política Social y Deporte (MEPSD).

Further information:
www.mepsyd.es/mecd/titulos/

Endorsement of a university qualification officially recognises throughout Spain that you are a professionally trained person in your field. You may also apply for other undergraduate or postgraduate courses.

If the Ministerio de Educación, Política Social y Deporte (MEPSD) does not fully endorse your degree, they may ask you to take a combined examination (prova de conjunt) in a public centre that teaches the degree you wish to endorse. If your studies did not come close to being endorsed, you should apply for partial endorsement of studies.

You should attach a copy of your notification from the Ministerio de Educación, Política Social y Deporte (MEPSD).

4. Students who want to take a postgraduate course

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN OFFICIAL MASTERS
a) Bachelor or undergraduate from a Spanish university
b) Bachelor degree from the European Higher Education Area
c) Bachelor degree from other countries (equivalency to a Spanish bachelor degree must be verified).

Further information:
UAB General-Information Point
Plaça Cívica
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)
Tel.: +34 93 581 48 48 / 93 581 11 11
Masters.Officials@uab.es
www.uab.es/officialmasters
ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DOCTORATE

- If the doctoral studies are adapted to the European Higher Education Area, you will need to have taken a total of 300 credits over your undergraduate and postgraduate studies, of which at least 60 must be Postgraduate, and of these, 15 must correspond to a research project presented orally before an examination tribunal.

- If the doctoral programme is not adapted to the European Higher Education Area, you must have an official university qualification (any kind of university degree or diploma), or else request the transference of your academic file in the event of having started your doctoral studies in another university.

Further information:

http://www.uab.es/postgrado
ep.doctorat@uab.es

Postgraduate School
EDIFICIO U
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)
Tel.: +34 93 581 30 10
Fax: +34 93 581 34 76

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.

Further information:

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

Postgraduate School
EDIFICIO U
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)
Tel.: +34 93 581 24 91
Fax: +34 93 581 31 27
5. Students wishing to come as part of an exchange programme or on a short-stay visit:

If you want to spend a short period of time in a Spanish university (neither commencing nor finishing your studies), you have several options available:

Exchange programmes: If your university has an agreement with the UAB, you should ask for information at your university, including whether a grant is available. Through such agreements, both institutions guarantee they will officially recognise studies carried out at the other university.

- Visiting: You may come as a visiting student by applying directly to the Academic Administration Office (Gestió Académica) in your destination university, paying the requisite special fees. Your destination university will give you a certificate with your grades, but whether these are recognised will depend on your home university.

- Other university agreements for hosting students.

Further information:

International Relations Office
Bellaterra Campus
Edifici A (Rectorat)
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)
BARCELONA
Tel: +34 93 581 27 53/ Fax. +34 93 581 32 64
of.rel.internacionals@uab.es
www.uab.es and go to Mobility and exchange

International Welcome Point
Bellaterra Campus
Edifici R
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)
BARCELONA
Tel: +34 93 581 22 10/ Fax. +34 93 581 25 95
international.welcome.point@uab.es
www.uab.es

6. International Study Programmes (Study Abroad)

The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) has created a series of programmes for international students who wish to study in Barcelona for a semestre or an entire academic year without previously having to undergo the Spanish application requirements for entrance to Spanish public universities.

Students from any country wishing to study a range of subjects in Spanish or in English can choose from amongst a number of options without having to take an official Spanish first cycle. Instead, they can choose from a selection of courses offered by the UAB campus and will receive a certificate from the UAB that they can present at their home university to endorse the credits obtained.

There are three separate programmes. Students can join the regular courses offered at the main Campus (Study Abroad Programmes in Regular Studies), be part of a group with a made-to-measure programme (Tailor Made Programmes) or spend 15 weeks in Barcelona studying Spanish and a choice of between two and five subjects taught in English, individually or within a group (Pre-established Study Abroad Programmes).

These programmes are not available for Erasmus students.

Further information:

International Area
Fundació Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (FUAB)
Tel.: +34 93 433 50 29
Fax:+ 34 93 581 74 74
www.uab.es
1. International Welcome Point (IWP)

FIRST STEPS

The International Welcome Point (IWP) provides information for students, lecturers and administrative and services staff from other countries.

At the IWP you can get the UAB international student card which enables access to the UAB libraries, Internet, language courses discounts, among other services. You can also apply for the Student residence permit; get advice about financial aid and receive information about UAB academic life, services and cultural and leisure activities.

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME POINT (IWP)

Campus de Bellaterra-Plaça Cívica
Tel.: +34 93 581 22 10
Fax: +34 93 581 25 95
Open from 9.30 am to 19 pm
(August from 9am to 2 pm)

ACADEMIC REGISTRATION FOR OFFICIAL MASTERS AND DOCTORATES AND REGISTRATION AT THE IWP

The first thing you should do when you arrive at the UAB is to register at:

- The corresponding Faculty where you will study your Official Master
- At the Postgraduate School if you are studying a doctorate

Once you obtain this academic registration you should register as an international student at the International Welcome Point (see information above). To do so you must bring your identity card or passport and a copy of both your academic registration document and the receipt of payment.

At the IWP you will get additional information on language courses (Catalan, Spanish, etc.), as well as maps and other interesting information.
2. Welcome Programme

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

As part of the Welcome Programme (Programa d’Acollida), a number of activities are organised (day trips, debates, social events with students from Catalonia and other countries, etc). You can also go to office 127 in the Edifici d’Estudiants from Monday to Friday, from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Further information:
Edifici d’Estudiants
Office 127
Pl.Cívica
Tel.: +34 93 581 43 83
intercanvi.estudiants@uab.es

3. Legal issues

a) EU Citizens

Professors and students who are EU citizens have no legal formalities to complete before coming to Spain. After arriving, please visit UAB’s International Welcome Point, located at 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 current legislation (http://www10.gencat.net/agaur_web/recursos/estrangeria/46.pdf), all students belonging to a European Union or European Economic Area member state, as well as the Swiss Confederation, and who intend to reside in Spain for a period of time longer than three months must register at the Central Registry Office for Foreigners (Registro Central de Extranjeros) in order to be issued a certificate of registration and an identity card for foreigners (NIE).

The certificate of registration can be obtained without prior appointment and in person at any of the national police stations (Comisaría) close to your place of residence (information about registration: http://www.bcn.es/diversa/padro/ing/index.htm).

If you live in Barcelona you will need to go to the police station of the Barceloneta district (Avinguda Joan de Borbó 32).

For students from Bulgaria and Romania please consult this information sheet http://www10.gencat.net/agaur_web/recursos/estrangeria/49.pdf

b) Non-EU Citizens

If you are from outside the European Union and you want to study in Spain, either on your own or through one of the many available grants (exchange programmes, undergraduate and postgraduate studies, master’s degrees, doctoral programmes, etc.), you must obtain a Type D student visa (Visado D Estudiante - Abierto) before leaving your country. You can apply for a visa through your nearest Spanish Embassy or Consulate.

Without the visa you cannot obtain the Student Residence Card you need to be a legal Spanish resident.

You should check how much time you will spend in Spain, since there is a Type D visa limited to only 180 days (Visado D Estudios hasta 180 días), and under no circumstances can you renew this visa once you are in Spain, or apply for a Student Residence Card with a limited type visa. If you are planning to stay more than six months, you will need to obtain a Type D student visa before leaving your country.
A visa can never be changed in Spain. The only visa valid is the one obtained from the Spanish Embassy or Consulate before coming to Spain. Only those with a Type D student visa will be allowed to obtain a Student Residence Card once they arrive to Spain.

The Student Residence Card (Autorización de Estancia por Estudios) is a temporary residence permit that remains valid while you are studying in Spain. This permit is valid for a maximum of one academic year and can be renewed every year until you finish your studies. Your academic performance will be taken into account when renewing your permit. This 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 a Student Residence Card. For this, you will need to present your flight ticket (boarding ticket) or the stamp on your passport showing the date in which you entered the European Union.

Further 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
Office hours: 9:30am to 7pm (Wednesdays 9:30am to 4pm).
Office hours in August are 9am to 2pm.

Useful addresses where you can apply for or renew your residence permit:

**STUDENT RESIDENCE CARD**

- **Applying:** Comisaría De Policía  
  C/ Guadalajara, 1-3 (corner of Carrer Bosch)  
  Barcelona  
  Metro: Diagonal L3, L5  
  Tel.: 93.415.97.69

- **Renewing:**

- **Work Permit:**
  Sub-delegación del Gobierno  
  Oficina de Estranjería  
  C/ Murcia 42  
  Barcelona  
  Metro: Navas / Clot (red line)  
  Clot / Bac de Roda (purple line)

**RETURN PERMIT:**

Sub-delegación del Gobierno (old officce)  
Av. Marquès de l’Argentera, 2-4  
Barcelona - Metro: Barcelona L4  
Tel.: 935201410  
Times: Lu-ju.9h a 17.30h v. 9h a 14h.
4. Medical insurance and social security

Any foreign student coming to study at the UAB as part of an exchange programme must have medical insurance cover. If you are a citizen of the European Economic Area (EEA) plus Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, and you are entitled to social security in your country, you should apply for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This card gives you the right to any medical treatment you need in Spain. Once you arrive in Barcelona, to obtain medical care you should go to your nearest public 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 Economic Area 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 may have free access to Spanish public healthcare.

Bilateral agreements exist between Spain and Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Morocco, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Tunisia, Ukraine, United State of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

If you are not from any of these countries, you will need to take out private medical insurance to cover your stay at university.

Information line: 900 166 565

Social Security in Barcelona
Sant Antoni M. Claret, 5 and 11
Tel.: +34 93 284 93 58
www.seg-social.es

Catalan Public Health Institute
Gran Via, 587. Barcelona
Tel.: +34 93 482 42 40 / 93 482 42 20
www.gencat.net/ics
5. Accommodation

Our campus provides many facilities and services for housing our students. The University Village (Vila Universitària) can house up to 2500 students, lecturers or academic and services staff. It is strategically located and offers a wide variety of services and benefits.

Tel.: +34 93 580 30 95
Fax: +34 93 580 91 86
vila@universitaria.com
www.vilauniversitaria.com

Both in Barcelona and in towns surrounding the UAB, there is a wide range of flats available for students to rent.

Further information:

Student services (UAB):
Tel.: +34 93 581 10 21
Fax: +34 93 581 30 99
p.s.estudiants@uab.es
http://laxarxa.uab.es

Habitatge jove (Generalitat de Catalunya)
Tel.: +34 93 483 83 92
info@habitatgejove.com
www.habitatgejove.com

Barcelona Housing Service for Students (BHSS)
Accommodation for foreign students and Seneca students Calàbria, 147
Tel.: +34 93 483 84 28
Fax: +34 93 483 83 64
info@bcn-housing-students.com
www.bcn-housing-students.com

Barcelona Centre Universitari
www.bcn-housing-students.com

Viure i Conviure Programme
obrasocial.caixacatalunya.es

6. Grants and scholarships

All students enrolled in Spanish universities may apply either for ordinary grants (Régimen General) or Mobility grants provided by the Ministry of Education, Social Policies and Sports. Students from outside the European Union must have a resident card.

Further information:

Ministry of Education, Social Policies and Sports
www.mec.es/mecd/becas/index.html

Ministry of Science and Innovation:
www.micinn.es/universidades/convocatorias/index.html

Fundación Carolina
www.fundacioncarolina.es

Becas Universia:
becas.universia.es

Catalan University and Research Grants Agency (AGAUR):
www10.gencat.net/agaur_web/AppJava/catala/index.jsp

You should apply for special grants for foreign students before coming to Spain. However, you may contact the Spanish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores), which provides grant programmes organised by the Exchange Service of the General Directorate of Cultural and Scientific Relations and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation.

www.aeci.es

UAB provides grants towards the fees of some courses and also offers the possibility for students to earn money by working in some of the services provided by the institution.

More information on different types of grants can be found at www.uab.es/researchgrants (right hand column) or in the “Estudiar” web page of the Catalan or Spanish version of the UAB website: www.uab.es

AGAUR: www10.gencat.net/agaurweb/appJava/catala/index.jsp
7. Cost of living

If you need to know approximately how much you will need during your stay at UAB, here is a list of the main items you may need to bear in mind when calculating your budget:

**RENT:**

- **UAB Vila Universitària**
  - Shared apartment €190 - €280
  - Non-shared apartment €476

- **Housing in Barcelona**
  - Shared apartment €260 - €360
  - Non-shared apartment €700 - €1200

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

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

**FOOD:**

The amount of monthly food expenses ranges from €250 to €350.

- Hamburger €4
- Sandwich €3.50
- Breakfast at the university cafeteria €2.50
- Lunch at an affordable restaurant €6 a €10
- Lunch at a university restaurant €4 a €8
- Dinner in an affordable restaurant €15 a €20

**TRANSPORTS**

- **Bus / Metro (1 zone):**
  - Single ticket €1.30
  - 10-journey travel card €7.20

- **Train**
  - Ferrocarrils Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC) - 2 zones - tarifa integrada
  - RENFE - 3 zones

  **stations:**
  - FGC: Barcelona-Universitat Autònoma
  - RENFE: Barcelona-Cerdanyola Universitat

  **tarifa integrada**
  - Single ticket €1.95 a €2.05
  - 10-journey card €14.40 a €15.20 (Bonotren)
  - T-month travel card €66.70 a €50.40 /€55.65
  - 50/30 travel card €50.00 not available
  - 3 month card “Joven” (-23 years) €156.00 a €128.20 “studio”

**LEISURE:**

- Entry to a club or disco €7 - €15
- Rock/pop music concert €20 - €60
- Football match €20 - €60
- Museum ticket €3 - €7
- Cinema ticket €6 - €8
- Theatre ticket €12 a €50

Generally speaking, monthly expenses are approximately the following:

- Food €250 - €350
- Personal expenses €160 - €220
- Transport €50 - €70
- Housing €250 - €450

**TOTAL:** €710 - €1090
8. Using languages

Like everywhere else in Catalonia, the language of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona is Catalan, which shares the status of co-official language along with Spanish. Students can submit their work and exams in either Catalan or Spanish and, for some courses, in English.

Further information:
http://www.uab.es/servei-lengues
http://www.uab.es/ (Mobility and Exchange link)
http://intercat.gencat.es

LEARNING LANGUAGES

The UAB enables you to learn and improve your knowledge of different languages. The Language Service – UAB Idiomes has more than 25 years’ experience in language teaching at the University. It organises courses for improving and extending the use of different languages. It also offers language level accreditation and certificates, as well as a translation and language advice service.

It has centres on the main UAB campus in Bellaterra, and in Barcelona on the UAB – Casa Convalascència site.

In addition to Catalan and Spanish, courses are offered in English, German, French, Italian and Japanese. Before signing up, students are required to take a level test. The courses offered by the Language Service – UAB Idiomes are recognised as elective credits.

CATALAN COURSES

The Language Service – UAB Idiomes offers Catalan courses to students who have recently arrived in Catalonia. These courses allow new arrivals to understand the language, in both oral and written form, and begin to read and write it. These courses are fully subsidised by the UAB and are recognised at elective credits.

You can consult the timetables and levels on the Language Service website.

To complement the language courses, the Language Service offers a series of activities and resources for students settle into their new environment (Ajuda’m programme), including: conversation groups, a language learning resource centre, the chance to receive support from a UAB student in the basic use and understanding of Catalan, and in getting to know about Catalan culture and traditions.

INTRODUCTION TO CATALONIA TODAY

This course provides an introduction to the social, political and cultural situation in Catalonia today. There is one course per semester and enrolment takes place at the same time as registration in the Faculty. It carried six credits which can be included in the academic record.

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

Every UAB faculty has an office responsible 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 Exchange Relations Office in your centre, you should contact your programme coordinator directly.

**UAB EXCHANGE OFFICES IN THE CENTRES**

**Sciences and Biosciences**
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intercanvis.ciencies@uab.es

**Media Studies**
Tel.: 93 5811795
intercanvis.comunicacio@uab.es

**Economics**
Tel.: 93 5811551
intercanvis.economiques@uab.es

**Education**
Tel.: 93 5811784
intercanvis.educacio@uab.es

**Political Science and Sociology**
Tel.: 93 5811221
intercanvis.politiques@uab.es

**Law**
Tel.: 93 5811079
intercanvis.dret@uab.es

**Philosophy and Arts**
Tel.: 93 5811758
intercanvis.lletres@uab.es

**Medicine**
Tel.: 93 5811917
intercanvis.medicina@uab.es

**Psychology**
Tel.: 93 5812459
intercanvis.psicologia@uab.es

**Translation and Interpretation**
Tel.: 93 5812463
intercanvis.fti@uab.es

**Veterinary Medicine**
Tel.: 93 5811048
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**Sabadell School of Business Studies**
Tel.: 93 7287712
intercanvis.empresarials@uab.es

**Sabadell School of Computer Studies**
Tel.: 93 7287726
intercanvis.eui@uab.es

**Higher Technical College of Engineering**
Tel.: 93 5811301
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**UAB Exchange Offices in the Associated Centres**

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Tel.: 93 5809355  
albert.vancells@uab.es

EINA-Art and Design School  
Tel.: 93 2030923  
internacional@eina.edu

The MASSANA School- Art and Design Centre  
Tel.: 93 4422000  
internacional@escolamassana.es

Vall d’Hebron School of Nursing  
Tel.: 93 4894385  
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Red Cross School, Terrassa  
Tel.: 93 7837777  
cristina@escola.creuroja.org

Salesiana de Sarrià School  
Tel.: 93 2805244  
relacions.internacionals@euss.es

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Tel.: 93 5893727  
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Carme.sanahuges@cesc.es

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Tel.: 93 8774179  
mvilanova@fub.edu

Manresa School of Physiotherapy  
Tel.: 93 8774179  
graltes@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 coming 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’s main airport also has a train link.

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

Further information:
Tel.: 902 404 704
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.

Further information:
Estació d’Autobusos Barcelona Nord
Tel.: 902 260 606
bcnnord@barcelonanord.com
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 València 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 Zaragoza and Lleida) and connects with the AP-7 approximately 70km to the south-west of Barcelona.

Further information:
RENFE – Red Nacional de Ferrocarriles
Tel.: 902 240 2002 / 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.

**Further 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, gives a 40% discount.

**Further information:**

Tel.: +34 93 490 0202  
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 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.

**Further information:**

Tel.: + 34 93 580 67 00  
www.uab.es

**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.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 manages 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 Campus de Bellaterra / 2. EU de Estudios Empresariales de Sabadell / EU de Informática de Sabadell / CESTIC
3. UD del ICS Hospitales de la Vall d’Hebron / 4. UD del Hospital de Sant Pau / UAB Casa de Convalescència
5. UD del IMAS. Hospital del Mar / 6. UD del ICS. Hospital “Germans Trias i Pujol”
3. Bellaterra campus map

**TEACHING CENTRES**

Central Classroom Block 1
Postgraduate 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 Advanced Technical Engineering 4
Faculty of Bioscience 5
Faculty of Science 5
Faculty of Educational Sciences 6
Faculty of Communications Sciences 7
Faculty of Economic and Business Sciences 8
Faculty of Sociology and Political Sciences 9
Faculty of Law 10
Faculty of Philosophy and Letters 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 (CEOÉ) 16
Centre for Animal Biotechnology and Gene Therapy (CBATEG) 17
Centre for Ecological Research and Forestry Studies (CREAF) 18
Centre for Research Into Animal Health (CRESA) 19
Centre for Mathematical Research (CRM) 20
Computer-Vision Centre (CVC) 21
National Microelectronics Centre (CNM) 22
Building E 23
• European Records Centre
• Centre For Demographic Studies
• Centre For International and Intercultural Studies
• University European Studies Institute
Experimental Farms and Fields 24
UAB Veterinarian Clinical Hospital 25
Institute of Economic Analysis (IAE) 26
Institute of Medieval Studies 27
Barcelona Institute for Regional and Metropolitan Studies 28
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1. Useful addresses

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CATALAN GOVERNMENT - GENERALITAT DE CATALUNYA

www.gencat.net/dursi
www.estudiarencatalunya.net

BARCELONA UNIVERSITY CENTRE

www.bcu.cesca.es

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