UPDATED INFORMATION FOR EXCHANGE PARTNERS WITH BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH ETSAB-UPC | ESCOLA TÈCNICA SUPERIOR D'ARQUITECTURA DE BARCELONA 2026/2027

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Application	https://etsab.upc.edu/en/international/incoming/exchange-students
Nomination via e- mail	Exchange students must be selected by their home institution, according to the conditions and number of places of the bilateral agreement. Partner universities should communicate the nominated candidates before **May 15th** to ETSAB International Office by e-mail at mob.etsab@upc.edu indicating: students' name, email, current studies and period of stay (for non-UE students: please add ID/passport number) Instructions for online application will be sent in return to the nominated students
Online Application	Exchange students must then **apply online for admission** between April 1st and **May 31st** at: https://prisma-nou.upc.edu/apl/home_preinscripcio.php?idioma=3# Online Application: Fill in the required data + Upload the following files: - ETSAB Exchange Application Form dully filled in, signed by their mobility coordinator - Copy of passport or ID card - Academic Records, with number of credits achieved/total credits of the current degree
Deadlines	**MAY 15th for nomination / MAY 31st for online admission application**
Additional documents	No other documents are needed at this moment. Upon arrival, students may bring with them a curriculum vitae and a graphic portfolio with samples of their work, to show to their ETSAB academic advisor.
Learning Agreement	Follow the indications on How to prepare your LEARNING AGREEMENT (Before the Mobility) This first version of the LEARNING AGREEMENT will be provisionally signed by ETSAB International Office (or validated online via EWP-Erasmus Without Papers when possible) and IT DOES NOT IMPLY A RESERVATION OF THE CHOSEN COURSES. The availability of subjects and class groups will only be known at the moment of enrolment and changes are very likely to happen. Once the enrolment at ETSAB is fully completed (including changes periods in September & January) ETSAB International Office will sign or validate online via EWP the EXCEPTIONAL CHANGES in the LEARNING AGREEMENT accordingly.
Mandatory Insurance	**It is mandatory that all exchange and visiting students coming to UPC book a private insurance that covers them for their stay**, which includes **health assistance** (including diagnostic tests and surgical interventions), **accidents**, (compensation for permanent disability and death compensation), **repatriation** and **civil liability**. **EU students**. Students from the European Union (or Norway or Switzerland) need to have both the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and an additional private insurance. Upon arrival and before the enrolment at ETSAB, students will be asked to hand in an INSURANCE STATEMENT document duly completed and signed, with a copy of the insurance policy contracted with these coverages.

Academic Calendar	First semester: **from early September to end of January** Second semester: **from February to end of June** **accurate calendar will be known later on*
Preferred period of stay	Depending on the bilateral agreement, the stay may be for one year or one semester. In the case of agreements for annual stays, semestral stays are also accepted, but only in the first term (September-January). The number of places remains unchanged, regardless of the duration of the stay.
Problems for study in 2nd semester	**IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO COME JUST FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER (February -June)** **Enrolment of incoming students takes place in September for the full year** *ONLY when specified at the bilateral agreement, or very exceptionally at request of the partner university, ETSAB may authorize second semester stays.* *Important note: the academic offer will be adjusted to the availability at the time of arrival*
Academic structure	http://etsab.upc.edu/en/international/incoming/study-at-etsab ETSAB ARCHITECTURE studies are organized into a 5+1 years structure: **GRADO EN ESTUDIOS DE ARQUITECTURA** (Degree in Architecture Studies) **GArqEtsaB** = 300 ECTS in 5 years + **MASTER UNIVERSITARIO EN ARQUITECTURA** (Master's Degree in Architecture) **MArqEtsaB** = 60 ECTS in 1 year GArqEtsaB along with MArqEtsaB is an integrated academic programme that enables the practice as Architect in Spain (regulated profession) POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES ETSAB has restructured its postgraduate academic offer, merging most former Master Degree programmes, which in general are not offered to exchange and visiting students. MASTER UNIVERSITARIO EN PAISAJISMO (Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture) **MBLandArch** = 120 ECTS in 2 years MASTER UNIVERSITARIO EN ESTUDIOS AVANZADOS EN ARQUITECTURA·BARCELONA (Master's degree in Advanced Studies in Architecture-Barcelona) **MBArch** = 60 ECTS in 1 year, 9 different tracks MASTER UNIVERSITARIO EN ESTUDIOS AVANZADOS EN DISEÑO-BARCELONA (Master's degree in Advanced Studies in Design-Barcelona) **MBDesign** = 60 ECTS in 1 year, 5 different tracks
Academic offer Courses available for exchange students	Incoming Exchange students will enrol courses of **GRADO EN ESTUDIOS DE ARQUITECTURA** GArqEtsaB. Academic offer details are updated every year in July (elective courses offer, class schedules...) Besides, MASTER UNIVERSITARIO EN PAISAJISMO MBLandArch courses are available only for Erasmus+ and EMiLA Landscape students when specified in the Bilateral Agreement. Other ETSAB's study programmes (MArqEtsaB, MBArch or MBDesign) are NOT included in Exchange Bilateral Agreements. *Exceptionally, some MBArch elective courses taught in English may be offered ONLY TO THOSE EXCHANGE STUDENTS WITH MORE THAN 180 ECTS (equal to 6 semesters) already achieved in their previous Architecture studies. (Not applicable to SICUE and Visiting students)*
Advanced knowledge preferred	**It is strongly recommended that, upon arrival, Architecture exchange students have completed 6 semesters at their home university (180 ECTS credits).**
Enrolment	Annual enrolment in September, both autumn and spring semester subjects must be chosen. Changes only allowed at specific dates of September & January
Enrolment criteria for exchange students *(visiting students)*	It is recommended not to take more than 5-6 subjects (24-30 ECTS) **per semester** *(Visiting students at undergraduate degrees (grados) are allowed to enrol a maximum of 60 ECTS credits during their stay at UPC)* • **Compulsory subjects from 1st to 5th year:** They may enrol any subject of their interest, choosing the semester, according to the availability of class groups. >> Maximum 1 Architectural Design Studio + 1 Urban Planning Studio per semester • **Elective subjects** have a limited number of places. While reserving a percentage of them for exchange/visiting we cannot guarantee its availability for all students. Their schedule may overlap with compulsory courses >> Maximum 2-3 elective courses per semester, according to availability • **Final Thesis Project (TFG) is not open** to incoming exchange/visiting students

Academic schedule	from early September until end of June 30 weeks of classes: 2 terms of 15 weeks (excluding examinations and intensive courses)
Credit & grading system	60 ECTS credits per academic year 1 ECTS = 25-30 hours (50% contact hours at class / 50% self-study hours)
Marks / Grading scale	**ETSAB qualification grading scale (from 0 to 10)** 10 (MATRÍCULA D'HONOR) mark of special distinction 9 to 9,9 (EXCEL·LENT) excellent 7 to 8,9 (NOTABLE) very good 5 to 6,9 (APROVAT) good / satisfactory 5 is the passing grade 0 to 4,9 (SUSPENS) not passed (fail) NP (NO PRESENTAT) not examined
Medium of instruction Language for exchange students	SPANISH and CATALAN are the languages of instruction at ETSAB Architecture Degree classes, although some elective subjects and specific class groups in Arch. Design & Urban Design Studios and other core subjects are offered in ENGLISH, with limited places available.
Language requirements	**ETSAB strongly recommend having at least a B1 level of Spanish before arrival.** Incoming students are not required to submit a proof of Spanish or Catalan language skills, however partner universities should take that into consideration for nomination.
Language courses	UPC LANGUAGES SERVICE: **Servei de Llengües i Terminologia (SLT)** North Camps UPC, Vertex building Pl. Eusebi Güell 6 - 08034 BARCELONA Tel: +34 93 401 74 97 web: www.upc.edu/slt/ contact: https://demana.upc.edu/slt/?lang=en_US CATALAN: SLT, the Language and Terminology Service of our university UPC offers Catalan courses with special fees for incoming exchange students: www.upc.edu/slt/en/learn-catalan/courses You may also start learning Catalan via internet at INTERC@T: http://www.intercat.cat SPANISH: UPC has signed agreements with other Catalan universities, so incoming exchange students get access at their language schools to follow Spanish courses for foreigners with the same fees as their members: www.upc.edu/slt/en/learn-es
Accommodation	NOT PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY UPC can recommend you these reliable housing platforms, with a wide range of possibilities of housing in Barcelona and surroundings: **UNIPLACES**: www.uniplaces.com/ **HOUSINGANYWHERE**: https://housinganywhere.com/ Student-to-student housing platform to book your accommodation abroad and rent out your room If you prefer to find accommodation in a residence hall: **RESA Residence Halls**: https://resa.es/en/ Other organisations that may be helpful to find student accommodation in Barcelona: **BCU Housing** www.bcuhousing.cat **HABITATGE JOVE** www.habitatgejove.com
Sports & activities	Information about sport facilities and activities at UPC: web: www.upc.edu/esports contact: info.esports@upc.edu
Other useful info	UPC International Mobilty Office (OMI) web: www.upc.edu/sri/en/mobility_office/students-mobility-office/incomings contact: oficina.mobilitat.internacional@upc.edu