



HANDBOOK
ACCESS TO THE UAB
FOR FOREIGN AND
EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ana Ripoll Aracil
Rector of the UAB



The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona is a young and dynamic academic institution, among the best educational centres in the whole of Spain and the European Union, both in terms of quality of education and excellence in research.

It was founded in 1968 at the dawn of Spanish democracy and instigated by academics who were fervent defenders of liberties and human rights.

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

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

In addition, UAB has campuses in Barcelona (specialising in life sciences), and in the nearby towns of Sabadell and Badalona.

The main UAB campus, located in Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès), is a short 25 minute train ride from the centre of Barcelona.

Barcelona is an open-minded cosmopolitan metropolis located on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea; a city which leaves no visitor indifferent. One of its greatest virtues as a city dating back to Roman times is its ability to mix the old with the new. It is also rich in architecture, where one can find Modernist buildings such as the Sagrada Família 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.



1. EHEA Degrees

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

HEALTH SCIENCES

FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
 MEDICINE (UAB)
 MEDICINE (UAB-UPF)
 NURSING (UAB)
 NURSING (AFFILIATED SCHOOLS)
 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
 PHYSIOTHERAPY (UAB)
 PHYSIOTHERAPY (AFFILIATED SCHOOLS)
 PODIATRY
 PSYCHOLOGY
 SPEECH THERAPY
 VETERINARY MEDICINE

SCIENCES

APPLIED STATISTICS
 CHEMISTRY
 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
 GEOLOGY
 MATHEMATICS
 MATHEMATICS + COMPUTER ENGINEERING
 NANOSCIENCE AND NANOTECHNOLOGY
 PHYSICS
 PHYSICS + MATHEMATICS

BIOSCIENCES

BIOCHEMISTRY
 BIOLOGY
 BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
 BIOTECHNOLOGY
 ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY
 GENETICS
 MICROBIOLOGY

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

ARCHAEOLOGY
 ART HISTORY
 ARTS AND DESIGN
 CATALAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
 CATALAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE + CATALAN, CLASSICAL LANGUAGES OR ENGLISH
 CATALAN AND CLASSICAL STUDIES
 CATALAN AND SPANISH STUDIES
 CLASSICAL STUDIES
 CLASSICAL STUDIES + CATALAN, ENGLISH OR SPANISH
 DESIGN
 EAST ASIAN STUDIES
 ENGLISH STUDIES
 ENGLISH STUDIES + CATALAN, CLASSICAL LANGUAGES OR SPANISH
 ENGLISH AND CATALAN STUDIES
 ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL STUDIES
 ENGLISH AND FRENCH STUDIES *
 ENGLISH AND SPANISH STUDIES
 FRENCH STUDIES *
 FRENCH AND CATALAN STUDIES *
 FRENCH AND CLASSICAL STUDIES *
 FRENCH AND SPANISH STUDIES *
 HISTORY
 HUMANITIES
 MUSICOLOGY
 PHILOSOPHY
 SPANISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
 SPANISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE + CATALAN, CLASSICAL LANGUAGES OR ENGLISH
 SPANISH AND CLASSICAL STUDIES
 TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCES
 ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS *
 AERONAUTICAL MANAGEMENT
 AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATION *
 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION + LAW
 BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

COMPANIES MANAGEMENT
 CRIMINOLOGY
 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION STUDIES
 GEOGRAPHY AND LAND MANAGEMENT
 HOTEL MANAGEMENT (UAB-SPECIFIC DEGREE)
 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
 JOURNALISM *
 LAW
 POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT
 PREVENTION AND INTEGRAL SAFETY AND SECURITY *
 PRIMARY EDUCATION
 SOCIAL EDUCATION
 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
 SOCIOLOGY
 TOURISM

TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES

AUTOMATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
 CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
 COMPUTER ENGINEERING
 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
 ENGINEERING IN INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION
 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES
 MATHEMATICS + COMPUTER ENGINEERING
 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
 TELECOMMUNICATION ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
 TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

* PENDING APPROVAL

European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

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

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

DEGREES AND THEIR EQUIVALENT IN ECTS CREDITS

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

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

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

WHAT DOES THIS CHANGE REPRESENT?

1. **More mobility** for undergraduate and graduate students, teaching staffs and professionals throughout Europe. Thus, for example, a student at a Catalan university who has completed 180 ECTS credits can register to enrol in a master's degree offered at a German university.
2. Thanks to the European Diploma Supplement (DS) there is more **transparency between the higher learning degrees** issued in each country, which **facilitates validating these qualifications** in any other university belonging to the **EHEA**. Degrees obtained in any of the European universities will be accepted by the other countries in the **EHEA**, while each university will nevertheless have the right to establish their own additional training requirements.
3. **Quality education** based on **continuous assessment**. The aim of universities is to provide students with the tools needed to enter the labour market and with the competences required for critical thinking and the assimilation of knowledge in order to be able to apply them in the real world.
4. An **improvement in the competences** acquired by the student.
5. To create **comparable higher learning quality standards** in all areas: management, teaching and research.

① More information:

www.uab.es/bolonia

bolonya@uab.cat

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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

① More information:

Tel.: +34 93 581 30 10/ 93 581 24 91

www.uab.es/postgrado

informacio@uab.es



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.

EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE OR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

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

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

Please check with the Spanish National University for Distance Education (UNED) for more information on requirements for your country. More information can be found at:

<http://www.uned.es/accesoUE>. Once your documents have been validated by the UNED, you can pre-register for the studies you wish to enrol in at the University Access Office (Oficina d'Orientació per a l'Accés a la Universitat).

Please bear in mind the following:

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

If you wish to take the specific phase of the entrance exams, you must also obtain the corresponding certificate. In this case, you will first need to present the necessary documents before taking these exams.

① **More information** can be found at UNED:

Tel.: +34 91 398 66 13

selectue@admin.uned.es

VALIDATED QUALIFICATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE FOR NON-EU CITIZENS

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

Ministerio de Educación

Subdirección General de Títulos, Convalidaciones y Homologaciones.

P. del Prado, 28. 28014 Madrid.

Tel. +34 91 506 56 00 - +34 902 21 85 00

or at the Barcelona office:

Área de Alta Inspección en Educación

C. Bergara, 12.

08002 Barcelona.

Tel. +34 93 520 96 03

Please bear in mind that **once you have validated your qualifications and received the Spanish diploma, it will be the only diploma valid for your further studies in Spain.**

You will also need to pass the university entrance exams (Pruebas de Acceso a la Universidad - PAU) organised by the Spanish National University for Distance Education (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia) which all students in Spain must pass to be admitted into university.

Main offices:

C. Bravo Murillo, 38

08040 MADRID

Tel. +34 91 3986613

or at the Barcelona office:

Travessera de de Corts, 159

08028 - Barcelona

el. +34 902 27 25 23

info@barcelona.uned.es

C. Colom, 114

08222 - Terrassa

Tel. +34 902 27 25 23

info@terrassa.uned.es

<http://www.uned-terrassa.es>

E-mail address:

1 398 66 13

<http://info.uned.es>

You can also register to take the PAU exams through the Spanish Embassy or Consulates.

Once your documents are valid in Spain and you pass the PAU exams, you can pre-register for the studies you wish to enrol in at the University Access Office (Oficina d'Orientació per a l'Accés a la Universitat).

① More information on validations:

<http://www.educacion.es/educacion/sistema-educativo/convalidaciones.html>

① More information on PAU exams:

www.uned.es

Exam periods

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

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

You can enrol for the PAU exams at <http://accesnet.gencat.cat>

2. Students who have begun university studies in another country

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

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

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

3. Validation of university qualifications obtained abroad

You should apply to validate your qualifications through your nearest office of the Spanish Ministry for Education (MEC).

Once your studies have been validated, you will need to pre-register for university at the Catalan Government's Pre-Registration Office.

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

If the Ministry of Education and Culture does not validate your qualification, you will still be able to apply for some of your modules to be validated.



4. Students who want to take a postgraduate course

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN OFFICIAL MASTERS

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

More information:

UAB General-Information Point

Plaça Cívica

08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)

Tel.: +34 93 581 48 48 / 93 581 11 11

Masters.Oficials@uab.es

www.uab.es/officialmasters

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DOCTORATE

Admission requirements are:

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

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A MASTERS OR POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE (continuing education)

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

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

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

① More 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

1. Mobility and exchanges

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

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

- ERASMUS: students from universities in the 27 member states of the EU, the European Economic Area or Turkey, who have signed an exchange agreement with the UAB.
erasmus@uab.es
- UAB PORGRAMMES: students from any university in the world that is not included in the Erasmus programme, which has signed an exchange agreement with the UAB.
internacional.propi@uab.es
- SICUE-SÉNECA: students from Spanish universities that have signed an agreement with the UAB.
Sicue.seneca@uab.es

① More information:

Area of International Relations

Campus UAB – Block N – Media library

08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès) Barcelona

Tel: +34 93 581 3779 / Fax: +34 93 581 4357

of.rel.internacionals@uab.es

Mobility and exchanges

www.uab.es – right-hand menu: Mobility and exchanges

2. Study Abroad and other programmes

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

There are three different programmes. Students can register for regular classes offered on the UAB main campus (Regular Classes Study Abroad Programme), from part of a group with a tailor made programme (Tailor –made Programmes) or spend 15 weeks in Barcelona studying Spanish and a selection of between two and five subjects taught in English, wither individually or in groups (Pre-established Study Abroad Programmes, of which there are two types: Study Abroad for individual registration and for group registration).

As a visiting student, applying directly to the Academic Management office of the destination university and paying special fees. The destination university will award a grade certificate but their official recognition depends on the university of origin.

① More information:

International Area

Fundació Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (FUAB)

Tel.: +34 93 433 50 29

Fax: +34 93 581 74 74

study.abroad@uab.es



1. International Welcome Point (IWP)

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

The IWP will give you:

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

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME POINT (IWP)

Campus de Bellaterra-Plaça Cívica

Tel.: +34 93 581 22 10

Fax: +34 93 581 25 95

international.welcome.point@uab.es

Open Mondays to Fridays from 9.30am to 7pm

(Wednesdays from 9.30am to 3pm).

July and August from 9.30am to 3pm.

REGISTRATION AT THE IWP

Procedures

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

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

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

2. Welcome Programme

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

As part of the Welcome Programme a number of activities are organised, including day trips, a language learning programme -Tàndem- and the Mentor Programme for individual accompaniment by a fellow student. You can also go to office R.104 in the Edifici d'Estudiants.

① More information:

Edifici d'Estudiants

Office 127

Pl. Cívica

Tel.: +34 93 581 43 83

intercanvi.estudiants@uab.es

3. Legal issues

a) EU Students

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

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 scholarships (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.

You should check how much time you will be staying in Spain. *If you are planning to stay more than six months*, you will need to obtain a Type D student visa before leaving

your country. Without the visa you cannot obtain the Student Residence Card you need to be a legal Spanish resident. *If you are planning to stay less than six months*, there is a Type D visa limited to only 180 days (Visado D Estudios hasta 180 días), and once you are in Spain this visa cannot be renewed under any circumstances.

A visa can never be changed once in Spain. The only type of valid visa is that obtained from the Spanish Embassy or Consulate before coming to Spain. You 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 on which you entered the European Union.

The Student Residence Card (*Autorización de Estancia porEstudios*) 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.

① More information:

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

International Welcome Point-IWP

Campus de Bellaterra-Plaça Cívica

Tel.: + 34 93 581 22 10

Fax + 34 93 586 80 25

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

Opening times: 9.30 am to 7 pm

(Wednesdays 9.30 am to 3 pm).

Summer opening: July 9.30 am to 5 pm,

August 9.30 am to 3 pm.

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

ID CARD FOR FOREIGNERS (TIE or NIE)

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

To benefit from this service you must bring a photocopy of your first card (NIE) to the IWP office.

TIE RENEWAL

You can renew your TIE through the IWP or by requesting an appointment online at the Subdelegación del Gobierno:

<http://www.mpr.es>

Subdelegación del Gobierno - Oficina de Extranjería

C/Murcia, 42. Barcelona. Metro: Navas/Clot L1

Clot/Bac de Roda L2

WORK AUTHORIZATION

IWP can help you in applying for a work permit to work at UAB. For all other job offers please contact Servei d'Ocupació de Catalunya:

http://www.oficinadetreball.cat/socweb/opencms/socweb_ca/ciudadans/cita_previa_estrangers.html

RETURN PERMIT

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

You must book an appointment online at:

<http://www.mpr.es>

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 can have free access to Spanish public healthcare.

If your country has no healthcare agreement with the Spanish Social Security system, you should take out private insurance cover for the whole of your stay in Spain.

All the students under 28 registered at the UAB have right to cover under the UAB Educational Insurance scheme.

Social Security in Barcelona

www.seg-social.es

Catalan Public Health Institute

www.gencat.net/ics

5. Accommodation

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

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

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

VILA UNIVERSITÀRIA

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

vila@vilauniversitaria.com

Tel.: +34 93 580 3095

Fax: +34 93 580 9186

www.vilauniversitaria.com

STUDENTS BUILDING – ACCOMMODATION

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

<http://etc.uab.cat/habitatge.php>

You can also contact the following accommodation services:

Barcelona Housing Service for Students

(Apartments, rooms, flats for rent, hostels, halls of residence...)

C/ Torrent de l'Olla, 219. 08012 Barcelona

Tel.: +34 93 238 90 72

Fax: +34 93 228 92 59

info@bcn-housing-students.com

www.bcn-housing-students.com

Habitatge Jove

C/ Enric Granados, 19, entresol 1a.

Tel.: +34 93 323 9068.

<http://www.habitatgejove.com/webv2c/es/index.htm>

Departament d'Habitatge de la Generalitat de Catalunya

(normativa, guia, consejo, recursos...)

<http://www.cat365.net/Inici/FetsVitals/CanviardeCasa/>

Secretaria de Joventut

<http://www20.gencat.cat/portal/site/Joventut>

Left Menu HABITATGE: Servei de Borsa Jove d'Habitatge

OTHER WEBSITES TO FOR ACCOMMODATION OUTSIDE THE UAB

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

<http://www.loquo.com>

<http://www.pisocompartido.com>

<http://www.barcelonesjove.net/guialloguer/>

<http://www.jove.cat>

<http://www.provivienda.org>



6. Grants and scholarships

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

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

7. Cost of living

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

RENT:

- **Vila Universitària de la UAB – Vila2**
Shared apartment / Non-shared apartment*
- **Vila Universitària – External shared apartment**
Shared apartment*

*Check the web <http://www.vilauniversitaria.com/> for prices

Accommodation in Barcelona

- Shared apartment €260 - €400
- Non-shared apartment €700 - €1200

Accommodation in Cerdanyola del Vallès

- Shared apartment €180 - €270
- Non-shared apartment €500 - €800

Accommodation in Sabadell

- Shared apartment €210 - €300
- Non-shared apartment €600 - €800

FOOD:

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

- A hamburger €5
- A sandwich €4
- Breakfast at the University Bar €4
- Lunch at a cheap restaurant €7 - €12
- Lunch at the University Bar €5 - €7
- Go out for dinner €20 - €30

TRANSPORTS

Get to the campus Bellaterra UAB:

Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC) – 2 zones

Station: “Barcelona-Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona”

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

RENFE Local trains – 2 zones

Station: Renfe: “Barcelona-Cerdanyola Universitat”

Check for prices in:

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

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 23)

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

8. Using languages

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

① More information:

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

<http://www.uab.es/> (Mobility and Exchange link)

LEARNING LANGUAGES

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

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

CATALAN LANGUAGE COURSES

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

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

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

i More information:

Language Service – UAB Idiomes

Tel.: +34 93 581 13 25

<http://www.uab.es/uab-idiomes>

s.llengues.info@uab.es

9. Exchange Programme Students

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

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

UAB EXCHANGE OFFICES IN CENTRES

Sciences

Tel.: 93 581 37 15

intercanvis.ciencias@uab.es

Biosciences

Tel.: 93 581 42 30

intercanvis.ciencias@uab.es

Media Studies

Tel.: 93 581 17 95

intercanvis.comunicacio@uab.es

Economics

Tel.: 93 581 15 51

intercanvis.economiques@uab.es

Education

Tel.: 93 581 17 84

intercanvis.educacio@uab.es

Political Science and Sociology

Tel.: 93 581 12 21

intercanvis.politiques@uab.es

Law

Tel.: 93 581 10 79

intercanvis.dret@uab.es**Philosophy and Arts**

Tel.: 93 581 17 58

intercanvis.lletres@uab.es**Medicine**

Tel.: 93 581 19 17

intercanvis.medicina@uab.es**Psychology**

Tel.: 93 581 24 59

intercanvis.psicologia@uab.es**Translation and Interpretation**

Tel.: 93 581 24 63

intercanvis.fti@uab.es**Veterinary Medicine**

Tel.: 93 581 10 48

intercanvis.veterinaria@uab.es**Sabadell School of Business Studies**

Tel.: 93 728 77 12

intercanvis.empresarials@uab.es**Sabadell School of Computer Studies**

Tel.: 93 728 77 26

intercanvis.eui@uab.es**Higher Technical College of Engineering**

Tel.: 93 581 13 01

intercanvis.enginyeria@uab.es**UAB EXCHANGE OFFICES IN THE ASSOCIATED CENTRES****School of Tourism and Hotel Management**

Tel.: 93 580 93 55

albert.vancells@uab.es**EINA-Art and Design School**

Tel.: 93 203 09 23

internacional@eina.edu**The MASSANA School- Art and Design Centre**

Tel.: 93 442 20 00

internacional@escolamassana.es**Vall d'Hebron School of Nursing**

Tel.: 93 489 43 85

mdbernabeu@vhebron.net**Red Cross School, Terrassa**

Tel.: 93 783 77 77

cristina@escola.creuroja.org**Salesiana de Sarrià School**

Tel.: 93 280 52 44

relacions.internacionals@euss.es**Gimbernat School of Nursing and Physiotherapy**

Tel.: 93 589 37 27

gimbernat@cesc.es**Tomàs Cerdà School of Computer Studies**

Tel.: 93 589 37 27

Carme.sanahuges@cesc.es**Manresa School of Nursing**

Tel.: 93 877 41 79

mvilanova@fub.edu**Manresa School of Physiotherapy**

Tel.: 93 877 41 79

rgaltes@fub.edu

1. Getting to Barcelona

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

BY AIR

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

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

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

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

① More information:

Tel.: 90 240 47 04

www.aena.es

BY TRAIN

Many trains travel from Spain and the rest of Europe (via France, Italy or Switzerland) to Barcelona's two main stations, Estació de Sants and Estació de França.

① More information:

RENFE – Red Nacional de Ferrocarriles

Tel.: 902 240 20 02 / 90 224 34 02

www.renfe.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.

① More information:

Estació d'Autobusos Barcelona Nord

Tel.: 90 226 06 06

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 Valencia and Tarragona) in the south. The UAB is right next to this motorway and is signposted.

The C-16/E-9 also comes from France, but further to the west (via Toulouse). The C-16 goes to the centre of Barcelona.

To get to the campus, take the C-58 just south of Terrassa and follow the signs for "UAB".

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



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.

① More information:

Tel.: +34 93 205 15 15

FGC website (www.fgc.net).

RENFE (Spanish National Railway Network)

Line C4 - Cerdanyola Universitat station. From Barcelona you can take the train from Sants, Plaça Catalunya, Arc del Triomf and Sant Andreu Arenal. The journey takes around 30 minutes from the centre of Barcelona, with trains leaving every 30 minutes. A ten-journey ticket, which can be used by more than one person if travelling together, offers 40% discount.

① More information:

Tel.: +34 93 490 02 02

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.

① More 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 organises the Shared Transport Service, with the aim of enabling members of the university community to offer their vehicle or find a vehicle to share when they travel to the UAB. By sharing your car with other students, you help to preserve the environment and reduce your own costs.

Mobilitat.org

If you are still not sure how to get to the campus using public transport, you can check the Mobilitat.org website and find out further information on the most comfortable, economical and environmentally friendly ways of travelling to the UAB.



1. UAB Bellaterra campus / 2. Sabadell campus business management school it school / 3. Teaching unit at Vall d'Hebron University Hospital / 4. Teaching Unit at Santa Creu and Sant Pau University / Hospital and UAB-Casa Convalescència / 5. Teaching unit at Hospital del Mar / 6. Teaching unit at "Germans Trias i Pujol" University Hospital

3. Bellaterra campus map

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• Graduate School of Archival and Records Management	
• School of Tourism and Hotel Management	
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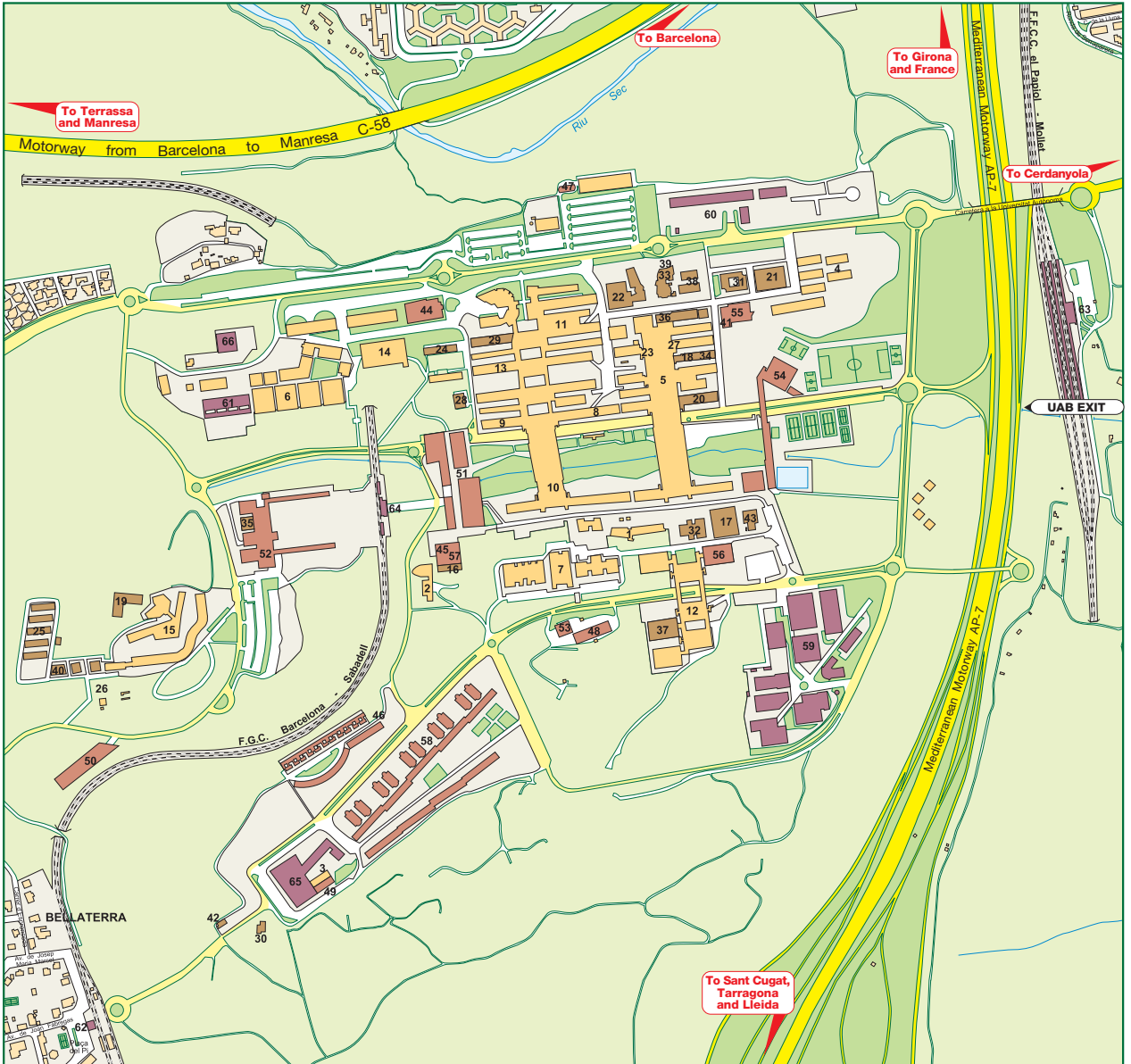
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1. Useful addresses

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(Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm)

July and August from 9:30am to 3pm

Informacio@uab.cat

International Welcome Point (IWP)

Campus de Bellaterra-Plaça Cívica

BARCELONA

Tel.: +34 93 581 22 10

Fax: +34 93 581 25 95

international.welcome.point@uab.cat

www.uab.cat

CATALAN GOVERNMENT - GENERALITAT DE CATALUNYA

www.gencat.net/dursi

www.estudiarencatalunya.net

BARCELONA CENTRO UNIVERSITARIO

www.bcu.cesca.es

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

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