

The University of Barcelona in Figures

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Since it was founded in 1450, the University of Barcelona has worked tirelessly in the pursuit of academic and research excellence, and today it is looked to as a national and international leader in education, science and knowledge. Our work as an institution is grounded in quality and constant innovation. We adapt continuously to global challenges, channelling our commitment to diversity, solidarity and equality to provide solutions to the needs of society.

The UB is currently drafting a new institutional statute. Based on the principles of transparency, flexibility and collaboration, it will provide a contemporary legal framework adapted to the University's present and open to the future, consistent with its role as a creator and disseminator of knowledge and a key figure in social development and transformation.

The range of academic programmes offered by the University of Barcelona attracts more than sixty thousand students each year across the principle areas of knowledge: the humanities, life sciences, social sciences, experimental sciences and engineering. The vitality of university life, with the student firmly at its heart, also gives the institution an important role as a driver of social change.

The UB is the foremost institution in the Catalan university and research system, attracting more than 220 million euros in research funding and with 7,751 scientific publications, while it remains the only Spanish member of the prestigious League of European Research Universities (LERU). It has also

maintained its leading position among Spanish universities in major international rankings: it is in the world top two hundred according to the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) and once again boasts the most internationally influential research community, with more researchers in the Clarivate Analytics list of Highly Cited Researchers than any other Spanish university.

Below you will find the main figures corresponding to the UB's actions over the course of the academic year 2023-2024 in teaching, research, knowledge transfer and internationalization, as well as key data on the University's structure, activities and services.



Joan Guàrdia Olmos
Rector

COURSE OFFERING

72 bachelor's degrees
16 dual study pathways
173 university master's degrees
47 doctoral programmes
345 lifelong learning master's degrees
162 specialization diplomas
158 advanced university courses and diplomas
95 expert courses
7 microcredentials
1,202 lifelong learning courses (IL3)
1 UB-specific degree
12 bachelor's degrees, **15** university master's degrees and **1** doctoral programme taught at **affiliated centres**
13 Erasmus Mundus master's degrees



For the academic year **2024–2025**, the UB has approved **74** bachelor's degrees, **15** dual study pathways, **174** university master's degrees and **47** doctoral programmes.

For the **academic year 2024–2025**, 17,640 students have chosen the UB as their **first option**. This represents 31% of first-choice applications in the Catalan public university system. With 10,648 places offered, this puts the **demand ratio** for places at the UB at 1.7.

STUDENTS

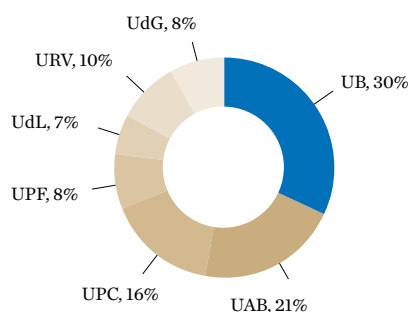
41,078 bachelor's degree students
5,679 university master's degree students
5,186 trainee researchers
10,856¹ postgraduate students

¹ Provisional data.

17 faculties
60 departments and **1** training and research unit
16 libraries
10 affiliated centres
667,368 sq m of constructed area
€501,840,931 total budget
€223,983,098 research funding secured
6,417 teachers and researchers
2,608 technical, management, and administrative and service staff

The University of Barcelona was placed **53rd** among the 684 universities analysed by the **QS Europe University Ranking** and is **the leading institution in Spain**.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE STUDENTS IN THE CATALAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



University of Barcelona (UB)
 Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)
 Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC)
 Pompeu Fabra University (UPF)
 University of Lleida (UdL)
 Rovira i Virgili University (URV)
 University of Girona (UdG)

Figures for the academic year 2023–2024.

Some of the figures in this document are subject to final confirmation.

● ● ● Among **new students**, perception of the UB's status as a leading institution was scored at **8.20** at bachelor's degree level, **7.91** at master's degree level and **8.35** at doctoral level.

● ● ● According to the AQU Catalunya study of graduate employment outcomes in 2023, **86.1%** of UB bachelor's degree graduates are **employed within one year of completing their degree**, the figure rising to **90.4%** for master's degree graduates.

STUDENTS

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	% women
New bachelor's degree students	10,083	10,174	10,313	65.9
Bachelor's degree students	41,563	41,095	41,078	65.2
Full-time-equivalent bachelor's degree students	36,372	35,993	36,117	65.9
Bachelor's degree graduates	7,244	7,079	na ¹	na ¹
New university master's degree students	3,650	3,573	3,742	61.5
University master's degree students	5,318	5,523	5,679	62.5
Full-time-equivalent university master's degree students	4,026	4,032	4,183	61.9
University master's degree graduates	2,854	3,039	na ¹	na ¹
Bachelor's and university master's degree students (online) ²	768	152	43	48.8
Students at UB-affiliated centres (bachelor's and university master's degrees)	4,245	4,194	4,315	56.5
Postgraduate students	14,241	12,321 ³	10,856 ³	67.7
Lifelong learning students (IL3)	14,998	16,586	43,006 ⁴	64.0
Students taking non-curricular placements (bachelor's and university master's degrees)	2,535	2,040	na ¹	na ¹

¹ Data not available.

² Through UNIBA-BCH, a UB-affiliated centre.

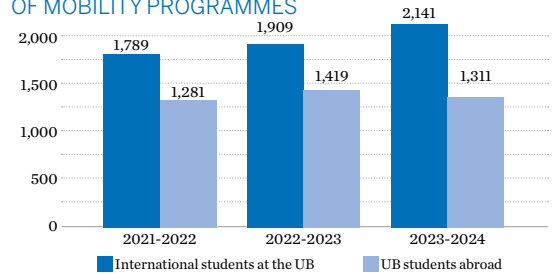
³ Provisional data.

⁴ Includes students enrolled in courses taught jointly with the Federació de Sanitat i Sectors Sociosanitaris (FSS-CCO) – Formació i Serveis d'Assessoria (FYSA).

FURTHER TRAINING

		% women
School of Modern Languages	3,246	64.5
Institute of Hispanic Studies	3,440	57.6
University of Experience	2,151	60.4
Summer courses: Els Juliors	746	63.0
Gaudir UB	4,352	61.0

STUDENT EXCHANGES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF MOBILITY PROGRAMMES



OTHER STUDENTS

		% women
Language Services (Catalan language courses)	2,069	66.1
Institute of Professional Development (IDP)	15,493	70.0
University Extension courses for older learners	3,271	74.0

INTERNATIONALIZATION

Agreements with universities and other foreign institutions	2,852
Active Erasmus+ projects	59
Student nationalities	144 ¹
International students	10,791 ¹
International teaching and research staff	461

¹ Provisional data.

TEACHING INNOVATION, ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

Consolidated teaching innovation groups	97
Active teaching improvement and innovation projects	147
Members of the UB community involved in active teaching innovation projects	796
% of PDI involved in training activities at the IDP	83.2
PDI registered for teaching assessment	511

● ● ● In the **THE Impact Rankings 2024**, the University of Barcelona is ranked **24th** internationally for its impact on progress towards the achievement of **quality education** for all, the fourth of the seventeen UN Sustainable Development Goals.

FACULTIES

Faculties	Bachelor's degrees ¹					University master's degrees ³				PDI
	Courses offered ²	New students	Total students	Full-time-equivalent students	Graduates (2022-2023)	Courses offered	New students	Total students	Graduates (2022-2023)	
Faculties	61	10,313	41,078	36,117	7,079	158	3,742	5,679	3,039	6,417
Biology	6	505	1,942	1,802	380	16	369	493	289	382
Chemistry	3	338	1,496	1,276	214	11	182	234	135	279
Earth Sciences	2	127	411	373	88	4	48	64	41	109
Economics and Business	5	1,605	6,690	5,898	981	18	386	644	263	644
Education	5	1,461	5,766	5,138	1,207	13	623	820	589	664
Fine Arts	3	451	1,548	1,390	262	5	40	65	40	229
Geography and History	5	775	2,684	2,174	408	12	321	617	234	297
Information and Audiovisual Media	2	164	590	467	93	5	79	146	50	83
Law	6	1,310	5,204	4,486	894	12	289	524	248	450
Mathematics and Computer Science	2	237	1,133	824	173	4	62	79	34	118
Medicine and Health Sciences	5	613	2,753	2,663	490	9	279	368	275	1,581
Nursing	1	520	1,688	1,620	349	3	62	96	32	163
Pharmacy and Food Sciences	3	537	2,500	2,263	410	7	162	181	157	394
Philology and Communication	10	789	2,832	2,555	424	9	169	291	144	342
Philosophy	1	209	714	574	100	6	115	177	51	76
Physics	2	239	1,097	879	206	13	255	348	189	280
Psychology	1	433	2,030	1,735	400	10	235	407	205	326
% women	—	65.9	65.2	65.7	66.7	—	61.5	62.5	63.3	49.6
UB-affiliated centres ⁴	12	1,112	3,896	3,586	854	15	348	462	350	331

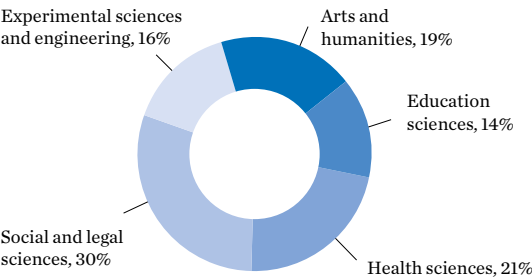
¹ Includes data from the UB-specific degree in Private Investigation, taught at the Faculty of Law.

² Includes data from the bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences, taught at the faculties of Biology and of Medicine and Health Sciences.

³ Includes the CHARM-EU master's degree and enrolled students.

⁴ Includes students at UNIBA-BCH (on line).

BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS, BY BRANCH OF KNOWLEDGE



● ● ● Average **ratings for teaching staff** are **7.72** among bachelor's degree students and **8.34** among university master's degree students.

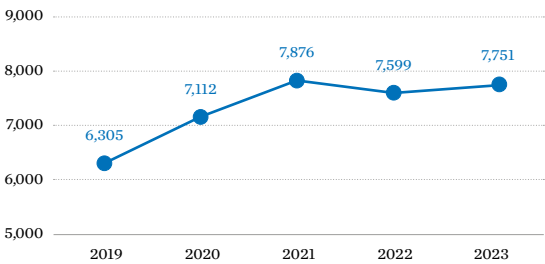


RESEARCH FUNDING SECURED THROUGH COMPETITIVE AND NON COMPETITIVE CHANNELS

	2021	2022	2023
Total funding (thousands of euros)	191,918	253,443	223,983
Research projects	47,551	90,857	66,436
Complementary actions	54	70	42
Grants for human resources	26,730	34,680	19,314
Other grants	4,586	8,683	17,317
Infrastructure	20,177	44	–
Research agreements	1,346	2,995	3,151
Bosch i Gimpera Foundation (FBG) and other research contracts	10,653	11,923	13,353
Services provided by the Science and Technology Centres (CCiTUB) to other institutions	2,890	2,843	3,037
Funding secured by UB researchers at institutions with UB participation ¹	77,931	101,348	101,333

¹ Centre for Ecological Research and Forestry Applications (CREAF), AgriGenomics Research Centre (CRAG), Clinic Foundation for Biomedical Research (FCRB), Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI), Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB), Institute of Space Studies of Catalonia (IEEC), Bellvitge Institute for Biomedical Research (IDIBELL), Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia (IBEC), Institute of Biomedical Research (IRB), Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute (IJC), Catalonia Institute of Energy Research (IREC), Sant Joan de Déu Research Institute (IRSJD), Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal).

INDEXED SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS (WOS)



DOCTORAL STUDIES

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Trainee researchers	5,007	4,990	5,186
Female trainee researchers (%)	56.2	57.2	57.0
Projects in industrial doctorate programmes	17	20	18
Doctoral theses read	672	742	661 ¹

¹ Provisional data.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Projects incubated in StartUB!	60
Start-ups created	16
People receiving training in innovation and entrepreneurship	1,367

TECHNOLOGY AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

FBG contracts	663
License agreements	11
Research spin-offs	2
Patent applications	153
Invention disclosures	51

RESEARCH

Active research projects	1,283
Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 projects	36
European Research Council (ERC) projects	5
Research groups	258

RESEARCH STRUCTURES

UB research institutes	16
Research institutes with UB participation	10
University research institutes	2
UB research centres	5
Observatories and documentation centres	15

RESEARCH STAFF

	% women	
Ratio of PDI engaged in research / full-time-equivalent PDI ratio	76.8	
Teaching staff engaged in research	2,561	46.9
Senior researchers ¹	130	39.2
Junior researchers ²	82	41.5
Postdoctoral researchers ³	253	51.8
Trainee predoctoral researchers	628	50.8
Research technicians/assistants	633	56.2
FBG researchers	308	50.0
FBG research technicians/assistants	105	73.3

¹ Includes CIBER, ICREA and Ramón y Cajal researchers and other groups.

² Includes SECTI, María Zambrano, Beatriu de Pinós and Juan de la Cierva researchers and other groups.

³ Includes Margarita Salas researchers and other groups.

●●● 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 118 resident groups and bodies and 3,453 health-sector professionals.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH STAFF (PDI)

		% women
Total PDI	6,417	49.6
Full professors	452	31.6
University school full professors	5	60.0
Associate professors (<i>titular</i>)	615	45.0
University school associate professors (<i>titular</i>)	56	44.6
Non-statutory full professors	108	38.0
Senior lecturers (<i>agregat</i>)	804	50.4
Assistant professors	460	50.0
Collaborating lecturers on an open-ended contract	44	61.4
Adjunct lecturers	2,277	52.2
Adjunct medical lecturers	930	56.3
Researchers	286	48.3
Substitute lecturers	283	55.1
Visiting lecturers	22	63.6
Emeritus professors	75	17.3
PDI with permanent affiliation¹	2,084	44.2
Full-time-equivalent PDI (teaching hours)	4,111	49.0
Full-time-equivalent PDI (contract hours)	3,337	47.9

¹ Includes statutory PDI (full professors and associate professors [*titular*]), associate professors (*agregat*), collaborating lecturers on an open-ended contract, and non-statutory full professors.

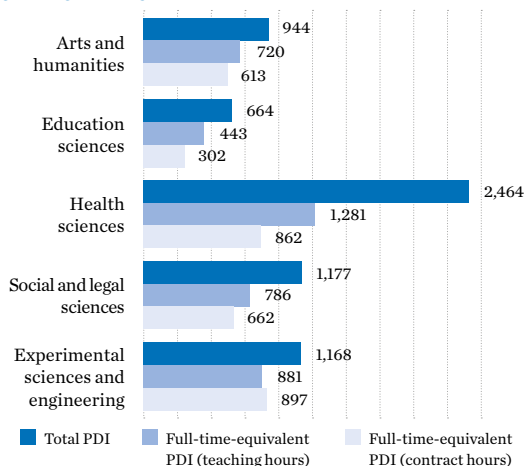
SERVICES

Reading desks in libraries	6,443
Monographs and print journals	1,688,364
Audiovisual materials and digital resources	544,535
Library loans	422,368
Students with specific educational needs receiving support	1,507
Hours of sign language interpreting offered to students	1,229
Grant holders in UB services and faculties	406
Participants in career guidance activities	7,977
Alumni members	10,167
UB Sports users	19,226
Direct beneficiaries of activities of the UB Solidarity Foundation	122,192

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Visitors attending guided tours	3,632
Concerts in the Season of Music at the UB	16
Collections in the UB's Virtual Museum	32

TEACHING AND RESEARCH STAFF (PDI) BY BRANCH OF KNOWLEDGE



- ● ● The UB established the **UB-Fundació Cassià Just – Cuina Justa Chair on Integration of People with Disabilities**, which will carry out actions in areas including training, awareness-raising, research and knowledge transfer to contribute to the wider inclusion of people with disabilities.

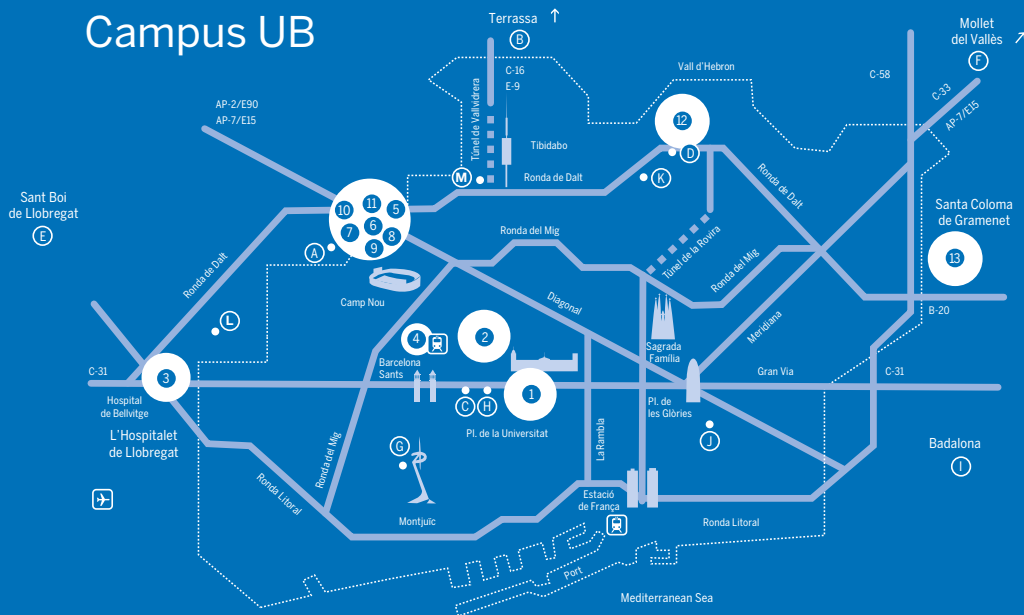
TECHNICAL, MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND SERVICE STAFF (PTGAS)

		% women
Total PTGAS	2,608	62.8
Statutory PTGAS	1,167	76.6
Non-statutory PTGAS	1,441	51.6
PTGAS/PDI ratio		0.41
PTGAS/full-time-equivalent PDI ratio		0.63

BUDGET

Income (thousands of euros)	501,841
Chapter 3. Fees and other income	90,847
Chapter 4. Current transfers	344,729
Chapter 5. Additions to capital	15,139
Chapter 6. Disposals of property	7,780
Chapter 7. Capital transfers	43,346
Expenditure (thousands of euros)	501,841
Chapter 1. Staff costs	347,908
Chapter 2. Acquisition of goods and services	90,515
Chapter 3. Financial costs	1,317
Chapter 4. Current transfers	5,558
Chapter 6. Real investments	54,213
Chapter 9. Financial liabilities	2,330

Campus UB



- 1** Plaça Universitat Campus and Raval Campus
- Faculty of Geography and History
 - Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
 - Faculty of Philology and Communication
 - Faculty of Philosophy
 - Institute of Hispanic Studies
 - Rector's Office, General Manager's Office and general services

- 2** Clinic Campus
- Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
 - Faculty of Nursing
 - Hospital Clinic of Barcelona

- 3** Bellvitge Campus
- Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
 - Faculty of Nursing
 - University Hospital of Bellvitge

- 4** Sants Campus
- Faculty of Information Science and Audiovisual Media
 - General services

- Diagonal Campus**
- Faculty of Economics and Business
 - Faculty of Law
 - Faculty of Biology
 - Faculty of Chemistry
 - Faculty of Earth Science
 - Faculty of Fine Arts
 - Faculty of Pharmacy and Food Science
 - Faculty of Physics
 - Science and Technology Centres
 - Barcelona Science Park
 - Penyaforat-Montserrat Hall of Residence
 - Yugo Aleu University Residence
 - Pavelló Rosa – General services
 - Sports
 - Student Support Service (SAE)

- 12** Mundet Campus
- Faculty of Education
 - Faculty of Psychology
 - Institute for Professional Development (IDP)

- 13** Torribera Campus
- Faculty of Pharmacy and Food Science

- A** ■ School of New Interactive Technologies (ENTI)
- B** ■ School of Cinema and Audiovisual Studies of Catalonia (ESCAC)
- C** ■ School of Public Relations (ESRP)
- D** ■ Barcelona School of Tourism, Hospitality and Gastronomy (CETT-UB)
- E** ■ Sant Joan de Déu Teaching Campus
- F** ■ Institute of Public Safety of Catalonia (ISPC)
- G** ■ National Institute of Physical Education of Catalonia (INEFC)
- H** ■ Alumni
- Doctoral School
- School of Modern Languages (EIM)
- I** ■ El Carme Cultural Center
- J** ■ Institute for Lifelong Learning (IL3)
- K** ■ Center for International Historical Studies (CEHI)
- L** ■ International University Center of Barcelona (UNIBA) – Barcelona Culinary Hub (BCH)
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