

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For more info, please visit UPC's International Relations Bureau - Students Mobility Office website:
<http://www.upc.edu/sri/en/students>

LANGUAGE

In Catalonia, the main languages used for communication are Catalan and Spanish. Catalan is the native language of Catalonia and shares official status with Spanish. This means that students and lecturers can use either of the two languages.

Around 60% of classes on UPC's degrees are taught in Catalan and 40% are taught in Spanish. In postgraduate courses and master's and PhD degrees, Spanish is prevalent and English is becoming more widespread.

At ETSAB, teachers mainly conduct their classes in Spanish or Catalan. The academic offer in English at the Degree in Architectural Studies is limited to some elective courses, and some groups in Studio courses.

Language requirements for ETSAB Exchange/Visiting students:

Incoming students are not required to submit a proof of Spanish or Catalan language skills. However, ETSAB strongly recommend having a **B1 level of Spanish** (or Catalan) before arrival. Partner universities should take that into consideration for nomination.

If you are an international student, the UPC offers you the Hola! Programme and the UPC Language Programme, two initiatives coordinated by the Language and Terminology Service (SLT) with the aim of meeting language needs at the university: <http://www.upc.edu/slt/en/reception>

CATALAN COURSES

SLT, the Language and Terminology Service at our university UPC offers Catalan courses with special fees for incoming exchange students.

The purpose is to enable students to understand spoken Catalan and to easily follow lectures.

More info at: <https://www.upc.edu/slt/en/learn-catalan/courses>

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08034 BARCELONA

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_ Other resources to learn Catalan online and useful information about Catalan culture can be found in:
www.intercat.cat/

SPANISH COURSES

Learn Spanish at Catalan universities. Make the most of the UPC's agreements with other Catalan universities and get access to Spanish courses for foreigners at their language schools at the same price as their members.

More info at: <https://www.upc.edu/slt/en/learn-es>

_ For queries about language courses: <https://www.upc.edu/slt/ca/formulari/consultes-cursos>

App GCU _ GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY CONVERSATION App (iOS & Android)

<http://serveisdigitals.gencat.cat/en/serveis/serveis-mobils/directori/universitats/gcu/index.html>

Interactive language tool that combines Catalan with Spanish, French, English, Italian, German, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese and Occitan, which will help you to feel confident in all types of situations when you need to communicate (common phrases, lodging, matriculation, library, at the bank, sports service, public transport...).

ACCOMMODATION

Our university doesn't provide accommodation for students.

Barcelona universities have an agreement with *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. The staff at *RESA* will inform of the different costs involved in each option. If you do this, you will be able to go straight to your chosen place of residence upon arrival in Barcelona.

Flats:

RESA Housing

C/ Torrent de l'Olla 219
08012 BARCELONA, SPAIN
Tel: +34 93 238 90 72
Fax: +34 93 228 92 59
e-mail: info@resahousing.com
web: www.resahousing.com

Residence Halls:

RESA Residence Halls

C/ Roger de Llúria, 118, 1^º
08037 BARCELONA, SPAIN
Tel: +34 93 238 48 00
Fax: +34 93 218 32 50
e-mail: resa@resa.es
web: <https://www.resa.es>

There are other organisations offering student accommodation in Barcelona:

HABITATGE JOVE

C/ Enric Granados, 19, entresol 1^a
08007 BARCELONA, SPAIN
Tel.: +34 93 323 90 68
e-mail: info@habitatgejove.com
web: <http://www.habitatgejove.com/webv2c>

HOUSING ANYWHERE

Student-to-student housing platform to book your accommodation abroad and rent out your room
web: <https://housinganywhere.com/>

SPORTS

At UPC there is a Sports Centre both in Campus North and Campus South

Information regarding the different sport activities organised are at: www.upc.edu/esports

In order to receive more information you should contact: info.esports@upc.edu

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students from European Union countries (EU students)

EU students have to obtain their EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD (EHIC), through their Students National Health Service in their country of origin before departure. The European Health Insurance Card is a free card that gives you access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the 28 EU countries, and Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Furthermore, all EU students will be required to present their European Health Insurance Card for the legal procedure of registration at the police at their arrival.

If you want additional coverage, you can also purchase private health/travel insurance.

Students from non-European Union countries (non-EU students)

Students from outside the European Union are already required to purchase a private health insurance to obtain the Spanish students visa. Once in Spain and depending on the length of their studies here, they should have to renew it or to acquire another one in Spain that can guarantee that they will count with medical care during their stay in Spain.

For more information on Health Insurance, please follow this [link](#) to UPC's International Relations Bureau - Students Mobility Office website

LIVING IN BARCELONA: other links with useful information

<http://www.bcu.cat/>

<http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/wv3/es/>