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INSTITUTIONAL DETAILS

Name	**Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)**
Erasmus Code	E BARCELO15
City, Country	Barcelona, Spain
Website	https://www.upf.edu
About the university	UPF is a modern, high-quality public university that was founded in **1990**. It focuses on the knowledge areas of the social sciences and humanities, communication and information technologies, and health and life sciences. It has **11,663** enrolled students in **27** undergraduate studies, **30** Masters (EHEA) and **9** PhD programmes. UPF welcomes more than **1,800** international mobility students per year, and **50%** of their undergraduate students have done an exchange abroad. UPF ranks in the Times Higher Education ranking 2025 as the **2nd** Spanish university and **173th** worldwide.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERVICE

Website	http://www.upf.edu/web/international/
Institutional Coordinator	**Sara López**
Erasmus inter-institutional renewal agreements	**Fatou N'Gum** fatou.ngum@upf.edu; cc: uri@upf.edu
Incoming and outgoing students	**Meritxell Cama** oma.incoming@upf.edu (Exchange students at UPF) oma.outgoing@upf.edu (UPF students selected for exchange)
Mobility and Welcome Offices (OMA)	**Ciutadella Campus (Jaume I building)** Ramon Trias Fargas, 25-27. 08005 Barcelona Phones: +34 93 542 1264 / 2060. *This office assists students attending:* • *Faculty of Economics and Business* • *Faculty of Humanities* • *Faculty of Law* • *Faculty of Political and Social Sciences* • *Faculty of Medicine and Life Sciences (located at Mar Campus)* **Poblenou Campus (Roc Boronat building)** Roc Boronat, 138. 08018 Barcelona | Phone: +34 93 542 12 64 *This office assists students attending:* • *Faculty of Communication* • *Faculty of Translation and Language Sciences* • *Engineering School* **Office hours:** Mondays to Fridays: 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays: 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

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ACADEMIC INFO RMATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Academic calendar

It is divided in three terms:

September – December | January – March | April – June

Each term consists of 10 weeks of classes and 2 weeks for the exams. **Welcome days** are planned to welcome exchange students at the beginning of each term. Attendance to these sessions is highly recommended.

Academic information

https://www.upf.edu/web/incoming/exchange-students-academic-information

Course offer

- Faculty of Communication
  (Degrees: Advertising & Public Relations, Audiovisual Communication, and Journalism)
- Faculty of Economics and Business
  (Degrees: Business Management & Adm., Business Sciences, Economics, Int. Business Economics, and Industrial Technologies & Economic Analysis)
- Faculty of Medicine and Life Sciences
  (Degrees: Human Biology and Medicine)
- Faculty of Humanities
  (Degrees: Humanities and Global Studies)
- Faculty of Law
  (Degrees: Criminology & Public Prevention Policies, Labour Relations, and Law)
- Faculty of Political and Social Sciences
  (Degrees: Political & Administration Sciences and Philosophy, Politics & Economics)
- Faculty of Translation and Language Sciences
  (Degrees: Applied Languages and Translation & Interpreting)
- School of Engineering
  (Degrees: Audiovisual Systems Engineering, Telecommunications Network Engineering, Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Mathematical Engineering in Data Science, and Bioinformatics)

Credit system

ECTS

Usual work load

60 ECTS per year - 20 ECTS per term

Grading system

The Spanish grading system is based on a scale from 0 to 10, where 5 is the minimum passing mark.

UPF grading system		**ECTS** grading system (approx. equivalence)
Excellent * (Excel·lent / Sobresaliente)	9 -10	A
Good (Notable / Notable)	7 -8.99	B
Pass (Aprovat / Aprobado)	5 -6.99	C, D and E
Fail (Suspens / Suspendido)	0-4.99	FX and F
*The top 5% of the class can get an **Honours mark** (Matrícula d'Honor / Matrícula de Honor)		

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Deadlines for nomination	Students coming to UPF for: First term: **30th April** Second and/or third term: **30th September** *Submit the nominations through the online form sent by email to partners
Application	After students are nominated by their home university, UPF will contact them directly with further information about the on-line registration and the necessary documents.
Deadlines for registration	Students coming to UPF for: First term: **20th May** Second and/or third term: **20th October**
Enrolment	Students are requested to enrol on-line prior to arrival, on a first-come first-served basis. UPF allows a maximum of 20 ECTS per term (25 ECTS in the first term). Courses from other faculties are restricted (maximum 1 per term) and upon availability.
Language of teaching	Courses are taught in English, Spanish or Catalan. The University requires exchange students to have at least a MCER B1 level of Spanish/ Catalan or a B2 level of English. **EXCEPTION: Clinical Internships Program for Medicine Students** It is compulsory to proof a minimum B1 level of Spanish or a certificate of having completed at least one semester of academic exchange at a Spanish-speaking institution.
Language learning	Exchange students can enrol in Spanish and Catalan courses at the Languages UPF programme (Idiomes UPF). There are specific courses targeting UPF exchange students at a reduced price.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visa

Students from the EU do not need to apply for a visa. Students from outside the EU will have to apply for a student visa. Please note that a tourist visa is not enough to stay in Spain for over three months. More information can be found at https://www.upf.edu/barcelona (legal formalities for foreigners)

Health cover

Students from a Member State of the European Union, the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland and entitled to coverage under the social security system of their country, then they can apply for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). While the EHIC card gives EU citizens access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in Spain, it is NOT an alternative to travel insurance. It does cover NEITHER accidents NOR any private healthcare or costs such as a return flight home country or lost/stolen property. Students which are citizens of a country outside the EEA or Switzerland, then they must find out whether there exists a mutual health provision agreement between the Social Security system of their country and Spain (this is the case of a number of Latin American countries). If such an agreement exists, they can obtain a document from the relevant authorities in their country entitling them to free medical coverage in Spain.

All international students, including Erasmus, are required to have full coverage of eventual risks during their stay in Spain and UPF will check that at least an accident and travel insurance has been contracted to complement the EHIC. More information at https://www.upf.edu/barcelona (Health Coverage).

Housing

The Mobility and Welcome Office does not provide any accommodation service directly. However, UPF is a member of the BCU, a public service that assists international students coming to Barcelona. It manages the BCU Housing Service with a wide range of flats and rooms to rent and information about student residence halls. UPF has direct agreements with some residence halls.

More information: https://www.upf.edu/barcelona (Accommodation)

Cost of living

Students should plan the following monthly expenses (approximate):

Item	Room in a shared flat	Room in a student residence hall
Housing	350-500 €	500-800 €
Food	300 €	300 €
Transport	50 €	50 €
Other expenses	200 €	200 €
Total	**800-1050 €**	**950-1350 €**

Students with disabilities

Information about facilities to welcome students with disabilities available on individual request depending on special needs. Please contact oma.incoming@upf.edu during the nomination process detailing which disabilities and needs should be covered. Final acceptance will be done on a case by case basis.

Integration activities

The Language Volunteering at UPF organizes leisure and cultural activities for exchange students and offers a language tandem programme, so an international student can meet a local student and an exchange conversation in each other's language.