

The Universitat Pompeu Fabra

A public university created by the Catalan government in 1990, the Universitat Pompeu Fabra is inspired by the principles of freedom, democracy, justice, equality, independence and plurality. The campus spreads across several central locations in the city of Barcelona, over a line that runs from the Rambla to the Olympic Village, in the district of El Poblenou. The university has a clear international vocation: 6% of undergraduate students, 33% of master students, and 39% of PhD students are from abroad (2007-2008). 12% of the teaching staff are foreigners, and 40% have studied or worked abroad. UPF occupies position 44 in the "International faculty" indicator of the 2008 Global Ranking THES. The University occupies the first place in Research Productivity among Spanish Universities (Psicothema 2010. Vol. 22, nº 2, pp. 171-179) and the second in Teaching Quality (CyD Report 2008).

The Sociology Section

The Sociology Section belongs to the Department of Political and Social Sciences. It is chaired by Professor Gøsta Esping-Andersen and comprises nine full-time and five part-time lecturers. Its perspective is multidisciplinary, incorporating demographic, labor relations, and sociological studies with a clear leaning towards quantitative and cross-national analyses. The main research areas are social and economic inequalities, the sociology of the family, the labor market and working life, as well as social policies. It keeps important links with prestigious international institutions and collaborates with university programs in Europe and North America.

Barcelona

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia and is the second largest city of Spain. It has a population of 1,600,000. The city's origins can be traced back to the first century before Christ and the Roman colony of Barcino. Its two thousand years of history have left their mark on the city's architectural, artistic and cultural heritage. Its excellent location in terms of international communication, its Mediterranean climate and its cosmopolitan character make it a particularly privileged city. A great number of Barcelona's buildings are World Heritage Sites. Many of these buildings were designed by architect Antoni Gaudí, a representative of Catalan modernist architecture developing between 1885 and 1950. Barcelona won the 1999 RIBA Royal Gold Medal for its architecture.

How to Apply

What to send

- Certified copy of the university degree (applicants with a non-validated degree from outside the European Union need to fill an application form that can be retrieved at: <http://www.upf.edu/postgrau/en>)
- Certified transcript of academic records
- A non-refundable deposit so as to guarantee a place in the program after the student has been admitted
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two confidential letters of academic reference sealed and signed across the seal by the referees
- Proof of English proficiency (IELTS: 5.0)
- For more information on how to apply, email the admissions office at: admissions.master@upf.edu.

Where to send it

Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Admissions Office, 20063
Jaume I Building
Ramon Trias Fargas, 25-27
08005 Barcelona, Spain

When to send it

Pre-registration:
Before March
Registration
March to end of June
Enrolment
September

Scholarships

The UPF offers several scholarships and grants for students who wish to pursue an official master or PhD program. Scholarships are open to EU applicants and, in some cases, to non-EU applicants as a waiver of the non-EU tuition fee. The Spanish and Catalan governments also offer studentships for Master students. For up-to-date information on UPF's and other scholarships, check the University's web-page at: <http://www.upf.edu/estudiants/en/beques/#postgrau>

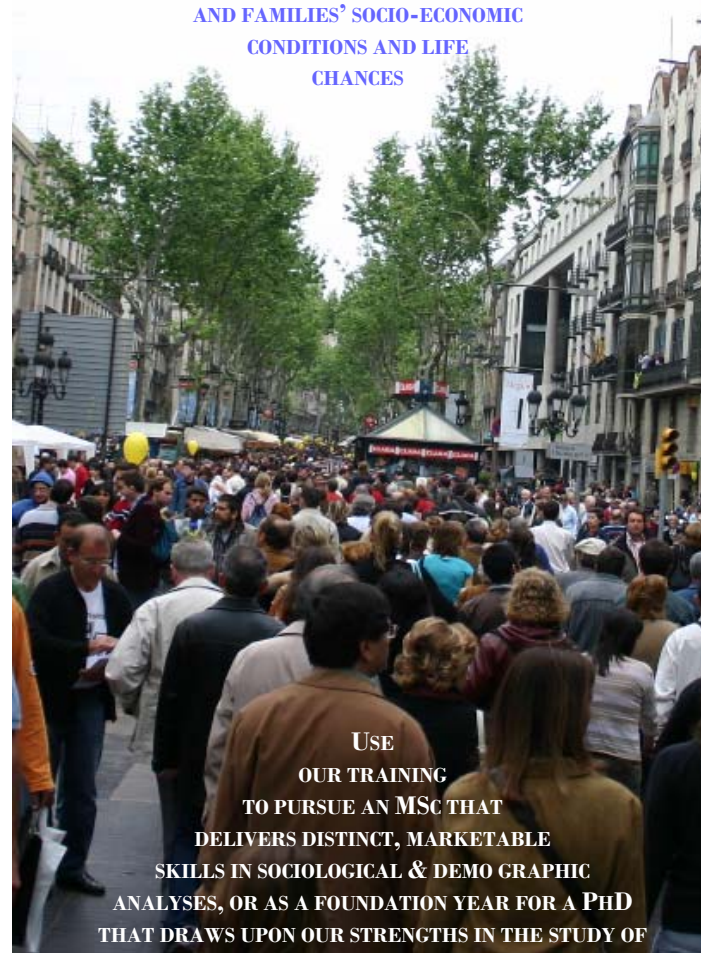
How To Contact Us

For further information on our master program, check our web page at <http://sociodemo.upf.edu/>, or write to us at:

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MASTER in Political & Social Sciences, option in SOCIOLOGY & DEMOGRAPHY

OFFERING UNIQUE THEORETICAL & METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING
FOR UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE
AND DYNAMICS OF POST-INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES.
A TOOL FOR INVESTIGATING INDIVIDUALS
AND FAMILIES' SOCIO-ECONOMIC
CONDITIONS AND LIFE
CHANCES



USE
OUR TRAINING
TO PURSUE AN MSc THAT
DELIVERS DISTINCT, MARKETABLE
SKILLS IN SOCIOLOGICAL & DEMOGRAPHIC
ANALYSES, OR AS A FOUNDATION YEAR FOR A PhD
THAT DRAWS UPON OUR STRENGTHS IN THE STUDY OF
SOCIO-ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES, FAMILY BEHAVIOR, WORK
AND LIFE CONDITIONS, AND IN THE EVALUATION OF SOCIAL POLICIES



UNIVERSITAT
POMPEU FABRA

MSc in Political and Social Sciences: Sociology & Demography

The Sociology Section offers an innovative option in [Sociology and Demography](#) within the MSc in Political & Social Sciences that aims to provide the necessary substantive and methodological tools to understand the socio-demographic logic and structure of advanced societies.

The option in [Sociology and Demography](#) provides strong theoretical and statistical foundations for the study of:

- Social stratification, social mobility and gender inequalities
- Migration
- Life cycle dynamics and family behavior
- Comparative social and labor market policies

Entry Requirements

- To hold a university degree in the field of social science, law, humanities or health sciences
- ✓ With a minimum of **180 ECTS** (European Credit Transfer System) credits, if taking it as a standalone course
- ✓ With a minimum of **240 ECTS** credits, if the student wishes to continue into the PhD program
- A good mastery of the English language as proved by having attained a B2.2 level (equivalent to a score of 5.0 in the International English Language Testing System - IELTS).

CLASSES ARE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

Curriculum

The MSc in Political & Social Sciences, option in [Sociology and Demography](#) aims to provide students with solid and marketable skills for conducting empirical research in a broad range of issues of great interest for researchers and policy makers. It has developed a curriculum that combines:

- **compulsory & optional** modules;
- **substantive & methodological** modules
- **sociological & demographic** modules (e.g., social inequalities, demographic & social dynamics)

Students have to gain 60 credits to graduate from the program.

Master thesis

The master thesis is a crucial part of the program. It consists of an empirical piece of work whereby students apply their methodological expertise to the analysis of a substantive issue of their interest. For doing their thesis, students count with the advice of a supervisor(s) assigned to them according to their academic profiles and interests.

Module	Credits (term)
Compulsory	
Qualitative Research Methods	5 (I)
Demographic changes and social dynamics	5 (I)
Social policies and the welfare state	5 (I)
Statistical techniques of analysis (1)	5 (I)
Analysis of social inequalities	5 (II)
Statistical techniques of analysis (2)	5 (II)
Foundations of Political & Social Research	5 (II)
Optional (choose 1)	
Economic analysis of work	5 (II)
Design, evaluation and analysis of questionnaires for survey research	5 (III)
Migration and society	5 (III)
Options in political science	5 (I, II, & III)
Master thesis	20 (III)

Our Substantive Interests

We explore the social consequences of the emerging new service economy and demographic structure. We are in particular interested in their impact on occupational change, on women's role in the economy and on family life. And we explore how public policies affect occupational change and help reconcile work and family life, influence citizens' decisions to have children as well as the family relations across generations.

Our interest in social mobility stems very much from the ongoing polarizing trends in income, earnings and employment. The new knowledge economy tends to favor strong skills and to penalize those with few qualifications. This implies heightened risks of exclusion and inferior life chances. Our aim is to identify the key factors, particularly related to family life, that influence life chances and the opportunity structure.

PhD Studies

The Sociology Section of the UPF has a PhD program in Sociology open to good students who wish to do rigorous empirical research in the area. Applicants are required to hold an MA in Sociology or related field in the Social Sciences with extensive methodological training, equivalent to the MA in Sociology and Demography offered by the Section (research mode).

The PhD program lasts normally for four year, with a first year dedicated to acquiring further training, if needed, and to prepare the PhD proposal. Students are closely supervised by one or two members of staff and participate fully in the academic life of the Section. We make an effort to support financially our students by offering several PhD research and teaching scholarships. Our PhD program has a solid international reputation. Some of our graduates are now working at top academic institutions in the world, like Princeton and Yale.