Updated Information for Exchange Partners with Bilateral Agreement with ETSAB-Upc_Escola Tècnica Superior d’Arquitectura de Barcelona 2018/2019

General Information
Erasmus ID-code: E BARCEL0 03
University: Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya · BarcelonaTech (UPC)

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Application
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 31st 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 between April 1st and June 15th at:
https://preinscripcio.upc.edu/home_candidat.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
- Portrait picture for the UPC Student Card: JPG format file / minimum resolution 100 dpi / dimensions: 181 pixel width x 220 pixel height / white background

Deadlines
MAY 31 for nomination / JUNE 15 for online application

Additional documents
No other documents are needed at this moment.
Upon arrival in September, students should bring with them their academic transcript of records and a graphic portfolio with samples of their work, to show to their ETSAB academic advisor.

WARNING: Learning Agreements will be signed preferably after enrolment in September, because the availability of many courses will only be known at the moment of registration, so changes are very likely to happen. Any Learning Agreement sent before can only be signed provisionally and it doesn’t imply at all a reservation of the courses chosen.

Academic Calendar
First semester: from mid-September to end of January
Second semester: from February to end of June
*accurate calendar will be known later on

Preferred period of stay
It is recommended to come for a full academic year (September-June), but one-semester stays will be accepted ONLY in the first semester (September-January). The number of places will remain the same regardless of the duration of the stay.

It is not possible to come just for the Second Semester (February-June)

Problems for study in 2nd semester
The enrolment period for incoming students is only in September.
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 then be adjusted to availability at the time of inscription.
ETSAB ARCHITECTURE studies are organized into a 5+1 year structure:

**GRADO EN ESTUDIOS DE ARQUITECTURA** Plan 2014 (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 recently 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

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**Academic offer**

**Courses available for exchange students**: Incoming Exchange students will only enrol **GRADO EN ESTUDIOS DE ARQUITECTURA** GArqEtsaB course units. 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. (please check ETSAB exchange partners list)

Any other ETSAB's Master or PhD programmes are NOT included in Exchange bilateral agreements. Neither MArqEtsaB nor MBArch & MBDesign courses are available for exchange/visiting students.

**Advanced knowledge preferred**

Architecture exchange students preferred **with 6 semesters completed** at their home institution (180 ECTS achieved)

**Enrolment**

Annual enrolment in September, both autumn and spring semester subjects must be chosen. Changes only allowed in January for second semester courses

It is recommended not to take more than 5-6 subjects (24-30 ECTS) per semester

(Visiting students are allowed to enrol up to 30 ECTS in total, regardless of the duration of their stay being just one semester or a full academic year)

- **Compulsory course units 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 courses** 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 Report (TFG)** is not open to incoming exchange/visiting students

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**Academic schedule**

from mid-September until end of June

30 weeks of classes: 2 terms of 15 weeks (excluding examinations and intensive courses)

60 ECTS credits per academic year

1 ECTS = 25-30 hours (50% contact hours at class / 50% self-study hours)

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**Credit & grading system**

**Marks / Grading scale**

ETSAB qualification grading scale (from 0 to 10)

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**Course units**

**Academic structure**

http://etsab.upc.edu/en/international/incoming/study-at-etsab
| Medium of instruction | SPANISH and CATALAN are the languages of instruction at ETSAB Architecture Degree classes. A limited number of courses are given in ENGLISH: some elective subjects and also specific groups of many Design Studios and most Compulsory courses of the 3rd year. |
| Language for exchange students | 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 requirements | |
| Language courses | CATALAN: SLT, the Language and Terminology Service of our university UPC offers Catalan courses with special fees for incoming exchange students  
Servei de Llengües i Terminologia (SLT)  
North Camps UPC, Vertex building  
Pl. Eusebi Güell 6 - 08034 BARCELONA  
Tel: +34 93 401 74 97  
Email: web.slt@upc.edu  
web: [http://www.upc.edu/slt/](http://www.upc.edu/slt/)  
You may also start learning Catalan via internet at INTERC@T:  
web: [www.intercat.cat](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.  
Queries: [https://www.upc.edu/slt/ca/formulari/consultes-cursos](https://www.upc.edu/slt/ca/formulari/consultes-cursos) |
| Accommodation | NOT PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY  
Barcelona universities have an agreement with:  
HOUSING ANYWHERE: Student-to-student housing platform to book your accommodation abroad and rent out your room  
web: [http://housinganywhere.com](http://housinganywhere.com)  
RESA a specialist organisation in youth accommodation. Students are advised to contact them either via Internet, e-mail or fax in order to determine the most suitable type of accommodation available (shared flat, rented apartment or university residence hall), well in advance of their moving to Barcelona.  
Flats:  
RESA Housing  
C/ Torrent de l'Olla 219 - 08012 BARCELONA, SPAIN  
Tel: +34 93 238 90 72  
e-mail: info@resahousing.com  
web: [http://www.resahousing.com](http://www.resahousing.com)  
Residence Halls:  
RESA Residence Halls  
C/ Roger de Llúria 118, 1º - 08037 BARCELONA, SPAIN  
Tel: +34 93 238 48 00  
e-mail: resa@resa.es  
web: [http://www.resa.es](http://www.resa.es)  
There are other organisations offering student accommodation in Barcelona:  
HABITATGE JOVE  
C/ Enric Granados 19, entresol 1ª - 08007 BARCELONA, SPAIN  
Tel.: +34 93 323 90 68  
e-mail: info@habitatgejove.com  
web: [http://www.habitatgejove.com](http://www.habitatgejove.com) |
| Sports & activities | Information about sport facilities and activities at UPC:  
web: [www.upc.edu/esports](http://www.upc.edu/esports)  
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