



ESCI 
School of International Business

FACT SHEET 2026–2027

- INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PROGRAM (IBP)
- BACHELOR'S DEGREE *in* INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS *and* MARKETING

Courses on master's programs are not open to exchange students.

About ESCI-UPF

ESCI-UPF is a university affiliated with Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) that was founded in 1993. For more than 30 years, we have specialised in training professionals in international business. We nurture multidisciplinary profiles with strong multicultural capabilities, advanced language skills, and meaningful networks across all five continents.

Driven by clear values such as sustainability and corporate social responsibility, our students understand global realities, show initiative and ambition, and go on to build or contribute to truly global companies.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027

	1r Trimester	2n Trimester	3r Trimester
Nomination deadline:	May 12, 2026	Oct. 1, 2026	Jan. 14, 2027
Application deadline:	May 29, 2026	Oct. 16, 2026	Jan 21, 2027
Opening course selection:	June 1st, 2026	Oct 19, 2026	Jan 22, 2027
Course selection deadline:	June 5, 2026	Oct 23, 2026	Jan 26, 2027
Pre-welcome session (online):	May 15, 2026	Oct 5, 2026	TBA
Welcome session (in-site, mandatory):	Sep. 17 and 18, 2026	Jan 8, 2027	TBA
Classes:	Sep. 21 to Nov. 30, 2026	Jan 11 to March 19, 2027	April 8 to 16 June, 2027
Add-drop period:	Sep 21 to 30, 2026	TBA	TBA
Final exams:	Dec 1 to 11, 2026	March 30 to April 7, 2027	June 17 to 28, 2027
Resit exams:	Jan 7 to 9, 2027	May 6 to 8, 2027, 2027	July 12 to 14, 2027

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Class format: lectures, case studies, team assignments, presentations and required readings.

Class size: from 20 to 60 students, depending on the course.

Attendance: at least 80% of the classes.

Final grade: the grading policy is indicated in the teaching plan for each subject.

Level of subjects: [check the syllabus.](#)

Application and admission: complete an online application.

MINIMUM COURSE LOAD

20 ECTS for students staying 1 trimester

40 ECTS for students staying 2 trimesters
(from September to April)

30 ECTS for students staying 2 trimesters
(from January to July)

60 ECTS for students staying the whole year

Full-time Spanish students generally take an average of 5 courses per term (20 ECTS credits/term, 60 ECTS credits/academic year).

LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION

Catalan, Spanish and English. Courses teaching plans specify the language of instruction of the course. We highly recommend all students have at least a B2 level in the language of instruction required for the course.

GRADING SYSTEM AND EXAMINATIONS

At the end of the term, students must take a final exam, which accounts for a specific percentage of the final grade.

Transcripts of records are sent to the home institution after the retake exams, around one month after the end of the exam period.

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

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ESCI-UPF *Grading Scale*



Not attended (No presentat)

Awarded to students who did not take their final exam and who therefore have no final grade. This grade blocks access to any re-evaluation of synthesis activities.

Cancelled call (Renúncia a l'avaluació)

Awarded to students who opted out of assessment. In this case, students need to complete and send an application form before the last day of classes in each trimester.

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. The home university provides the requested information for each nominated student: full name, email address, current year of studies, type of student (Erasmus+ or Bilateral Agreement), and period of stay (first trimester, first and second trimesters, full academic year, etc.).

- 1st trimester | September to January
- 2nd trimester | January to April
- 3rd trimester | April to July

2. Nominated students receive the application materials and instructions by email.

3. Nominated students must submit their online application through the SIGMA platform. They are required to upload the following documents:

- Copy of the passport
- ID photograph (white background, JPG)
- Original updated transcript of records (signed by the home university)
- Detailed curriculum vitae

4. Accepted students receive an admission letter in Catalan and in English (for personal purposes only) via email.

Non-EU accepted students receive an acceptance letter with the approved courses in Spanish (for visa purposes only) via email.

5. Accepted students can apply for a student visa at a Spanish consulate (if applicable).

FREE-MOVER STUDENTS

The Free-Mover option at ESCI-UPF allows you to join our academic community independently and enrich your studies in an international environment.

If you are motivated, independent, and eager to take the next step in your academic journey, we encourage you to apply.

HOW to APPLY

Free-Mover students are required to pay a set of [tuition fees](#). To start your application, please email us the following documents at incoming@esci.upf.edu

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Official academic transcript

Motivation letter explaining your interest in studying at ESCI-UPF.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Students of an EEA country or Switzerland staying for longer than three months will have to register at the Registry of European Union Citizens once in Spain (Registro de Ciudadanos de la Unión Europea).

Non-EEA students (except for Switzerland) planning to stay longer than 90 days must obtain a student visa at the nearest Spanish embassy or consulate before departure. Students will require the acceptance letter.

MANDATORY TRAVEL INSURANCE

EEA and Swiss students should obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) from their national health authorities. The EHIC provides EEA citizens with access to necessary state-provided healthcare in Spain.

Students also have to obtain an all-risk coverage insurance during their stay in Spain that covers travel, medical and liability to complement the EHIC.

It is highly recommended that students explore additional insurance packages available at a special rate through Oncampus insurance, covering the insurance required up to a set limit.

PLEASE *bear in mind* the FOLLOWING POINTS:

- A tourist visa does not grant permission to stay in Spain for study purposes.
- For stays longer than six months, students must obtain a visa with a residence permit (Autorización de estancia por estudios).
- A 180-day student visa allows only a single entry to the Schengen Area and does not permit to extend the stay nor leave and re-enter the country.



ACCOMMODATION/HOUSING

Looking for accommodation in Barcelona should be done in advance. Finding a room can prove very difficult.

Barcelona Centre Universitari-BCU is the accommodation service offered by all universities in the Barcelona area. For more information and online registration: reservas@bcuhousing.cat

Additional accommodation options are informed in our [webpage](#), as well as the Welcome Document sent to all nominated students

APPROXIMATE ACCOMMODATION COST PER MONTH

- Renting a studio: €1000–€1500
- Renting a room in a shared flat: €500–€800
- Student residence (depending on the food services included): €800–€1400

STUDENT SUPPORT

Buddy Program: Buddies are ESCI-UPF students

that volunteer to help exchange students.

Coffee Break: A linguistic exchange between students to practice languages.

ESN-UPF: Local volunteers assist exchange students in settling into life in Barcelona organising social, cultural, and non-academic activities. ESN-UPF is part of the larger Erasmus Student Network (ESN), founded in 1989 to promote student exchanges across Europe.

Spanish Program: UPF's language program offers intensive Spanish courses for different levels.

Special needs department: Students receive personalized guidance and course adaptations to ensure their rights. They must provide proof of their specific needs.

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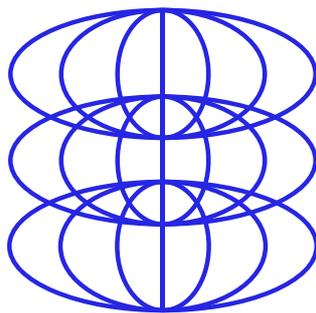
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is a *mindset*