Welcome Aboard!

Immerse yourself in the city of Barcelona!

UPF Barcelona Summer School is a for-credit programme geared to highly demanding undergraduate students from home and abroad with an interest in furthering their knowledge of Hispanic Studies, Audiovisual Communication, Economics and Business and Political Science at Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) during the summer term.

- Local and international students meet and exchange ideas and share a cross-cultural immersion experience in a truly international environment in Barcelona.
- The programme offers flexibility and scope for enrolment on language and subject-specific courses revolving around the arts, society and the audiovisual industry, with a focus on Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain and Europe.

Why at Pompeu Fabra University?

Founded in 1990 to stand out for high quality in teaching, excellence in research and a strong vocation for international outreach, UPF has progressively broadened its academic offer extending to three large areas of knowledge: the Social Sciences and Humanities, the Health and Life Sciences, and the ICT and Communication Sciences.

UPF has always outstood for its high level of internationalization, with a profile sustained and reinforced by an open recruitment policy to national and international talent.

- Granted Campus of International Excellence status by the Spanish Ministry of Education, UPF is consistently ranked among the top European universities.
- Extensive network of international agreements with partnerships with 27 universities among those in the world Top 50 best universities.
- One third of UPF graduates can claim to have studied abroad.
- +1,500 international students choose UPF to spend a semester or a full year abroad every year, many at the UPF Education Abroad Programme.

When?

UPF Barcelona Summer School runs yearly for 5 weeks.
Starting date: late June
Ending date: late July/early August
General application deadline: June 1

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UPF Ciutadella Campus is centrally located in Barcelona, close to the shores of the Mediterranean and the historic district. Some classes take place on the Poblenou Campus, equipped with top-class technical labs to develop hands-on projects.

The Catalan capital is a key spot in our globalized world and an ideal place to study in the summer. The program is largely focused in the city itself, both during class time and field trips, by analyzing and experiencing the culture, cosmopolitanism, architectural wonders and rich historic and human heritage of Barcelona.

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Society and Politics in Contemporary Spain

This course is designed to give an overview of fundamental issues in the study of Spanish politics. The core of the course is the study of the nature and functioning of the Spanish democratic system installed since the middle of the seventies, paying special attention to the main political processes, institutions, actors, political culture and electoral behaviour.

Language of instruction: English  ECTS: 5 credits

Current European Union Issues in a Global World

This course aims at providing an economic analysis of the European Union countries, with a special focus on the Spanish context. We will study how Spanish and European countries have independent economic policies to handle the present economic crisis and to foster economic growth. The course also covers basic historical and several critical tools for understanding the construction and integration processes of the European Union after the II World War.

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Crisis, ¿Por qué Crisis? Claves para Abordar la Crisis Española

El objetivo de este curso es proporcionar conocimiento de forma intuitiva de algunas características propias de la economía española, especialmente el mercado de la vivienda y el mercado de trabajo. A través de este conocimiento se concretarán las consecuencias que han tenido estas características y las perspectivas de futuro de la economía española y sus perspectivas de futuro. Se realizará el análisis con una constante comparativa internacional (especialmente con el caso de la Unión Europea) y experimental en toda su complejidad cultural y socioeconómica. Aunque predominará la redacción de ensayos, en el desarrollo del curso se incluirá también la realización de encuestas, el análisis de los datos e interpretaciones de los mismos, con el objetivo de entender las relaciones entre los diferentes factores económicos, sociales y políticos.

Language of instruction: Spanish  ECTS: 5 credits

Modern Statistical Computing in R

Over the recent years, R has become the leading software tool for statistical computing and graphics. The software is greatly enhanced by numerous contributed packages submitted by users. The majority of computing in the leading applied statistical journals is done in R, and R is used almost exclusively in some of the leading-edge applications, such as in genomics and data mining. The purpose of this course is to set a foundation for full exploitation and creative use of the statistical language for computing and graphics R.

Language of instruction: English  ECTS: 5 credits

**Destination Barcelona: La Ciudad y su Escritura**

**Contemporary Barcelona and its Cultural History**

This course explores the cultural history of the city as a reflection of the cultural history of contemporary Spain, from the anarchist city to the cosmopolitan capital with international outlook. Focusing on the last two centuries and from a sociological/anthropological point of view, the course will analyze the Barcelona society and its most recent political history through its conflicts and cultural influences.

Language of instruction: English  ECTS: 5 credits

**Imágenes de España en el Cine Contemporáneo**

El curso ofrece una introducción al cine español, con una atención particular hacia aquellos cineastas que destacan tanto por su valor artístico como por su capacidad para reflejar los rasgos más destacados de la cultura y la sociedad española. Se incluirán algunas opiniones sobre el estado actual del cine español y la importancia que asume en el imaginario del turista en el siglo xxi.

Language of instruction: Spanish  ECTS: 5 credits

**Barcelona on Stage: Documentary Workshop**

The goal of this seminar is to provide the student with a basic, but professional, level of knowledge of documentary film making. Special attention will be given to the successful renewal of the Spanish - and in special case, the Catalan- film scene in the last 15 years. The seminar includes an exercise where students can discover their particular way of seeing Spanish reality.

Language of instruction: English  ECTS: 5 credits

**Spanish Language**

All levels offered (Beginner, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate, Advanced, Proficiency and Spanish language for Heritage Speakers).

Language of instruction: Spanish  ECTS: 5 credits

“Sketches of Spain”: Spain in Contemporary Mass and Visual Culture

This course analyses the categories, political, social, anthropological or aesthetic, at work in the official and popular construction of “Spanish-ness” or “españolidad” in the realms of visual and material culture and in the arts. Its goal is a critical reflection on the notion of what denotes (or qualifies) in an object, an attitude, an artifact, a work of art, a piece of literature the condition of being “Spanish”. Main areas considered in this course are advertising and design.

Language of instruction: English  ECTS: 5 credits

**Spanish Postmodernism and Beyond**

This course studies current artisticpractices in Spain,mainly performance, video creation, creative actions, media and net art, music, and photography and their interrelation with other aesthetic practices.

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In addition to the courses above, the following courses are also available:

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- **Current European Union Issues in a Global World**
- **Crisis, ¿Por qué Crisis? Claves para Abordar la Crisis Española**
- **Modern Statistical Computing in R**
- **Destination Barcelona: La Ciudad y su Escritura**
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- **Imágenes de España en el Cine Contemporáneo**
- **Barcelona on Stage: Documentary Workshop**
- **Spanish Language**
- **“Sketches of Spain”: Spain in Contemporary Mass and Visual Culture**
- **Spanish Postmodernism and Beyond**

These courses are designed for students interested in specific areas of study and offer a comprehensive overview of the respective fields. Please consult the course catalog for detailed course descriptions and enrollment requirements.