The University of Barcelona

Since it was founded in the Late Middle Ages, at the year 1450, the University of Barcelona (UB) has been a key research center in all the scientific disciplines, providing its researchers with the means to achieve scientific, technological, intellectual and research prowess, the UB plays a predominant role among the 200 leading universities in the world and Spanish universities in the principal international ranking systems.

As a research institution, the UB is among the leading universities in Europe and has been ranked among the 80 best universities in the world. The UB, whose academic autonomy was recognized in the year 1592 by the Union of the Crowns of Aragon and Castile, is considered the preeminent academic institution in the Autonomous Community of Catalonia. The UB is a public university, with its seat and main campus in the city of Barcelona.

The UB is a city university with close historical ties to the city of Barcelona, its origins and evolution are linked to the cultural identity and modernity that have characterized the history of Barcelona and its development in the modern era. The UB has always been a key component of Catalan society, the University has witnessed all the various changes and events that have marked Barcelona's history and the history of Catalonia, in particular the various phases of university autonomy, though cut short by the Civil War, the University has always cooperated with the city of Barcelona and its urban surroundings, thereby fostering the necessary symbiosis between the university and its urban surroundings. The UB is an international university with a diverse student body, its huge international activity and its diverse teaching and research programs have renewed the UB's identity in all its educational programs in the world of science, technology and society.

In the academic year 2007-08 the UB coordinated 44% of all official master's degree programs available in Catalonia in Experimental Sciences and Health Sciences.

The information in the following pages is designed to provide a fair reflection of its achievements at a glance, it is today.

The UB in figures

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In the first academic year since its introduction, the UB Virtual Campus was used by 18,590 students and 2,329 teachers in a total of 2,457 course units.

The UB is the only university in Spain listed among the 200 institutions in the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2008, and is the highest ranked of all Spanish universities in the top 100 institutions in Europe.