The University of Barcelona in figures

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Founded in 1450, the University of Barcelona (UB) commemorated during the academic year 2022-2023 the 150th anniversary of the first academic year with which its emblematic Historic Building was inaugurated. Designed by the architect Elies Rogent, the building marked the UB's return to its permanent home in the city of Barcelona.

The UB is a leading centre of learning, scientific endeavour and critical thought in Spain and internationally, carrying out teaching and research grounded in the twin values of quality and permanent innovation and seeking to adapt to emerging global challenges, in particular the growing use of artificial intelligence.

The UB is recognized as a leading institution by numerous international bodies. It is considered one of the top-200 universities in the world in the most influential global rankings and, since 2010, has been the only Spanish higher education institution to form part of the prestigious League of European Research Universities (LERU).

A comprehensive range of courses are taught to more than 60,000 students every year. As a research institution, the UB continues to achieve outstanding results, securing total funding in excess of 230 million euros and registering 7,599 scientific publications.

The University is fully committed to the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2030: as well as incorporating into its curricula transferable skills in gender equality and the climate emergency, its research is built on a foundation of social responsibility and a commitment to open science.

Below you will find the main figures corresponding to the UB's actions over the course of the academic year 2022-2023 in teaching, research, knowledge transfer and internationalization, as well as key data on the University's structure, activities and services.

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COURSE OFFERING

- 73 bachelor’s degrees
- 16 dual study pathways
- 172 university master’s degrees
- 47 doctoral programmes
- 372 lifelong learning master’s degrees
- 178 specialization diplomas
- 139 advanced university courses and diplomas
- 136 expert courses
- 131 university extension courses
- 802 lifelong learning courses (IL3)
- 1 UB-specific degree

For the academic year 2023-2024, the UB has approved 73 bachelor’s degrees, 16 dual study pathways, 171 university master’s degrees and 47 doctoral programmes.

STUDENTS

- 41,095 bachelor’s degree students
- 5,523 university master’s degree students
- 4,990 trainee researchers
- 10,644 postgraduate students

1 Provisional data.

BACHELOR’S DEGREE STUDENTS IN THE CATALAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

- University of Barcelona (UB), 31%
- Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), 21%
- Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC), 16%
- EUSES University (UPF), 8%
- University of Lleida (UdL), 7%
- Rovira i Virgili University (URV), 9%

16 faculties

- 60 departments and 1 training and research unit
- 16 libraries
- 10 affiliated centres
- 661,821 sq m of constructed area
- 485,663,213 euros total budget
- 232,551,730 euros research funding secured
- 6,328 teachers and researchers
- 2,370 administrative and service staff

For the academic year 2023-2024, 17,514 students have chosen the UB as their first option. This represents 31% of first-choice applications in the Catalan public university system. With 10,883 vacancies offered, this puts the demand ratio for places at UB at 1.6.

In 2023 the new Faculty of Nursing was created, in preparation for the academic year 2023-2024.

Figures for the academic year 2022-2023. Some of the figures in this document are subject to final confirmation.
Among new students, perception of the UB’s leadership was scored at 7.76 at bachelor’s degree level and 7.54 at university master’s degree level.

According to the graduate employment study carried out by the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency (AQU) for 2023, the employment rates for UB graduates are 89.6% for bachelor’s degree-holders, 92.0% for master’s degree-holders and 96.8% of doctoral degree-holders; for women, the rates are the same for bachelor’s degrees and university master’s degrees and 97.8% for doctoral degree-holders.

### STUDENTS

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<td>Full-time-equivalent university master’s degree students</td>
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<td>University extension course students</td>
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<td>Lifelong learning students (IL3)</td>
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<td>Students taking non-curricular placements (bachelor’s and university master’s degrees)</td>
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1 Through UNIBA-BCH, a UB-affiliated centre. 2 Data not available. 3 Provisional data.

### FURTHER TRAINING

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### INTERNATIONALIZATION

- Agreements with universities and other foreign institutions: 2,623
- Active Erasmus+ projects: 72
- Student nationalities: 131
- International students: 10,408
- International teaching and research staff: 448

1 Provisional data.

The University of Barcelona among the best universities in the world according to the **Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)**: it was placed **201st** in the 2023 edition.
Average ratings for teaching staff are 7.69 among bachelor’s degree students and 8.15 among university master’s degree students.
The Barcelona Science Park is a leading European centre for research, technology transfer and innovation in life sciences, with a total built area of 100,000 sq m that is home to 126 resident groups and bodies and 3,447 health-sector professionals.
A wide range of events were held to mark the 150th anniversary of the Historic Building, including exhibitions, concerts, commemorations, talks and competitions, while the University also created a range of specific merchandise.