INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GUIDE

2023-24

FACULTY OF BIOLOGY

Universitat de Barcelona
UB and the Faculty of Biology

According to the rankings, the University of Barcelona is one of the most reputed European universities and actually located in one of the best cities to study. It is the first ranked university in Spain and the 168th among all the universities in the World in the QS World University Ranking 2023 (57th in Life Sciences & Medicine and 65th in Natural Sciences according to QS World Subject Ranking 2023). Its own history closely tied to the history of Barcelona and of Catalonia, our university combines the values of tradition with its position as an institution dedicated to innovation and teaching excellence: a university that is as outward-looking and cosmopolitan as the city from which it takes its name.

The UB campuses are spread out across the entire inner-city area, thus fostering a series of close ties between the institution of our University and the city around us. These ties contribute to the human and cultural environment present in certain parts of Barcelona and enables members of the university community to enjoy both the city’s services and those of the UB.

The Faculty of Biology was established in 1974, making it a pioneering institution in Spain. It first appeared as a result of increasing knowledge in the field of life sciences at a time of relentless diversification. It is located on the Pedralbes Campus (Av. Diagonal, 643) opposite the Palau Reial, and as such is well connected with the various public transport systems in the metropolitan area.
Courses

Incoming students at the faculty of biology have the possibility of taking either Bachelor, Master, or Lab training courses. Here it follows information about the different possibilities you have.

The Faculty of Biology offers the following 5 Bachelor’s degrees:

- EHEA bachelor’s degree in Biology
- EHEA bachelor’s degree in Environmental Sciences
- EHEA bachelor’s degree in Biotechnology
- EHEA bachelor’s degree in Biomedical Sciences
- EHEA bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry

We also participate in the following Bachelor degrees:

- EHEA bachelor’s degree in Marine Sciences

And the following Master and Postgraduate programmes:

- Advanced Immunology
- Advanced Microbiology
- Aquaculture
- Biodiversity
- Biological Anthropology
- Ecology, Environmental Management and Restoration
- Environmental Agrobiology
- Genetics and Genomics
- Integrative physiology
- Neurosciences
- Oceanography and Marine Environmental Management

We also participate in the following Master programmes:

- Biomedicine
- Molecular Biotechnology
At the Faculty of Biology of the University of Barcelona, we have five Bachelor degrees: Biology, Environmental Sciences, Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Biomedicine. As an exchange student, you are able to take courses from any of the five Bachelor programs, combining them as you wish.

Bachelor courses are mainly in Catalan and there are some courses in Spanish.

The Schedules for the academic year 2023-24 are not available yet. In the meanwhile, you can check the schedule of the academic year 2022-23 and the language of the courses.

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Environmental Sciences

Go to each Bachelor’s website, for example Biotechnology:

and follow the next steps: choose pla docent (Syllabus) and TARDOR/PRIMAVERA (autumn/ spring) (Shedules of the course and language).
Schedules of the courses 2023-24 will be published in the same links

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**Schedules of the courses 2023-24**

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Master courses

As an exchange student, you are also able to take Master courses. Nevertheless, you have to take into account that Bachelor courses in our faculty are four years long in contrast with most Bachelors in Europe of three years, so a master course would correspond to the fifth year of studies. This makes sometimes difficult that an incoming Bachelor student in his/her 3rd year of studies has an academic background long enough to follow master courses correctly. In addition to that, master courses have limited places available and students taking the complete master program have priority in front of exchange students.

This situation makes necessary that master coordinators give their acceptance to Exchange Students applying for the courses based on student academic background and places available.

In our Faculty we have eleven master programs. You can check their programs [here](#).

Master programs have a wider offer of courses taught in English and we have one master fully done in English: Msc in Genetics and Genomics. There are other masters offering courses in English such as master in Biomedicine, Advanced Immunology, Molecular Biotechnology, Neurosciences and Aquaculture.
Schedules

Master Courses’ Schedules for the academic year 2023-24 are not available yet. In the meanwhile, you can check the schedule of the academic year 2022-23 and the language of the courses.

Advanced Immunology
Advanced Microbiology
Aquaculture
Biodiversity
Biological Anthropology
Ecology, Environmental Management and Restoration
Environmental Agrobiology
Erasmus Mundus Master in Science in Health Management in Aquaculture
Genetics and Genomics
Integrative Physiology
Neurosciences
Oceanography and Marine Environmental Management

Master courses taught in English:

**Master in Biomedicine**

**17 courses of 3 ECTS in English:**
- 569886 Experimental Models in Biomedicine (3 ECTS)
- 569887 From Bench to Bedside: Translation to the Clinic of Advances in Biomedical Research (3 ECTS)
- 569888 Scientific Communication (3 ECTS)
- 569890 Molecular Principles and Cancer Research (3 ECTS)
- 569891 Molecular Principles and Research in Metabolism and Endocrinology (3 ECTS)
- 569892 Molecular Principles and Research in Infectious Disease and Immunology (3 ECTS)
- 569894 Advances in the Molecular Mechanisms of Cell Transformation (3 ECTS)
- 569895 Advances in the Molecular Mechanisms involved in the Progression and Spread of Cancer (3 ECTS)
- 569896 Translational Therapy and Research in Cancer (3 ECTS)
- 569897 Molecular and Cellular Principles and Pathophysiology of Diabetes (3 ECTS)
- 569898 Molecular and Cellular Principles and Pathophysiology of Obesity (3 ECTS)
- 569900 New and Translational Therapies in Metabolic Disease (3 ECTS)
- 569907 Fluorescence Microscopy Techniques (3 ECTS)
- 572856 High-Content Screening of Cell Populations (3 ECTS)
- 573599 Epigenetics: Mechanisms and Applications in Biomedicine (3 ECTS)
- 569910 Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine (3 ECTS)
- 569911 Research, Development and Innovation Management (3 ECTS)
(see the full curriculum here and timetables of the courses)

**Master in Advanced Immunology**

7 courses of 2,5 ECTS in English:
- 568550 Anatomy of the immune system (2,5 ECTS)*
- 568551 Activation and signal transduction (2,5 ECTS)
- 568552 Regulation of the immune response (2,5 ECTS)
- 568553 Immunogenetics (2,5 ECTS)*
- 568554 Immunopathology (2,5 ECTS)*
- 568566 Autoimmunity (2,5 ECTS)**
- 568569 Immunodeficiencies and AIDS (2,5 ECTS)**
(see description of the courses)

(* courses taught at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Facultat de Medecina
** courses taught at Unitat Docent Hospital Vall d'Hebron)

**Master in Neurosciences**

7 courses of 2,5 ECTS and 1 course of 3 ECTS in English:
- 568669 Basis of cognitive neuroscience (2,5 ECTS) (4, 7-11, 14-17 November (18-20 h)). Examen 20 December (18-19 h). Faculty of Medecine UB. Campus Clinic
- 568697 Computational Neuroscience (2,5 ECTS) 6-8 March 2023 (12-14 h); 9-10, 13-14 March 2023 (16-18 h). Examen 20 March 2023 (12-13 h). Campus UPF, Ciutadella
- 568683 Neurotoxicology (2,5 ECTS) 30-31 January (15-17 h); 1-3, 6-7 February 2023 (15-17 h); 3 March 2023 (15-17 h). Examen 13 February 2023 (15-16 h). Faculty of Pharmacy UB.

- 568678 Molecular biology of ion channels, receptors and transporters (2,5 ECTS). 17-21, 24-28 October (8:30-10:30 h). Examen 13 December (9-10 h). Campus UPF (Dr. Aiguader 80)

- 568685 Neurobiology of pain (2,5 ECTS) 18-20, 23-26 January 2023 (9-11 h). Examen 30 January 2023 (9-12 h). Campus UPF (Dr. Aiguader 80)

- 568680 Neurobiology of sensory systems (2.5 ECTS). 14-17, 20-22 February 2023 (17-19 h). Examen 27 February 2023 (16-17 h) Faculty of Biology UB Aula 14

- 568666 Neurotransmission (3 ECTS). 18-21, 24-28 October (18-20 h); 2 November (18-20 h). Examen 9 November (12-13h). Faculty of Biology UB Aula 14

- 568694 Neurocognitive development (2.5 credits). 28 February 2023 (10-12 h); 1-3, 6-8 March 2023 (10-12 h). Examen 20 March 2023 (11-12 h). Campus UPF, Ciutadella (see description of the courses here)

**Master in Molecular Biotechnology**

12 courses (5 ECTS) in English:

- 569687 Ethical, legal and management aspects of R&D and entrepreneurship in biotechnology (5 ECTS)

- 569670 Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics (5 ECTS)

- 569688 Genetic and molecular bases of Biotechnology (5 ECTS)

- 569689 Biotechnological applications (5 ECTS)

- 569692 Structure and analysis of biomolecules (5 ECTS)

- 569693 Nanobiotechnology (5 ECTS)

- 569695 Research seminars (5 ECTS)

- 569704 Biotechnology of water and soil: Bioremediation (5 ECTS)

- 569699 Molecular Diagnosis (5 ECTS)

- 569698 Gene and Cell Therapy (5 ECTS)

- 569700 Plant Biotechnology (5 ECTS)

- 569701 Animal Biotechnology (5 ECTS)

(see description of the courses)

**Master in Genetics and Genomics** (fully in English)

8 courses of 2,5 ECTS and 4 courses of 5 ECTS in English

- 568761 Advanced Genetic Analysis and Functional Genomics (5 ECTS)

- 568778 Advanced Techniques in Genetic Engineering (2,5 ECTS)
- 568787 Comparative Genomics (2,5 ECTS)
- 568781 Developmental Genetics and Genomics (5 ECTS)
- 568782 Evolution and Development (2,5 ECTS)
- 568770 High-Throughput Analysis of Genomic Data (2,5 ECTS)
- 568779 Genetic Diagnosis (5 ECTS)**
- 568777 Mendelian and Complex Genetic Diseases (5 ECTS)**
- 568773 Regeneration and Stem Cells (2,5 ECTS)
- 568772 Seminars on Genetics Research (2,5 ECTS)
- 568763 The Human Genome (2,5 ECTS)
- 571281 Tissue Differentiation in Fetal and Neonatal Development (2,5 ECTS)
(see description of the courses)
** these 2 courses go together.

Take note that you can only apply to the above mentioned courses in the Master in Genetics and Genomics; the other ones do not accept Exchange students)

**Master in Aquaculture**

Aquaculture as a Productive Sector 2nd semester (8 ECTS)
Health and Well-being in Aquatic Animals 1st semester (8 ECTS)
Physiology of Species of Interest in Aquaculture 1st semester (8 ECTS)
Courses from other Faculties

Incoming students may apply for a maximum of 49% of the total of ECTS at subjects of other Faculties. If you are interested in doing subjects at other Faculties you have to request an authorization to their International Offices. You have to send them the authorization document named: "Permís assignatures Altres Facultats" completed with the name of the subject, the code and the group that you are interested in doing together with your Transcript of Records.

You have to complete the document this way and send it to them so they can process your acceptance:

**Facultat/Escola on ha estat acceptat:** [Faculty of Biology]

Facultad-Escuela donde ha sido aceptado

**Facultat/Escola on es volen seguir altres assignatures:** [Faculty of Medicine (for example)]

Facultad-Escuela donde se quieren seguir otras asignaturas:

**Nom i Cognoms estudiant:** your name

Nombre y Apellidos estudiante:

**Passaport:** your passport

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In the link below you can find the email addresses of all the International Relations Offices of the Faculties of the UB.

[http://www.ub.edu/uri/comu/professo.htm](http://www.ub.edu/uri/comu/professo.htm)

In case you get the acceptance please send us the document signed by the Faculty. (Take note that the acceptance can take some time as they might first know how many of their regular and incoming students want to get registered and know the free spots) and then we will be able to add the subject to your application and registration at UB.
Lab trainings and research projects

We also offer to our incoming students the chance of undertaking “Laboratory training” recognized with 15 ECTS (half time) or 30 ECTS (full time).

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The time you should spend in a 30 ECTS Lab Training would correspond to a full time job (7-8h per day) and to a part time job (4-5 h per day) in the case of 15 ECTS Lab Training. In that case, incoming students should contact with the Research Group and obtain an acceptance before coming to our Faculty.
Steps for applying to an Internship at our Faculty

You should contact with the Research Group that you are interested in and obtain an acceptance before coming to our Faculty.

http://www.ub.edu/ori-bio/exchange-students/labtrainings

1) You can check for a research group you are interested in Faculty of Biology  
Or Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences or Faculty of Pharmacy and Food Sciences Universitat de Barcelona

Or in other Catalan research institutions such as:

- Institut de Biomedicina UB
- Institut de Neurociències UB
- Institute de Nanociències i Nanotecnologia UB
- Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia
- Institut de Recerca de Barcelona (Biomedicine)
- CSIC (Spanish Research Council)  
  - Molecular Biology Institute of Barcelona  
  - Molecular Biology and Biomedicine  
  - Ecology  
  - Marine Science
- IDIBAPS (Biomedicine)
- IDIBELL (Biomedicine)
- CRAG (Agrobiology)
- IBE (Evolutive Biology)
- CREAF (Ecology)

2) Contact the head of the group by e-mail showing that you are interested in becoming a part of the group + CV + Letter of motivation. If the head of the group agrees to accept you as a trainee, then you will have to ask him to sign an acceptance letter stating the dates of your placement. Once you have the acceptance letter you can send it to ori-bio@ub.edu so we will be able to get you registered in the lab training course

*Take note the procedure for the students that have an Erasmus + placement grant (not the Erasmus + student grant is different).

Erasmus + placement students won’t have to get registered at any subject. The required document is the Internship Confirmation signed by a Research group of our Faculty. It has to be from our Faculty, not another Faculty of Institute, as otherwise the student should be registered as an Erasmus + placement student at the Faculty or Institute where the student got an acceptance
Application

To be accepted as a temporary visiting student at the UB you need to follow the steps described below:

1. Find out if your home university has a student exchange agreement with the Faculty of Biology - University of Barcelona

Erasmus+ KA131, Erasmus+ KA171, Inter-institutional Agreements or other Bilateral Agreements.

2. If your home university has no formal exchange agreement with the UB, you may submit an individual application (free mover)

3. Obtain authorization from your home university to participate in an exchange program at the UB

4. Complete and send the Online application

The application for the year 2023/2024 the deadlines are:

- 15th of June for the first semester and whole academic year.
- 15th of November for the second semester

5. Once completed the application form, send the corresponding documents scanned to ori-bio@ub.edu

A.1 Erasmus+ Exchange :

1. One printed copy of your online application form for admission duly completed and signed by you and your Erasmus coordinator at your home university

2. A certificate signed by your home university attesting your participation on the program / nomination email form your home university

3. 1 passport-sized photograph

4. Transcript of Records

5. Certificate of language proficiency (catalan, spanish or english)

A.2 Erasmus Placement:

1. One printed copy of your online application form for admission duly completed and signed by you and your Erasmus coordinator at your home university

2. A certificate signed by your home university attesting your participation on the program / nomination email form your home university

3. Acceptance document from the department or service from the Faculty of Biology that will host you ('Internship Confirmation')

4. 1 passport-sized photograph;

5. Certificate of language proficiency (catalan, spanish or english)
A.3 Students covered by Bilateral agreements:

1. One printed copy of your online application form for admission duly completed and signed by you and your international mobility coordinator at your home university
2. A certificate signed by your home university attesting your participation on the program / nomination email form your home university
3. 1 passport-sized photograph
4. Transcript of Records
5. Certificate of language proficiency (catalan, spanish or english)

For students coming with different Exchange programmes, please check the scanned documents you have to send by email here.

The Manager of mobility at the faculty of Biology will contact you formally to confirm whether or not you have been accepted.

After receiving the application, we will send the Acceptance letter to the students. You can contact us at ori-bio@ub.edu for any questions or doubts. We will have a “Welcome session” the week before each semester starts.
Regular students

Students who have foreign qualifications may be admitted to Bachelor’s degrees, Master courses, Postgraduate Diplomas and Doctoral programmes at the UB.

Check all the International Degrees and courses of the University of Barcelona

Please consult below information on how to successfully complete the admission process to one of the bachelor’s degrees: Admission with foreign qualifications
Procedure for obtaining a student residence card

To be able to remain legally in Spain you will need to obtain a legal permit to stay as a student (TIE). This document allows you to live in Spain during your period of study, and also allows you to travel throughout the European Union and in countries that have signed agreements with Spain or the European Union for the free movement of persons.

Who must apply for the legal permit to stay as a student?

Anyone who wishes to study in Spain and is not a national of any European Union country (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Sweden) or the United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland, and wishes to stay six months or more.

We highly recommend you to process your “study visa” before your arrival in Barcelona.

Please find more information [here](#).
Languages

UB recommends the temporary students to have a B2 as the minimum level necessary of Catalan, Spanish or English knowledge (depending on the teaching language of the chosen subjects). On average, approximately 75% of our courses are taught in Catalan, and the remaining 25% in Spanish and 10% in English.

We do not require exchange students to pass a language test. However, we expect exchange students who will follow courses to be able to follow the lectures. Therefore, we strongly suggest all incoming students to prepare their knowledge of Spanish or Catalan thoroughly before coming to Barcelona.

Catalan courses

Throughout the academic year, the UB delivers Catalan language courses at all levels and with a wide range of course dates and weekly timetables to choose from, so that each student at the UB can reach a fair level in the language. The university also offers an intensive course, just before the beginning of the semester, designed especially for beginner students to reach a level of listening and writing skill to be able to handle their first university lectures and classes.

If you want to start a Catalan course on-line today, visit the following web site: http://www.intercat.cat/en/index.jsp

You should also visit the website Information for participants on Exchange Programmes to obtain information about Catalan at the University of Barcelona and opportunities to learn catalan: language courses and the range of language learning materials and resources available for self-study on the internet.

+ INFO:

- Network of Catalan language readers in several universities around the world (Institut Ramon Llull)
- Learn Catalan (Serveis Lingüístics UB)

Spanish courses

Those wishing to learn Spanish can choose from the courses offered by the UB institution Hispanic Studies and if you are interested in taking classes in other languages you can consult the range of courses offered by the University's School of Modern Languages.
Accommodation and living in Barcelona

In order to arrange accommodation for your stay in Barcelona, please contact the Resa Housing Service.

Resa Housing Service - BCU Reservation Center

Address: Torrent de l'Olla st., 219 - 08012 Barcelona
Phone: (34) 932 389 072 - Fax: (34) 93 228 92 59
Web: https://www.resa.es/es/ - E-mail: resa@resa.es
Opening hours: Mon-Thu -> 09:30 - 13:30 and 15:30 - 17:30 // Fri -> 09:00 - 14:00

The Barcelona University Centre (BCU) provides the information you need to know to live and to study in Barcelona: how to get to Barcelona, cost of living, climate, moving about the city or services for the university community. Please visit the BCU website:

Barcelona University Centre (BCU)

Address: Torrent de l'Olla st., 219 - 08012 Barcelona
Phone: (34) 93 238 90 49 - Fax: (34) 93 228 92 59
Web: www.bcu.cat - E-mail: info@bcu.cat
Opening hours: Mon-Thu -> 09:00 - 14:00 and 15:00 - 17:00 // Fri-> 08:00 - 15:00
Registering at the UB on your arrival

Once your application is approved, we will send you the acceptance letter.

Then we will ask you to send us via email some required documents in order to get you registered (passport or identity card photocopy, insurances (medical, accidents and repatriation coverage), home address in Barcelona,

We will inform you about it on time!!!
More things to know

What do I need to open a bank account?

You need a letter of acceptance from your host university or research centre, or any document that proves you’re studying or doing research at a centre in Catalonia, as well as a passport number and a foreigner’s ID number (NIE). If you’re a national of an EU member state, apply for the NIE at the police station located at Rambla Guipúscoc, 74 (Barcelona). You’ll need a prior appointment, which can be made here. If you’re not from an EU member country, go to the police station at Passeig de Sant Joan, 189 (Barcelona). To make an appointment, email at infoext.barcelona@seap.minhap.es.

How can I access the public health system?

If you come from an EU or EEA member state or Switzerland, you need either a valid European Health Card (issued by your home country) or private medical insurance for the duration of your stay. Non-EU citizens will require private medical insurance that covers their time here. Public primary medical care is provided at CAP centres. See www.catsalut.cat for details.

Which card should I use to travel by public transport?

The most popular travel cards (for metro, bus, tram and FGC and local renfe trains) are:

- T-casual: a holder-specific travel card allowing 10 journeys on all operator in the Integrated Fare System.
- T-Usual: a holder-specific travel card allowing unlimited journeys on all operators in the IFS. It lasts a calendar month and must be used with a travel ID.
- T-Jove: under-25s can use this personalised card to make unlimited journeys over 90 days.
- T-50/30: an individual travel card valid for 50 journeys over 30 consecutive days from the first validation.

For more details, visit https://www.tmb.cat/ca/home

What to do in case of emergency?

If you are the victim of an accident, ask for help from a police officer or call 112, which works for all emergency services, including ambulances and the fire brigade. It’s free, works 24/7 and you can even call using your mobile in places where you can’t get a signal with your provider (via another company). Operators can help in 50 languages.
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