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1. TRAINING PROGRAMME

The [Research Master in Political Science](#) is designed to develop the [knowledge and skills](#) in applied research that will enable students to later pursue academic and other [professional careers in international environments](#). The [curriculum](#) is intended to provide the student with a strong grounding in research methods as well as presenting the state of the art of current research in a range of important sub-fields. In order to promote the international focus, all subjects (whether they are compulsory or optional) are taught in English and double degrees have been established with some of the best departments of Political Science in the European Union and the United States.

To date, the Research Master in Political Science has set up two double degrees: the first one with the [University of Konstanz](#) (which is considered the best department of Political Science in Germany) and the second with the [University of Warwick](#) (considered the third best department in Political Science in the UK). Moreover, from the next academic course (year 2016-2017), it will also have a double degree with the [North-American University of North Carolina](#) (Chapel Hill).

These programmes offer the opportunity for students to enjoy a combination of two different institutions in their academic training, benefiting from the comparative advantages of each one in terms of the department expertise and academic culture. It also allows the respective departments to compare standards and experiences, which results in an improvement of our own postgraduate degree. Moreover it has been shown to be enormously effective in attracting excellent foreign students. These students not only enrich the academic environment of local students that choose our Master's degree, but some of them decide to stay and contribute to our department by doing a [doctorate](#).

The agreements with the [University of Konstanz](#) and the [University of Warwick](#) share a similar structure: Students do an academic year in each university and in the end, they will have to carry out a Master's thesis under the supervision of two professors (one of the University of Pompeu Fabra and the other one from the foreign university). As such they complete the requirements for both programmes, receiving two postgraduate qualifications, with the thesis or final work of the Master being jointly supervised by both institutions. The agreement with the [University of North-Carolina](#) (Chapel Hill) will be effective from the next academic course (2016-017), and it will be carried out under similar terms.

The double degree established with the University of Konstanz allows students to combine training courses in Political Science, Research Methodology and Analysis, Public Policies, Political Behaviour, Comparative Politics and International Relations. Our department's strength is essentially in topics of

Research Methodology and Analysis, Political Behaviour and Comparative Politics. This complements well the University of Konstanz whose main strengths are International Relations and Public Policies. This combination offers students the chance to enjoy teaching excellence in an international framework in the most relevant sub-areas of Political Science. Students can start the double degree both in Konstanz and/or in Barcelona. The idea is that they finish the double degree in the University which is better suited to their chosen thesis topic. For example, if a student wishes carry out research focused on International Relations, he/she is recommended to study in Konstanz during the second year. This offer has proven an attractive option for both national and international students, so much so that we have had to at times set a maximum limit on the numbers coming from Konstanz in order to be able to include other students.

The agreement established with the University of Warwick is organised on similar terms to the one with the University of Konstanz. The aim is to not only offer students the chance to experience the excellent and different academic culture in a top British university, but to access subject areas that the department in Warwick focuses on and which our department does not have such as International Development, International Security, Political Economy, or International Politics. From this point of view, it is optimally complemented with the teaching courses and specialization level of the Master of Research in Political Science we have mentioned before.

Finally, the agreement with the North-American University of North-Carolina (Chapel Hill) will start in the 2016-2017 academic year and has a different logic than the previous double degrees. In this case, the first year will always take place in the University of North-Carolina and the second year at the UPF. During the first year, students will take theory and methodology subjects while during the second year (in UPF) students will study subjects related to their specialization area, like Political Behaviour, Comparative Politics, European Union or Immigration Policies.

All these efforts have led the Master of Research in Political Science to be consolidated in the international sphere. In addition to that, in 2014, our Master's degree obtained an award that recognizes it as an "[International Master degree](#)".

1.1. Students

Since the first edition of this Master Program (in the 2009-2010 academic year), the majority of our students have been [international students](#) (see table below).

Nationality	Number	%
EU (except Spain)	104	53%
Non-EU	47	24%
Spain	45	23%
	196	100%

As shown in the previous table, 77 % of the students who have studied the Master of Research in Political Science have (so far) been international students. The highest percentage of these students is German (35 % of the total number of students and a 45 % among international students). Students of 34 nationalities have also taken the Master (from France and Denmark to Cyprus or the USA), bringing an international diversity which continues to enrich the academic culture. These numbers show that it is the most internationalized master of the Political Science Department and the second most internationalized of UPF, only behind the Research Master in Economics, Finance and Business.

Furthermore, even though we do not have comprehensive data, some of our students continue their academic investigation in some of the most prestigious places in Europe (like the University of Oxford, the University of Mannheim, the European University Institute, the Central European University, etc).

1.2 Support to internationalization

The international orientation is one of the hallmarks of the Department of Political and Social Sciences and the management and administrative support in maintaining and raising the international recognition is made with the support of the faculty in the Department, the [administrative services](#) and the International Relations and Mobility Office.

[The International Relations and Mobility Office](#) provides administrative support to the coordinators of masters who are interested in establishing similar dual programmes to those outlined above. This service carries out monitoring functions and acts as an intermediary between the two universities involved in signing the agreement. [The Postgraduate Office](#) also participates and is involved in this process. This service also manages the agreements established between universities for mobility stays of doctoral students, graduates and teachers of the department wanting to do research stays.

[The website](#) is an important tool for the internationalization of the Master. The website is well-structured, contains all the relevant information and it is always updated with events (for example with conferences which are organized by the Master's professors (see below) and also with references to the [Profile of guests](#) that give conferences in Barcelona.

Finally, students coming from other universities, whether they are national or international, benefit from [UPF's Student Services](#) of general character and which attend Postgraduate students in a more specific way.

2. INTERNATIONALIZATION OF ACADEMIC STAFF

Most of the academic staff (85%) that participates in the teaching of the Master Program has international teaching experience. Also the majority of the teaching staff of the Program (54%) has obtained their [doctorate in a foreign university](#). Furthermore, 46 % of the teaching staff has carried out [postdoctoral research abroad](#). It is also worth mentioning that the MA programme every year invites [professors from international institutions to teach different kinds of courses](#). The goal is to make the program more attractive for excellent students. In recent years we have worked with the following professors:

- [Raymond Duch](#): Director of the Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, Nuffield College, University of Oxford.
- [Peter Selb](#): Chair for Survey Research and Professor at the University of Konstanz.
- [Derek Beach](#): Associate Professor at the University of Aarhus.
- [Niels Ploug](#), Director of the Center of Social Statistics of Denmark and Professor of the University of Copenhagen.
- [Anthony Heath](#): Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Emeritus Fellow at Nuffield College, University of Oxford.

- [Michael W. Bauer](#): Jean Monnet Professor of Comparative Public Administration and Policy Analysis at the German University of Administrative Sciences (Speyer, Germany) and Member of the German Research Institute of Public Administration.

On top of this internationalization factor, we must add the membership of our own teaching staff in international [academic networks](#). Among them, we distinguish [the DEU Group or Standing Group on EU Studies](#), Standing Groups on Electoral Studies or Network of Research on Survey Analysis. Furthermore, 77 % of the teaching staff of the Master Program has received awards, including a Doctor [Honoris Causa by the University of Copenhagen](#) and different awards given by Political Science and Sociology Associations.

Currently, 46 % of the teaching staff of the Master Program are participating in competitive [international research projects](#). Membership in these networks is also combined with [research stays in research centres and universities](#) linked to their own respective investigation areas, which is facilitated by UPF itself by preserving one term of the academic year as a free term for research.

3. RESULTS OF THE INTERNATIONALIZATION

The successive coordinators in the direction of the [MA in Research in Political Science](#) have always been aware of the added value that our Master's programme could have for potential researchers coming from other universities abroad. With this in mind, [double degrees have been formalized](#) with first level foreign universities. At the same time, the Master's high degree of internationalization has also enabled the Political and Social Sciences Department to have a high internationalization level in the [doctorate program](#) (68,8% taking the mean of the last five years). All of this has contributed and is still contributing to the fact that the department is highly internationalized in the entire postgraduate program as well as in the degree of the teaching staff.

The impact of internationalization in the MA program also has important implications in research activities as it helps to reinforce the networks of researchers between the universities which jointly participate in the double degrees. This has led to some researchers from the Political Science Department of UPF working with researchers of the University of Konstanz on some investigation projection in a joint way. For example Dr. Javier Arregui and Dr. Leuffen have been working together in the elaboration of the DEUII data set. Moreover, some exchanges have taken place between professors of both universities such as Peter Selb (2015), Sandra Dickel (2014) and Christina

Zubber (2013). This could help to create and consolidate potential and more intense cooperation and collaboration networks in a near future.

A consequence of this greater visibility in the international stage is that the Political and Social Sciences Department of UPF, where the Master is taught, constantly receives requests from students and researchers for investigation stays with professors from the Political Science Area or to attend as visiting students to MA courses.

The UPF's system to [guarantee quality](#) gives information and [indicators](#) (in a systematic way) about the students' satisfaction with program results and allows a detailed monitoring of the pre-inscriptions and tuitions that enables the selection of the best students, facilitating the success of the programme.

All this effort to internationalize the research and teaching activities of the department has led to the [CHE- University Ranking](#) (which is a Ranking of the best departments of the world across different disciplines made in Germany), naming the Political and Social Science Department of the UPF is the best and most internationalised department of Political Science in Spain.