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ABOUT BARCELONA GSE



Left: **Teresa García-Milà, Director**
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Welcome to the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics!

We are an innovative and dynamic institution that offers internationally renowned graduate programs in economics taught by leading academics and practitioners. You will be in an international environment, with faculty and students from all over the world, but enjoying at the same time the beauty, liveliness and opportunities offered by Barcelona, a world-class city.

The Barcelona GSE offers a wide range of master programs, combining a rigorous and

intellectually challenging environment with specialized training in various economics-related fields. According to your preferences and goals you can choose a practitioner-oriented program or one that is more focused on academic training. In all cases you will encounter first-rate faculty members who work on the frontiers of knowledge and who will help you build your human capital, thus creating new career opportunities, be it in business, the public sector, international organizations, or academia.



The present Student Guide is designed to help you in planning your stay and easing your move to every-day life in Barcelona as well as to becoming a full-time student at the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics.

Barcelona GSE

The Barcelona GSE has two campuses: the Ciutadella Campus at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) and the Bellaterra Campus at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB).



Ciutadella Campus
Mercè Rodoreda Building
Second Floor
Phone: +34 93 542 1222



Bellaterra Campus
Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica
Universitat Autònoma
de Barcelona
Phone: +34 93 581 3211

Programs hosted at the Ciutadella Campus:

Economics; Finance; Competition and Market Regulation;
International Trade, Finance and Development; Data Science

Programs hosted at the Bellaterra Campus:

Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets

Programs hosted at both Campuses:

Economics of Public Policy; Health Economics and Policy

Admissions

admissions@barcelonagse.eu
blogs.barcelonagse.eu/admissions

General information

info@barcelonagse.eu
www.barcelonagse.eu

Our Degrees

The Barcelona GSE offers eight programs leading to three master degrees: the Master Degree in Economics and Finance (Programs in Finance and in Economics) awarded by the UPF; the Master Degree in Data Science (Program in Data Science), jointly awarded by UPF and UAB; and the Master Degree in Specialized Economic Analysis (Programs in Competition and Market Regulation; Health Economics and Policy; International Trade, Finance and Development; Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets, and Economics of Public Policy) jointly awarded by UPF and UAB.

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PLANNING YOUR STAY

The Barcelona Graduate School of Economics student body is comprised of students from all around the world, each of which will be undergoing through a somewhat different process in order to obtain the necessary documentation to come to Barcelona.

In this section, we will talk about who needs a visa to enter Spain, what kind of Medical Insurance you need, what you need to do to register as a resident of the city of Barcelona and what procedures there are to obtain your Student Residence Permit.

Student visa

Who Needs a Student Visa?

- **No visa is required prior to your departure if you hold a passport from any of the following countries (European Union, European Economic Space):** Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Netherlands, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Rumania, Sweden, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
- **All other Nationalities are required to apply for a visa in person** at their closest Spanish Embassy or Consulate within their country of origin prior to leaving their country.

It is the sole responsibility of the admitted applicant to start his/her visa application with enough time, considering that the issuance of a visa can take up to two months.

For a comprehensive list of embassies and consular offices, as well as for detailed description of the requirements to apply for a student visa, the address and phone number of the Spanish embassy in your country of origin, or to download the Schengen Visa Application, please visit the website of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs at www.maec.es.

Because requirements may be different for each country, please contact the Spanish consular body of your **country of origin** directly, even if you are holding a Schengen Visa.

What kind of Visa should I be applying for?

Any student from outside the European Economic Area (EEA), European Union or Switzerland, must apply for an authorization for a study stay (that is, an “autorización por estancia de estudios”) at the closest Spanish consular representation (consulate or embassy) in their country of origin prior to their departure for Spain.

Requirements and documentation you will be asked to provide:

- Your visa application form - [find it in www.maec.es](http://www.maec.es)
- Original passport with a minimum validity that covers the entire duration of the study period
- Proof of financial means
- Proof of medical insurance
- Proof of being in good health (medical examination records)
- Police Records of Good Conduct
- The Acceptance Letter issued by the Barcelona GSE

All documents must be translated into Spanish and duly legalized.

Process:

- The application must be presented by the student at the consular body of the country of origin.
- There is a payable tax for proceeding the visa, payable at the time the application is submitted.
- The application should be resolved within 30 days from the day after its submittal.

OMA and IWP Offices

At time of confirmation, as a Barcelona GSE Student, you are automatically considered a student of the University Pompeu Fabra (for Economics and Finance Programs), and of the UPF and the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (for all other programs).

Both universities have specific departments that provide additional assistance for students who are processing their visas. You can contact them at:

Mobility and Welcome Office (OMA)
Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Campus de la Ciutadella
Jaume I Building.
Ramon Trias Fargas, 25-27.
08005- Barcelona. Spain
E-mail: oma@upf.edu

International Welcome Point-IWP
Campus de Bellaterra-Plaça Cívica
Tel. + 34 93 581 22 10
Fax + 34 93 586 80 25
E-mail: international.welcome.point@uab.cat

Disclaimer: Visa requirements may vary according to countries and time. The information contained herein is merely orientative and students should double-check with their consulate the actual requirements for processing their visas.

Accident and Medical Insurance

Accident Insurance

The Barcelona GSE provides its students with an [accident insurance](#) which will come into effect in the event of any type of accident that may occur during their stay at the School. This accident insurance does not cover medical issues, so please make sure you do have additional medical insurance before your arrival.

Medical Insurance

Although emergency health care is guaranteed to any one in Spain, regardless of nationality, charges may apply if you fail to provide a valid health-care card that qualifies you to receive subsidized treatment.

EU / EEA Citizens

If you are a citizen of any member country within the EU or EEA, and entitled to coverage under the health care system of your country, you should obtain either, a private medical insurance or, the [European Health Insurance Card](#) prior to your departure for Spain. Please note that only publicly funded treatment is included in the European Health Insurance Card scheme, given that each country operates its own rules for medical provision. For some countries, your treatment will be free of charge, whilst others may have a copay or even have to pay up-front and ask for a refund upon your return. [You must apply for the EHI Card at your local Health Office.](#)

In the event you need to be seen by a doctor, you must go to your nearest Primary Care Center (Centre d'Atenció Primària - CAP) or hospital emergency unit (in case of emergency) and submit your Health Card and ID. You will need your "padró" (official register) to register as a patient and to be assigned a family doctor for regular visits.

Non-EU Citizens

As a requirement for your student visa application, and prior to your move, [you must obtain private medical insurance](#) to be eligible for medical treatment during your stay in Spain. It is advisable that you do so before leaving your country.

In the event of needing a doctor, you will need to contact the telephone number stated on your medical insurance to see what doctors are in your plan. Always keep this information handy.

Proof of medical insurance must be provided when processing your NIE/TIE in Spain. You may be requested to provide the coverage list in Spanish.

To avoid translating costs, you may consider obtaining a Spanish private medical insurance.

Padró – Official Register

“El padró” (known in Spanish as “padrón”) is the Official Register for all people living in Spain – both nationals and foreigners - and it contains their corresponding addresses as well as their national ID number.

To register, you can visit one of the multiple Oficines d’Atenció al Ciutadà (Citizen Offices) located throughout Barcelona, with the following documentation:

- **One of the following:** Passport or ID for Spanish Citizens; Residency Card, Passport or ID for European citizens, and residency card or Passport for all others. Must be the original. Not a photocopy.
- **One of the following:** Rental Contract, last bill for any given utility such as water, gas or electricity. Must be the original. Not a photocopy.
- If you are **only renting a room**, you will need to provide a signed authorization from the owner of the property/rental together with a copy of their Spanish ID or passport.

You can find a list of Barcelona Citizen Offices locations at: www.bcn.cat

If you plan to live in any other municipality, check the corresponding city council website or address your City Hall directly.



Student Residence Permit in Spain

Anybody intending to study in Spain for a period longer than 90 days is **required to process a Student Residence Permit within 30 days of their date of entry in Spain**. In this section, you will find the documentation required to process the Student Residence Permit as well as the Police Office you need to address yourself to apply for it.

Required documentation for ALL Students:

1. Original passport or ID+ copy.
2. Proof of medical insurance coverage.
3. The padr .
4. Receipt of tuition payments in Spanish.
5. Enrollment letter expedited by the Barcelona GSE.

Additional Requirements for Non-EU Students:

1. Original student type D visa and EU entry stamp + copy.
(If you have no entry stamp, please bring along your plane ticket + a copy.)
2. 2 passport photos.

Very Important: Applications for your NIE/TIE should be submitted within 30 days from the date of entry into Spain.

Application for a NIE/TIE should be done in person with a previous scheduled appointment at: <https://sede.administracionespublicas.gob.es/icpplus/citar>

The page is in Spanish. You need to indicate the province in which you will be submitting your application in (Barcelona).

- * EU Citizens, please select "Certificados UE" and click on "aceptar" to continue.
- * Non-EU citizens, please select "Expedici n de Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjeros (huella)" and then click on "aceptar" to continue.

The system will automatically assign a date and time, together with the corresponding police station.

Attention: for those planning to live outside Barcelona, no appointment is needed. Some suggested offices are:

- * Cerdanyola del Vall s: c/ Verge de les Feixes 4
- * Sant Cugat del Val s: c/ Vall s 1-3
- * Sabadell: C/ Batllell 115

Consular Registration

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD REGISTER WITH THEIR CONSULATES UPON ARRIVAL.

In case of a serious emergency, students are advised to address themselves to the consulate of their country of origin in Barcelona. National Embassies are located in Madrid, but Barcelona is home to most countries' consular bodies.

A comprehensive list of consulates in Barcelona can be found in the Spanish Yellow Pages online: www.paginasamarillas.es

Disclaimer: The information contained herein may be subject to change over time or, vary according to the police office issuing the NIE/TIE. Therefore, students should always double-check with the appointed police office the actual requirements for processing their NIE /TIE.

ACCOMMODATION IN BARCELONA

Students must find their own accommodation in Barcelona. Although there is plenty of available housing in Barcelona, finding a suitable room is often daunting and time-consuming for the newly arrived. Therefore, we advise you to start looking early, before you arrive in Barcelona, and to that effect, we have collected some resources to help you.

Temporary Accommodation

Most students wait to arrive in Barcelona before they start looking for a place to stay. In the interim, they find some temporary accommodation until they find a place that suits their needs.

You can check these links:

- Barcelona Housing Service for Students: www.bcn-housing-students.com
- Habitatge Jove: www.habitatgejove.com

Living in Barcelona

Keep in mind that prices in Barcelona vary substantially from one district to the next, and newspaper ads are often misleading for someone coming from abroad. In any case, even if you find accommodation before you arrive, we strongly advise that you **plan to be in Barcelona at least one week before classes start**.

The official website of the Information and Advising Center of the city features, in addition to listings of activities, the Tauló d'Anuncis or multilingual electronic board (www.bcn.cat/ciaj) where you may find or post information about moving sales, items to buy/sell, rooms in shared flats, etc. Just to give you an idea of what you may find relatively close to the Ciutadella Campus, here is a brief description of these areas:



Vila Olímpica

The Vila Olímpica is located next to the Ciutadella Campus. The neighborhood was built for the 1992 Olympic Games. It mainly consists of modern blocks close to spacious, green areas, seaside clubs, and beaches. The Zoo and the Parc de la Ciutadella are located here. Prices tend to be higher than other areas.

Poble Nou

This reconverted industrial zone is currently undergoing a tremendous development and growth, especially since it was made home of the 22@ Technological Area. Older apartments can be found in this area at affordable prices. Also close to beaches and the Forum, Poble Nou is the latest urban development in the city.

Ciutat Vella, Barri Gòtic, Casc Antic, Raval, Born

The oldest part of the city is a mixture of old and new, traditional and trendy. With plenty of bars, restaurants and designer shops, it has the highest concentration of people in the city. You can find apartments at affordable prices there but they tend to be older and in probably worse shape than in other neighborhoods. An advantage is that this area is right in the middle of the city and therefore, very convenient when you do not own a car.



Barceloneta

The Barceloneta area is also part of the Old City. It used to be the old fishermen's neighborhood and it is currently well known for its seafood restaurants. Apartments tend to be small and in worse shape than other areas. However, you are still very close to the Ciutadella Campus, 10-20 minute walk from the city center, and at a mere five-minute walk from the beaches.

Eixample

This area, North of Plaça Catalunya, is easily identifiable by its grid structure. Passeig de Gràcia, one of the most elegant avenues of the city, divides it in two sections, Eixample Dreta (on the right going up from Plaça Catalunya) and Eixample Esquerra (on the left), and it is one of the prime shopping areas where the most famous fashion designers have stores. Apartments tend to be large with spacious rooms.

Gràcia/Sant Gervasi



Busy, narrow streets, numerous open spaces, fabulous local markets and quaint outdoor cafes give Gràcia a distinctive neighborhood atmosphere which springs from its being an autonomous municipality until 1897. Popular with students and foreigners live side by side and mingle seamlessly with local neighbors.

Sant Gervasi borders with Gràcia and Sarrià. It is older, and more upscale than Gràcia, yet a lot quieter and not so full of life. Apartments tend to be roomier but more expensive here. Easy commute to the Bellaterra Campus thanks to the Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat.

Sarrià/Pedralbes

These two neighboring areas constitute the most affluent sections of Barcelona city. They are mainly residential areas. Stores, restaurants and cafés do not abound in this area and public transportation is limited. Yet, those looking for well kept, roomier (and more expensive) apartments, might want to look into these areas. Sarrià also provides easy access to the Bellaterra Campus by means of the Ferrocarrils Catalans.

Les Corts

Les Corts is a fairly quiet and placid area except when the Barcelona soccer team plays, since the Barcelona Soccer Stadium is located in that area. It does have numerous family-owned stores and has convenient transportation to the city center. However, it is far from both campuses.

Student Residences near the Ciutadella Campus

Most students prefer to live in shared apartments, but student residences are a good temporary option before you find an apartment. Since they are in high demand and fill up quickly, you should contact them directly as early as possible.

RESA Viviendas y Servicios Universitarios - Ciutadella and Mar Campus Residences

These residences, developed in collaboration with UPF, are located five minutes from the Ciutadella Campus. Each apartment is fully furnished and equipped with bathroom, kitchen, heating, telephone and free Internet access. Occupants also have access to all the common residence services. Availability is highly limited and rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, from the month of April of the previous academic year. Applications for the full academic year are given priority.

For further information and reservations:

LA CIUTADELLA

Pg. Pujades, 33-37
08018 Barcelona

CAMPUS DEL MAR

Passeig Salvat Papasseit, 4
08003 Barcelona

PERE FELIP MONLAU

Sant Oleguer, 20-22
08001 Barcelona

LESSEPS

Plaça Lesseps 12
08023 Barcelona
Tel: + 34 902 444 447
Fax: + 34 93 218 32 50
E-mail: resa@resa.es
www.resa.es

ONIX Residence

This residence is located 10 minutes from the UPF Ciutadella Campus. It offers 234 rooms, totally equipped, with kitchen, air conditioning, Internet connection to Internet, study rooms, computer lab, reception open 24-7, swimming pool-solarium, and more.

For further information and reservations:

ONIX RESIDENCE

Sardenya 101,137
08013 Barcelona
Tel: + 34 93 266 61 00
Fax : + 34 93 266 61 01
E-mail: frontdesk@residenciaonix.com
www.residenciaonix.com

Melon District Residence

Rooms with private bathrooms and shared cooking lounges and studio apartments with fully equipped kitchens.

For further information and reservations:

MELON DISTRICT MARINA

Sancho de Ávila 22

MELON DISTRICT POBLE SEC

Av. Paral.lel 101
Tel. +34 93 217 88 12
info@melondistrict.com
www.melondistrict.com

Shared Flats

If you are interested in renting a room in a student flat and sharing the communal rooms (kitchen, bathroom and living room) with other students, you can find out what is available via Internet. A deposit is often required; usually one to two month's rent, but sometimes more. Some apartment owners may require an "aval" or bank guarantee before they rent. Rent is payable on the 1st days of every month. Students who leave their rooms before the end of their contract may forfeit their deposit. Be sure to clarify all these issues before signing any contract.

Facebook

An excellent way to find housing is by contacting Barcelona GSE Alumni on the Barcelona GSE's Page of Alumni and Friends in Facebook. Alumni can provide you with addresses of apartments and give you advice on where to look.



Living in Bellaterra

Although many students enrolled in master programs held at the Bellaterra Campus choose to live in Barcelona, you should be aware that on-campus residence halls, as well as the smaller towns near Bellaterra can offer wide and more affordable accommodation opportunities than those you will find in the big city.

On-Campus Housing

The UAB campus has many facilities and services for housing our students. It is a real on-campus city, with parks, leisure areas and all the basic services that residents require (laundry, bakery, supermarket, etc.) The UAB village provides residential units designed to offer both comfortable living conditions as well as the best possible environment for study. The UAB can also help you if you are seeking off campus accommodation. Below you can find some helpful resources for finding accommodation at UAB:

Vila Universitària: www.vilauniversitaria.cat

Hotel Serhs Campus: serhs-campus-bellaterra.h-rez.com

Off-Campus Housing

The most common places incoming students choose when looking for off-campus accommodation are Cerdanyola del Vallès, Sabadell, and Sant Cugat del Vallès, which are the closer and better linked to the campus through public transportation.

Cerdanyola del Vallès

Cerdanyola's privileged location, almost one-third within the largest natural park in Barcelona, makes it an ideal place to live, study, and work. With a culturally diverse population of 59,000 it attracts the young and people from all over the world. Cerdanyola is easily connected by bus with the UAB campus.

Sabadell

Sabadell is a dynamic city quickly growing in quality of life with new projects and new facilities. Sabadell is known for its shopping and restaurants, interesting cultural life, and has an abundance of important sport events. It is connected with UAB by train.

Sant Cugat del Vallès

Sant Cugat is a welcoming city that combines a rich historical background and a wide range of activities. It is well known for its quality of life in a privileged natural environment, with plenty of green areas and city parks, and sustainable urban development. Sant Cugat is easily connected with the UAB campus by train. It is, however, more expensive than Cerdanyola or Sabadell.



BARCELONA GSE SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES

To facilitate contact with students, alumni, and pro students, the Barcelona GSE maintains official pages and groups on social media networks. Students are very fond of using them in order to exchange all kind of information not only about academic issues but also about the School, the city, the accommodation, Catalan/Spanish lifestyle and general events that take place at the Barcelona GSE or in Barcelona.

Visit our social media page at go.barcelonagse.eu/socialguide where you will find:

[Barcelona GSE Admissions Blog](#)

Your source for the latest updates on the admissions process, scholarships, and frequently asked questions, directly from the Barcelona GSE admissions team. Join the conversation!
blogs.barcelonagse.eu/admissions

Facebook

“Like” the Barcelona GSE Facebook Page or join the Barcelona GSE Alumni & Friends group to connect with the Barcelona GSE community.

Barcelona GSE Page: www.facebook.com/barcelonagse

Barcelona GSE Alumni & Friends Group: www.barcelonagse.eu/FacebookGroup

YouTube

Watch recent lectures, class events, and research videos on the Barcelona GSE YouTube channel.
www.youtube.com/BarcelonaGSE

Flickr

The Barcelona GSE's online photo albums from campus events and gatherings
www.flickr.com/barcelonagse



Twitter

All the news in 140 characters. Last-minute announcements, links to faculty research, and more.
twitter.com/barcelonagse

RSS Feeds

The Barcelona GSE content you want, delivered to your reader of choice.
go.barcelonagse.eu/rssguide



GETTING SETTLED

Please visit Barcelona's official website for information on administrative procedures, news, services, cultural activities and events: www.bcn.cat

From the Airport to Barcelona City Center

Aerobus: Blue bus from terminals T1 and T2 every 15 minutes with stops at Plaça Catalunya, Passeig de Gràcia and Plaça Espanya.

Renfe: Train directly from the airport (Terminal T2) to Estació de França. It runs every 30 minutes.

Line R2 Nord: Train directly from the airport (Terminal T2) to city center.

Taxi: distinctive black and yellow cars with a meter. Expect an additional surcharge from the airport and for luggage.

Moving Around the City



Barcelona is a very densely populated city and parking is a problem. However, the public transportation system is excellent; metro, buses and relatively inexpensive taxis make it easy to get around. There are nine underground lines and several metropolitan lines, each identified by a number and color. Check out this site to find out the best way to get from one point to another: www.tmb.net

In addition, the city has an environmentally friendly bicycle service designed to move quickly and easily all over town, which has become very popular with locals and especially with students. You will find stations all over the city, including two in our main campus, where you can pick up and drop your bicycle. In order to use the service, you must register and pay a yearly fee.

For more details, please visit www.bicing.cat

Getting to the Barcelona GSE Ciutadella Campus

The Ciutadella Campus is located right next to the Parc de la Ciutadella and Barcelona Zoo on the block between Wellington street and Ramon Trias Fargas street.

By bus there are several routes with stops near the campus. Check at www.tmb.cat

By metro / rail / tram:

- Metro Line: 4 (“the yellow line”) to “Ciutadella-Vila Olímpica”
- TRAM: T4 Line Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica or Wellington Stops
- “Rodalies” Train: Lines R1, and R4 to “Arc de Triomf”
- If you are travelling by train from the airport, get off at “Estació de França” station, which is at a mere 15-minute walk from the campus.

The Ciutadella Campus is made up of three main buildings and the library: Jaume I to the right of the main entrance gate on Ramón Trias Fargas 25-27; Roger de Llúria to the left, and the Mercè Rodoreda building on the back, facing the Zoo on Wellington St., where our main offices are located.

For more information about the Universitat Pompeu Fabra: www.upf.edu

Getting to the Barcelona GSE Bellaterra Campus

The Bellaterra Campus is a self-contained campus, right outside the city of Barcelona. The Barcelona GSE office at UAB is located in the Economic Analysis Institute (IAE-CSIC) 2nd floor, office 107, and classes are held in the same building.

Trains from the city to Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona:

- **Ferrocarrils Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC):** The train ride takes approximately 35 minutes from Plaça Catalunya. For more information regarding this train service, visit www.fgc.net
- Line S2 – destination Sabadell – to Universitat Autònoma station
- Line S55 – destination UAB - to Universitat Autònoma station
- **Rodalies de Catalunya:** Line R7 to Cerdanyola UAB station. The Train ride takes approximately 20 minutes from Sant Andreu Arenal Station and connects with R3 and R4 in Plaça Catalunya and Arc de Triomf in a 10-minute ride. From there, UAB shuttle bus lines 4 and 5 connect you with the Economics Department and the Economic Analysis Institute (IAE-CSIC). For more information regarding this train service, visit <http://www20.gencat.cat/portal/site/rodalies>

For further information on Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, you can visit the following links:

- General: www.uab.cat/english
- Mobility: www.uab.cat/accessibilitat-transport

Cost of Living

According to recent consulting reports, the cost of living in Barcelona is still generally lower than that of most major European cities, a key factor in the lifestyle and quality of life standards for the university community. Indeed, in recent years the city has become a magnet for students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Barcelona has long been a popular destination for Erasmus Program students and a leading postgraduate education hub, including several top ranking international business schools and leading economic research institutions.

Emergencies Phone 112

112 centralizes all emergency calls. It is the same number for all of Europe and provides immediate response 24/7. You can use it in any event of health, fire, life threatening situation, or security threat emergency.



Opening a Bank Account

You can either open a bank account in Barcelona or work with your bank at home through credit card. You can find ATM's at most banks and savings banks (caixes/cajas).

However, check with your home bank to make sure you can use your card in Spain and under what conditions. Some ATM's do not accept PIN numbers larger than 4 digits, for example.

Opening a non-resident bank account in Spain is simple. You will need to show your passport to open the account and make transactions. Many foreign banks have local branches in Barcelona.

As soon as you get your student residence permit, it is advisable to change your account from non-resident to resident status to save in bank charges.

Several banking authorities cater for financial services to the students in both campuses.

ACADEMIC REGISTRATION

After having confirmed your seat at the Master Program, you should receive an initial package at your home address containing an original *acceptance letter* duly signed and stamped and an *academic calendar* for your convenience. Your Program Coordinator will also email you the contents of this package so that you can start planning for your move to Barcelona.

IMPORTANT: According to Art. 16 Royal Decree 1393/2007 amended by Royal Decree 861/2010, no student admitted to a Master Program at the Barcelona GSE will be accepted to the program until adequate proof of completion of previous undergraduate studies that provide access to graduate education is presented. The deadline for submittal of such documentation is that of the registration appointment of the student.

Legalization of Your Undergraduate Degree

Depending on where your undergraduate degree is from, your documentation will need to be legalized in one form or another. This section strives to clarify what each student must do in order to legalize his/her documentation according to the country in which his or her undergraduate degree was issued.

**PLEASE BRING ORIGINALS OF ALL DOCUMENTATION
PLUS A COPY AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

Spain

If you are a holder of a University degree obtained in Spain, you must bring your title as well as a copy of the same, duly signed by the University.

If you still do not have your title, you are required to provide the proof of payment of your title's emission fees ("el justificante de pago de tasas de emisión del título de grado").

EHEA European Union Member States

If you are a holder of a University degree obtained within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) in a European Union Member State, your university diploma and certificate of academic records need only have the official seal of the University that expedited them. No further proof is needed.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR ASSIGNED PROGRAM COORDINATOR THE EXACT DOCUMENTATION YOU WILL NEED UPON REGISTRATION

Hague Agreement Members

If you are a holder of a University degree obtained in any of the countries ascribed to the Hague Agreement of Oct 5, 1961, your university diploma and certificate of academic records:

- Must be duly signed and stamped by the University that expedited them
- Must bear the Hague Apostille.

For more details, and to find out where in your country you can apply for the Apostille, please visit http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php?act=conventions.status&cid=41

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Other Countries

For all other countries not mentioned in the previous sections, both diploma and certificate of academic records must be signed and sealed at your university and need to be certified:

- by the Ministry of Education of the country where the documents originated
- by the Foreign Ministry of the country where the document originated
- by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs or by the Spanish Consular Representation in your Country.

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Language

Documents will only be accepted in one of the following languages: Catalan, English, French, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish.

A document in any other language than those stated above must be accompanied by a sworn translation signed and sealed by either:

- A Sworn Translator, duly authorized and registered
- A Spanish Diplomatic or Consular Representation in your country of residence.
- A Diplomatic or Consular Representation of the Country of issuance of such documents.

NO TRANSLATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT BEING ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.

Orientation Meeting and Registration Appointment

During the weeks prior to the start of your classes, you will get an email from your Program Coordinator with detailed information regarding the registration process at the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics.

In order to register, you need to bring along your **ID/passport** (plus a copy) and to provide originals (plus a copy) of the following documents:

- Your Legalized University Degree
- Your Legalized Official Grading Transcript

The Programs Office will take your documents, which will be returned to you after double-checking that everything is correct.

You will also be advised of the time and location of the Orientation Meeting in which we will gladly answer any questions or doubts you may have about the Barcelona GSE and settling down to life in general in Barcelona.

Fees and Payment Deadlines

- All payments should be made before expiration of assigned deadlines.
- [All payments are non-refundable.](#)
- All bank transfer fees chargeable to the student's account unless otherwise specified.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Barcelona GSE email and virtual campus access

All Barcelona GSE students are provided with a Barcelona GSE email address. This address will be the main source of communication between the Barcelona GSE and you and will remain active indefinitely thereafter.

You will be provided a username and password to log on to the virtual campus, where you will find your schedule, grades, and materials posted for each course, as well as important information and notices such as events, placement opportunities and important messages from the administration and your professors.

Academic Calendar

The academic year goes from September to July and is divided in three quarters of ten weeks of classes, usually followed by two weeks of exams.

The First Quarter goes approximately from the last week of September to right before the Winter break. The Second Quarter usually runs from January to April whilst the Third and final Quarter takes place from April to the end of June.

Course Listings and Syllabi

Courses and syllabi are available at the GSE Master Programs' website:
www.barcelonagse.eu/Programs.html

This information is constantly updated, so make sure to check the webpage frequently to have the latest information on our courses.

Grading Policy

The Barcelona GSE follows a numeric grading policy that translates thus:

Numeric Scale	Grade	Reference Grade Description
9.5-10	A+	Extraordinary Achievement
9.0-9.4	A	Outstanding
8.0-8.9	A-	Excellent
7.5-7.9	B+	Very Good
7.0-7.4	B	Good
6.0-6.9	B-	Good
5.0-5.9	C	Passing
3.0-4.9	D	Fail
0-2.9	E	Fail

Plus and minus grading: Only the grades of A and B allow a plus (+) or minus (-) suffix.

Brush-Up Courses

Prior to the start of the Academic Year, the Barcelona GSE will hold a series of brush-up courses to enhance or refresh quantitative and mathematical skills and/or to become familiar with the computational tools they will be using during the Master course.

Master courses require the students attendance to the brush-up course prior to the start of their program.

Further information on Brush-up courses will be sent to you via email when the time draws near.



BARCELONA GSE CAMPUS SERVICES

Libraries

Students have access to the Libraries in both Campuses (Bellaterra and Ciutadella).

Opening hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 to 1:30 / Sat.-Sun. and Holidays: 8:30 to 2:45

Opening hours are extended during exam periods. Bellaterra Campus has study lounges that are open 24 hours a day. Libraries are closed on Jan. 1, May 1, Sept. 11 and Dec. 25-26.

Books and Bookstores

Although textbooks are not required and are usually available in the library, ABACUS is the on-campus supplier for books and other materials with stores at both UPF and UAB. At UPF, the store is located across from the cafeteria, in the Roger de Lluria Building. Its Opening Hours are: Mon.-Fri. 10:00-19:00. You can also find an Abacus Bookstore at Plaça Cívica of the UAB Campus.

Computer Accessibility

Computers are available to students in the Library Computer Rooms in both UAB and UPF Campuses. The wireless connection gives you access to internet, email and network printing. At the Bellaterra Campus, you have open access to Wifi for all students at libraries and other public areas. To log in to a computer you need a user name and password. This information will be provided to you confidentially via email.

Language Services

Both UAB and UPF offer language courses in Spanish or Catalan. For more information:

- UAB language service: www.uab.es
- UPF language service: www.upf.edu/pei

You can find free Catalan courses and Language voluntaries at both Universities.

Additionally, there are private language schools that offer Spanish and Catalan classes around the city.

The Barcelona GSE will organize a basic Spanish Course for those interested in a “survival”-two-month course. More details will be provided to you via e-mail by your Program Coordinator.

Cafeterias

Two cafeterias at the Ciutadella Campus provide reasonably priced meals. You can find one in each of the Ciutadella Campuses Buildings (Jaume I and Roger de Llúria). About ten restaurants and cafeterias are available at the Bellaterra Campus with special menus for students.

Sports, Leisure and Cultural Activities

Ciutadella Campus:

The UPF offers a wide range of sports, leisure and cultural activities through the SACU Service (Servei d'Atenció a la Comunitat Universitaria) www.upf.edu/sacu/es

The Student Information Desk (PIE) can also provide you with information about the UPF Campus and other services www.upf.edu/bibtic/en/serveis/atencio/pie.html

Bellaterra Campus:

The **International Welcome Point (IWP)** of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona provides information for students, lecturers, administrative staff and services staff from other countries. At the IWP, at the Plaça Cívica, students can find out all the information they need before they arrive, resolve any doubts about their on-campus academic life, obtain their UAB student card, see what activities are taking place, find out what grants are available, get help with finding accommodation, ask about the different services at the university and find out about the available language courses.

For more information on Sports, please visit: www.saf.uab.cat

YOUR BARCELONA GSE EXPERIENCE

Your professors

renowned academics and expert practitioners

Your classmates

88% international student body

Your program

one-year Master Program taught entirely in English

Your degrees

Our eight programs lead to three Master Degrees: the Master Degree in Data Science, the Master Degree in Specialized Economic Analysis, both jointly awarded by UPF and UAB; and the Master Degree in Economics and Finance, awarded by UPF:

Programs leading to the degree in Data Science:

- Data Science

Programs leading to the degree in Specialized Economic Analysis:

- Competition and Market Regulation
- Economics of Public Policy
- Health Economics and Policy
- International Trade, Finance and Development
- Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets

Programs Leading to the degree in Economics and Finance:

- Economics
- Finance

Your environment

a vibrant university community and dynamic European economics cluster

Your career

a master program offering academic or professional orientation

Your life

one year in the beautiful and exciting Mediterranean city of Barcelona

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Student Profile

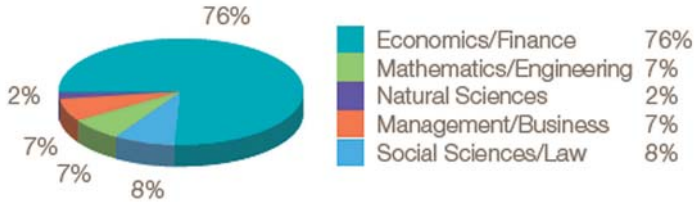
The international flavor of the GSE creates an enriching mixture of cultural perspectives and a multitude of experiences that offer a learning experience unto itself. Students are admitted for their outstanding academic background and their commitment to excel in graduate studies.

MASTER CLASS PROFILE 13-14

Intake of students: 223 | Nationalities: 62 | Average age: 25 years old

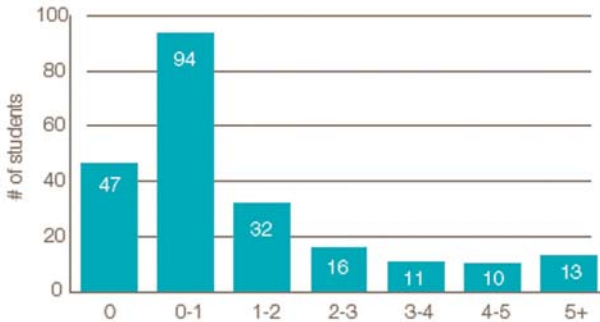
Gender: 62% male, 38% female

Academic Background

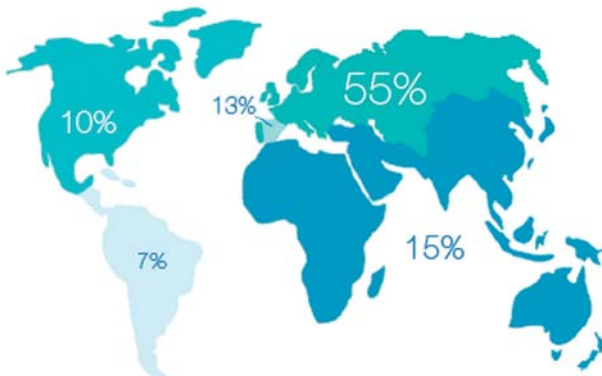


Years of Work Experience Prior to Master Program

Years of Work Experience Prior to Entering the Master Program



Geographic Origin of Students by Region



Career Outlook

Barcelona GSE master programs combine both theoretical and applied training, which prepares students for entry into competitive PhD programs as well as top jobs in Economics and related fields. GSE graduates are highly demanded in positions that require:

- Solid command of quantitative economics
- A rigorous understanding of economic theory
- Competence in both theoretical and empirical approaches
- Analytical skills and ability to write technical and executive reports
- Expertise in a wide range of specializations in different fields of economics

Find below 2012-13 Class placement statistics

Alumni Placement



Career Paths

- 69% Professional
- 31% Academic



Placement by Location (professional and academic)

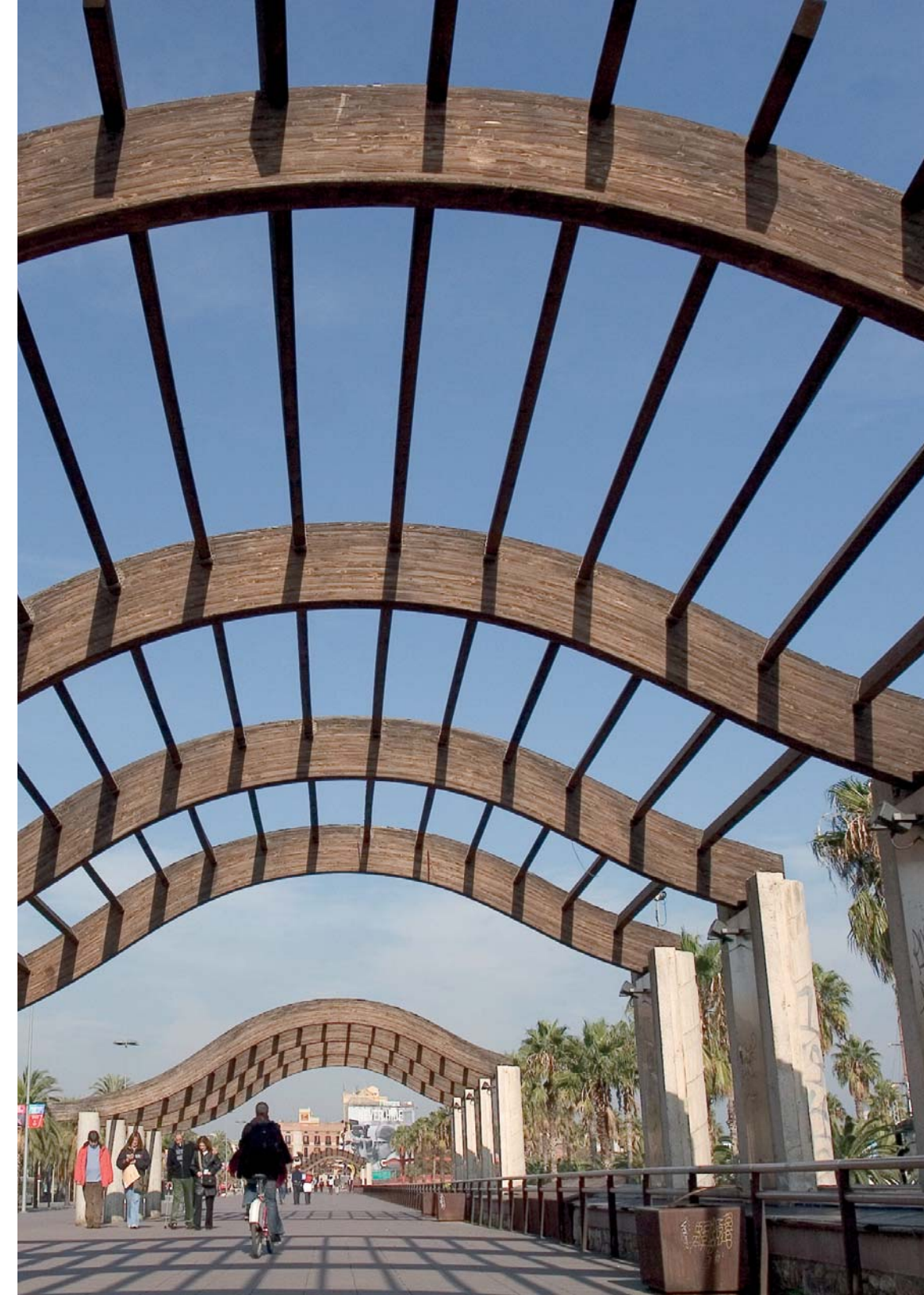
- 43% Europe (not Spain)
- 25% Spain
- 15% North America
- 12% Central and South America
- 5% Asia, Africa and Oceania



Professional Placement by Industry

- 26% Banking and Financial Services
- 20% Consulting Firms
- 15% Authorities and Government Agencies
- 14% Research Institutions
- 6% International Organizations
- 19% Consumer Goods, Energy, IT, Telecommunications, other

*Note: 79% of the Class of 2013 reporting were placed within 3 months of graduating.
Response rate: 84%*



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