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— Master in Immigration Management

The aim of this master's degree programme is to provide a solid base in theoretical and applied research knowledge and tools in immigration studies. This master can be a first stage to later apply to a doctoral programme or equivalent, and it offers a double degree itinerary with some European universities. This master is interdisciplinary and offers training in case and comparative studies, combining quantitative and qualitative techniques. It values methodologies in immigration research on issues related to the social and political agenda.

The course is aimed mainly at:

- University researchers wishing to investigate in-depth immigration and diversity.
- Young professionals and graduates wishing to specialize in immigration management.
- Experts and specialists, policy managers and public administrators in multiple levels of government.
- Social agents and members of organizations involved in immigration management.

✓ This master's programme **offers several scholarships**
(see website for further information)

✓ This master's programme is taught in English and will accept a
maximum of 30 students.

✓ This master's programme will **offer a double degree** itinerary with
some European universities (see website for further information)

The *Universitat Pompeu Fabra* (UPF), established in 1990, is a public University of the Catalan Government inspired by the principles of freedom, democracy, justice, equality, academic independence and plurality ■

The MSc in Immigration Studies is housed with the Department of Political and Social Science, but draws from the broad array of available institutional resources, reflecting a strong interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary focus. This MSc provides a foundation upon which to engage in a high academic knowledge and research to human movements, international immigration and diversity ■

Students will automatically benefit from all the activities organized by the recognized GRITIM-UPF (Interdisciplinary Research Group of Immigration) and will have the opportunity to exchange feelings and ideas with all its international researchers ■

Students will also benefit from the intercultural city of Barcelona and all its welcoming facilities from a human and social point of view. To take advantage of this new and diverse landscape, the programme will also facilitate students to generate research and policy bridges with institutes and university centres, public administrations, immigrants associations, NGOs and other stakeholders ■

Objectives

Throughout the master's, students will be trained in the use of theoretical, instrumental and practical tools by specialized teaching staff who are highly regarded in their field, be it research on immigration or another specialist area.

There will also be debates, seminars, workshops and round tables to encourage discussion and socialize certain aspects relevant in decision-making or research design which contribute to the academic debate.

The main objective is to instruct students with a focus on the guiding principles of the course: academic rationale, rigorous scientific standards and professionalized practical application.

Prospects

- Academic researchers in immigration and diversity studies.
- Professionals for foundations, consultancies and research institutes and centres.
- Expert specialists at all levels of administrations and governments.
- Managers of immigration programmes for social non-profit making institutions.

Programme

The master will provide a diploma on Immigration Management. It offers an interdisciplinary approach that leads to a research specialty, with solid instrumental and technical training. Students must take three compulsory common modules: Theory and Methodology, Law and Economics, and Politics and Society. They also have a variety of optional courses from which to choose, in accordance with the student's research and professional future plans.

Teaching staff

Courses will be taught by internationally recognized academics, specialists and experts within their teaching areas. The complete list of lecturers will be published on the website.

Contents

Modules I to III are compulsory common modules (10 credits each). Students must then choose three subjects from one of the optional courses (worth a total of 9 credits), and undertake research training (21 credits).

Module I. Theory and Methodology (10 credits)

- The Foundations of Immigration Policies (5 credits)
- Sources and Tools for the Analysis of Migrations (5 credits)

Module II. Law and Economics (10 credits)

- The Legal Framework for Migrations (5 credits)
- Economics of Migrations (5 credits)

Module III. Politics and Society (10 credits)

- Comparative Migration Policies (5 credits)
- The Welfare State and Public Policies (5 credits)

Module IV. Optional (9 ECTS) *

- Qualitative Research Methodology (3 credits)
- Research Tools (3 credits)
- Administration of Immigration (3 credits)
- Network of Stakeholders (3 credits)
- The Challenges of Interculturalism (3 credits)
- Immigration and Education (3 credits)
- The External Dimension of Immigration Policies (3 credits)
- Law of Asylum (3 credits)
- Discourse Analysis, Racism and Immigration (3 credits)
- Media Communication and Immigration (3 credits)
- Management of Religious Pluralism (3 credits)

(*) the final list of active optional courses will be given at the beginning of the term.

Module V. Research Seminars (12 credits)

The **Research Seminars** provide the necessary methodological tools to draw, plan and develop a research, facilitating discussion and interpersonal exchange of ideas and skills among both students and experts. The aim is also to promote contact with academics coming from research centres and institutions, public and social bodies, that produce knowledge, data and information. These exchanges will benefit students with a working knowledge of current issues of political and social agenda of migration and diversity studies. Finally, students will learn the research network and the real possibilities of working as an expert.

Module VI. Master Thesis (9 credits)

An individual **Master Thesis** should be written at the end (9 credits), and be based on original research that has been carried out under the supervision of an academic tutor. It must be both socially and politically relevant and must take into account the main current academic debates, making an original contribution. It could be either a conceptual study on the state of the arts based on an area of interest to the student or a theoretical and/or empirical study dealing with a relevant debate on the political and social agenda.

How to Apply

Application information

www.upf.edu/immigrationmanagement/en

Contact

Admissions Office: admissions.master@upf.edu

Department of Political and Social Sciences:
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Application deadlines

Admission is rolling from November **2014 to June 2015**. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to ensure quick admission, since the number is limited to 30.

Enrolment

September 2015

Requirements

To successfully complete the application process, the following documents are needed:

- Official undergraduate degree/diploma in the following areas of study: Legal Sciences, Social Sciences, Health Sciences or Humanities.
- Official undergraduate transcript
- *Curriculum vitae*
- Proof of English language ability
- A short letter of motivation
- Official identification (national ID card or passport)
- Two letters of recommendation

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