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Support for students, teaching staff, researchers and administration and services staff from other countries.
Barcelona is the ninth best city in the world and the third in Europe according to the 2023 World's Best Cities ranking produced by Resonance Consultancy. Competitive identity, community wellbeing and future prosperity are some of the 23 elements evaluated in the ranking.

Barcelona has become a prestigious big 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 more than foreign 25,000 students and researchers every year, giving them a unique opportunity to get to know other cultures and enrich their personal and professional relationships.

40% of Master’s degree and postgraduate students and 30% of PhD students come from other countries.

Barcelona: university city

Study and research
Get to know the UAB

The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona is a leading public university with an international vocation, that promotes mobility, collaboration and the attraction of talent.

The UAB offers high level studies in all areas of knowledge, with around 100 Bachelor’s degrees, around three hundred official Master’s degrees and postgraduate courses, and around 70 PhD programmes.

Teaching at the UAB is multidisciplinary and closely linked to research activities.

The UAB campus covers 263 hectares, with 60% woodland and green areas, located very close to Barcelona.

It offers all kinds of services: specialised libraries open 24 hours a day, computer rooms and laboratories, a language school, health centre, sports complex, theatre, cinema, restaurants, shops, a hotel and the Vila Universitària accommodation right on the campus with more than 2,000 places.

The UAB campus is a safe place with lots of greenspace and biodiversity just half an hour from Barcelona.

• Choose the future. Choose the UAB [video 1 min 50 s]

The UAB in the main international rankings
All students, researchers and teaching staff from abroad who come to a Catalan University must have Medical Insurance.

- Medical insurance for EU students
- Medical insurance for non-EU students

Non-EU students

All students who come to a Catalan University must have Medical Insurance. We recommend you take out a policy with full cover for illness and accidents during your journey or stay in Spain. This means a minimum insured capital of 300,000 euros, with no co-payments or waiting periods.

The Omnibus insurance broker offers UAB students health insurance for mobility stays in Spain.

However, any other insurance that fulfils the requirements of the corresponding consular office in Spain would be acceptable.

EU students

Students and teaching and research staff from the European Union, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Switzerland can apply for a European health card. The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is a personal non-transferable document that gives you the right to receive the health care considered necessary by medical professionals during a short stay in any of the territories of the European Economic Area or Switzerland, taking into account the nature of the care and the forecast duration of the stay, in accordance with the legislation of the host country independently of whether the purpose of the visit is tourism, professional activity or studies. Healthcare is offered at the primary care centre corresponding to your place of residence. In any case we recommend you take out additional insurance to cover any possible co-payments.
Medical services and psychological support

Healthcare Service
The Healthcare Service (SAS) is located on the university campus and offers primary and preventative care and the promotion of good health and research.

Healthcare Service (SAS)
93 581 18 00 / 93 581 13 11
servei.salut@uab.cat

Psychopedagogic Assessment Unit (UAP)
The UAP is a service that offers support for the continuing learning process of UAB students.
This help is available strictly for general academic problems such as time management and offers study strategies, educational orientation, etc.

UAP – Psychopedagogical Assessment Unit
93 581 29 43
uap@uab.cat

Psychological support
The Psychological Support and Speech Therapy Service of the Faculty of Psychology offers online psychological support.
If you want to be attended in English, Italian, French or German please make an appointment by writing to info@utccb.net.

Psychology and Speech Therapy Service
900 10 15 80
spl@uab.cat
Services for social inclusion

Fundació Autònoma Solidària (FAS)

The FAS designs and carries out university social action projects, awareness-raising projects and projects to promote a critical spirit with the aim of generating a social impact for social justice, and the improvement of the local area and people’s quality of life.

Fundació Autònoma Solidària
93 581 24 85
fas@uab.cat

PIUNE

The Service for Inclusion in the University of students with specific educational needs works to ensure that any person, regardless of their disability or SEN can gain access to higher education with the same equality of opportunity and enjoy a full and independent academic and social life at university.

PIUNE
93 581 47 16
fas.piune@uab.cat
The Observatory for Equality is mainly dedicated to analysing inequalities in the university institutions and drawing up actions plans for gender and disability.
UAB Sports Service (SAF)
The SAF is the organisation that manages the sports facilities on the UAB campus.
It has a team of over fifty people and more than 30,000m² of installations offering a wide variety of sports activities.
On the SAF sports complex there are basketball courts, football pitches, volleyball and paddle courts, among others. There is also a fitness room, swimming pool and climbing wall, as well as instructor sessions.

Language Service (UAB Idiomes)
UAB Idiomes offers beginners and more advanced levels in Catalan and Spanish in small groups that allow fast learning, practice and improvement with expert teachers.
A wide range of other language courses are also available.

UAB Sports Service (SAF)
93 581 19 34
saf.usuaris@uab.cat

UAB Idiomes (Language Service)
93 581 13 25
s.llengues.info@uab.cat
Computer services and online resources

CAS
The UAB has a computer advice service to answer your questions and offer remote assistance.

Centre for Advice and Support (CAS)
93 581 21 00
cas@uab.cat

Self-learning resources
The UAB offers all students, lecturers, researchers and administration and services employees a series of self-learning resources for studying and distance working.

Self-learning resources

MOOCs at the UAB
The UAB has joined the world of MOOCs in coherence with its Master Plan which established a clear desire for the transfer of scientific, technological, cultural and training knowledge through quality teaching with a clear international vocation.

MOOCs at the UAB
93 586 80 53
mooc@uab.cat
At the beginning of each academic year, the UAB welcomes international students during the International Welcome Days.

During these days there are activities, workshops and talks to show students what the academic, social and cultural life is like on the campus. It is a good way of getting to know the UAB and meeting other students, both local and international.

If you are an exchange student there are opportunities to take part in the following programmes:

**Buddy** (or mentor)
UAB buddies are local students from your faculty who can make your stay at the university easier academically and socially.

**Tàndem**
The Tàndem programme sets up language pairs or groups to learn or improve other languages. You will also meet people from other cultures and places.

One of the things that makes the UAB different is the large number of interest associations. During your stay you can join these **Student associations** and take part in the activities. Some examples are: the Role-play Society, the human towers group (Ganàpies) and the Swing Club. There are lots of opportunities for extra-academic activities. In the **Directory** you can find all the information about student associations at the UAB.

More information
Plan your stay in Barcelona

Accommodation and living costs
In general you should budget for the following monthly outgoings:

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

Total: between €800 and €1,200 a month for accommodation and living costs.

Study costs
The registration fee includes all academic costs. At public Spanish universities this cost is apart from accommodation and living costs.

Academic fees are calculated according to the number of subjects you register for. You can consult the approximate cost of your fees using the registration simulator.

Registration simulator
The Vila Universitària and other accommodation options

Accommodation
The UAB has accommodation available for the university community on the campus. The Vila Universitària has more than 800 apartments, that can house 2,100 people. Currently 700 residents are from abroad.

How to get to the Vila?
The Vila is situated on the university campus.
You can find out how to get there on the Vila Universitària website.

Choose your apartment

Services available at the Vila
Close to the Vila there is a bar-restaurant, a small supermarket, a pharmacy, two banks, an optician, a book and stationery shop, a gym and a photocopy centre.
Near to the campus are the small towns of Cerdanyola del Vallès, Sant Cugat o Sabadell.

Other accommodation
If you prefer to live off campus we also have a service offering contact with other types of accommodation.
We also suggest you get in touch with the companies we work with for more offers:

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Immigration and residency procedures in your home country

EU students
Students from the European Union do not need to carry out any administrative procedures before arriving in Spain.

- Legal procedures for EU students

Non-EU students
You have to visit the Spanish Consulate in your country of origin or country of legal residence. You can begin the process with the letter of admission issued by the UAB to students.

Depending on the duration of your Studies, visas may be for:

- Stays of up to 90 days (type C).
- Stays of up to 6 months (type D, code SSU).
- Stays of over 6 months (type D, code SLU). In this case you will need to apply for the Foreign National Identity Number (TIE) within one month of arriving in Spain.

- Legal procedures for non-EU students
- Types of visa
- Spanish Consulates
- Foreign National Identity Number (TIE)
UAB employment portal

UAB students have a series of resources available to facilitate their employment and for finding work or work placements related to their studies. All the resources are available at the Employability Service.

You can also go to the NEXUS portal or the UAB research portal.

The Employability Service is mainly concerned with the professional employment of students and graduates of the UAB through companies seeking the best professionals and talent from our University.

Work permits

Under the Law on Foreign Nationals holders of a study permit can also work for a company or organisation or for themselves as long as the employment is compatible with their studies and does not exceed 30 hours a week. More information here
Research and Business
The UAB Research Park aims to solve the challenges of our environment through research and innovation. For this reason, it helps companies and entities to identify their challenges and finds the UAB research groups that can solve them, always from a collaborative and multidisciplinary perspective. Other times, it is the researchers themselves who have the initiative and need help to bring their idea to society. The Research Park is then in charge of finding companies that may need these ideas or funding to develop them both locally and internationally.

UAB Emprèn
UAB-Emprèn offers training in entrepreneurial skills, with an emphasis on idea generation and social entrepreneurship, as well as advice in the initial phase of entrepreneurial projects.

Barcelona Activa
Barcelona Activa is a local development agency. Their mission is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of the people by promoting the economic competitiveness of the city and rebalancing the territories, by means of fostering quality employment, boosting entrepreneurship, and supporting a plural, diverse and sustainable business fabric, from an economic, social and environmental perspective.

Job Seeking Visa:
Spanish law on foreign nationals allows non-EU students to apply for a residency permit after completing their official studies to look for new employment opportunities or to carry out business projects. Please contact the International Support Service to find out more about these permits.
The main UAB campus is situated in **Bellaterra**, close to Barcelona, Sabadell, Sant Cugat and Terrassa.

The campus is well communicated and can be easily reached by train, overground metro, bus, car or bicycle, from these four cities. There is a bike park at the UAB overground metro station.

Select an option for more information:

- **Caminando**
- **En tren**
- **En bicicleta**
- **En coche y moto**
- **En autobús**
- **Accesibilidad**

When you arrive at the UAB campus you can come to the **International Support Service (ISS)** office, where you can get help for any problems you have as students, teaching staff, research and administration and services staff from other countries.

Each of the UAB faculties also has an **International Office**, offering information about the faculty and the courses.

- **Offices for international students**
Immigration and residency procedures on arrival

**EU students**

All students from an EU member country or a country that forms part of the European Economic Area, plus Switzerland, who want to live in Spain for a period of **more than three months** have to request registration in the [Central Register for Foreign Nationals](https://www.mondeen.es/), after which they receive a registration number and a [Foreign National Identity Number (NIE)](https://www.mondeen.es/). Registration takes place in person at the [National Police station](https://www.mondeen.es/) in the city of residence.

[More information](https://www.mondeen.es/)

**Non-EU students**

If you will be in Spain for **more than six months** you have to apply for a [Foreign National Identity Card (TIE)](https://www.mondeen.es/) within **30 calendar days** of your arrival in the EU.

The TIE is a card that authorises your temporary stay and is valid for the duration of your studies in Spain. It is issued for a maximum of one academic year and **renewed annually**, as long as the legal requirements are met. To apply for your TIE you must have previously applied for an [open study visa](https://www.mondeen.es/) (type D, code SLU).

[More information](https://www.mondeen.es/)

**Non-EU students living in the EU at the time of admission**

You can regularise your situation at the Foreign Nationals Office in Barcelona (c/ Múrcia, 42) or register online within **a month of arriving in Spain**.

It is essential that your Foreign National Identity Card (TIE) from the country in which you live is valid and you must have had your passport stamped upon entry into Spain.

The ISS office will give you help to do this procedure online. Please contact the ISS by writing to: [international.support@uab.cat](mailto:international.support@uab.cat).

If your passport was not stamped when you entered Spain you will have to complete a [declaration of entry](https://www.mondeen.es/) at the National Police station at the airport or the station at Rambla Guipúzcoa, 74 (Barcelona), within **72 hours** of entering Spain.

[More information](https://www.mondeen.es/)

Course registration

**Bachelor’s degrees**
Registration is from **July to September** depending on the date on which you were assigned a place.

Registration takes place **in person** at the academic management office of the faculty or centre where you will be studying.

Payment must be made by **direct debit**. You must have a bank account in Spain or in the **SEPA**.

- How to register
- Methods of payment

**Official Master’s degrees**
Registration is in **September**, although the dates may vary depending on the course.

Registration is generally **in person** at the academic management office of the faculty or centre where you will be studying.

Payment must be made by **direct debit** from a bank account in Spain or in the **SEPA** or by **bank card**.

- How to register
- Prepayment of registration fees
- Methods of payment

**UAB Master’s degrees and postgraduate courses**
- How to register
- Methods of payment

**PhD**
- How to register
- Methods of payment

If you have any questions please contact **infouab**
Once you have registered you can request your UAB membership card, which allows you to identify yourself and accredits you as a member of the university community.

- With your university identification number (NIU), which appears on the card, and your password, which you can obtain at https://oim.uab.es/opwd/?lang=ca, you can access the Online Campus and the other online services of the UAB.

- The UAB card also gives you access to some other university services such as the libraries network, laboratories, etc.

- The card is valid for the whole length of your stay.

- Online visit of the UAB campus
- Faculties and schools of the UAB
- UAB activities diary
- UAB on social media
- UAB newsroom
- UAB shop
Courses and programmes for international students

Specific programmes for international students
The UAB offers different programmes for international students who want to spend one semester or a full year in Barcelona.

- Selected courses
- Established programmes
- Tailor-made programmes
- UAB Barcelona Summer School

Exchange programmes
The UAB has exchange agreements with students from universities around the world, especially Europe, Latin America and Asia. Currently there are three types of exchange options according to the geographical area.

- Exchange programmes at the UAB
- Map of exchange agreements
Buddy Programme

As well as the university teaching the UAB Barcelona Summer School includes a complementary social activities programme with local students in which to enjoy the UAB experience with the other international students, have fun and get to know about the culture of our country.

- Consult the Buddy Programme activities

The best way to enjoy an international academic summer experience while discovering Barcelona.

The UAB Barcelona Summer School offers a range of subjects in all areas of knowledge.

Teaching is in English and for some subjects in Spanish. You also have the opportunity to learn or improve your Spanish in a complementary course.

The subject are offered over two 3-week periods from the end of June to the beginning of August.

All subjects allow you to obtain 6 ECTS credits.

For students from other countries your home university can usually transfer the credits to your academic transcript, especially if they have an active mobility programme with the UAB, although this is subject to the regulations of the home University. Ask at your University.

- Consult the requirements
- Consult the calendar and programme for each subject
International Support Service

The ISS is an office of the Area for International Relations offering support to international students, teaching and research staff and administration and services staff, and their relatives.

The International Support Service gives practical support for your stay in Barcelona and the UAB to give you a better experience and facilitate your academic or professional performance.

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