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UNIVERSITAT DE
 BARCELONA



GRADUATE PROGRAMME

Barcelona 2016 / 2017

MSC & PHD IN ECONOMICS

Faculty of Economics
 & Business UB



“I’m driving my
 academic career
 in Barcelona.
 Will you join?”

Charisse Tubianosa (Philippines)



GRADUATE PROGRAMME

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Elisenda Paluzie i Hernández

Dean of the Faculty of Economics
and Business, Universitat de Barcelona



The University of Barcelona's Graduate Programme in Economics has been developed for students who intend to pursue a professional or research career in the international arena. The Programme comprises a two-year master's degree, MSc in Economics, and a research programme leading to the PhD in Economics. However, these two stages can be coursed separately if the student meets the entry requirements.

The MSc programme is designed to extend students' capabilities in using the theoretical and empirical techniques needed to analyse real world economic problems and to provide students with the chance to undertake independent research. The Programme, which is delivered entirely in English, attracts students from around the world, providing a mix that enhances the international approach to academic life at the University of Barcelona (UB). Over half the students who normally do the MSc programme consider it as a way of beginning their PhD. Some of the students complete their PhD in our Faculty, which is one of only a handful of programmes in Spain to have received the Ministry of Education's 'Pathway to Excellence award' for the quality and impact of its research and benefits.

The Graduate Programme is taught at the UB's Faculty of Economics and Business, which has received outstanding results in the Ministry of Education's teaching and research quality reviews. Moreover, UB's Faculty of Economics and Business is one of the largest in south west Europe and also one of the faculties on the Barcelona Knowledge Campus, the most active 'Campus of Excellence' in all Spain. In fact, the University of Barcelona is the leading Southern European University in the QS World University Rankings and the third-best Economics institution in Spain based on ISI and IDEAS rankings. Students enrolled on the Programme are able to attend frequently-held seminars and talks delivered by some of the world's most prestigious academics and professionals in the heart of the vibrant city of Barcelona.

ECONOMICS AT UB



The University of Barcelona's prestigious academic tradition stretches back over more than 550 years. Today, the University offers programmes to some 65,000 students and employs more than 9,000 lecturers and researchers on seven university campuses. In the academic year 2014/2015, the teaching and research staff in the University's 18 faculties and university schools published a total of 5,180 journal articles. The UB is among the foremost universities in Spain, with one of the largest student bodies; it teaches a wide range of courses, generates extensive research output and promotes valuable innovation and technology transfer.

The UB's Faculty of Economics and Business is home to around 9,500 students and 400 full-time lecturers and researchers and it publishes some 400 journal articles each year. The Faculty is a leading centre for teaching and research and forms part of an internationally recognised hub of economics research in the Barcelona area.

Research in Economics

Our faculty's platform **UB Economics** is committed to excellence in research and teaching in the field of economics. With more than 100 researchers, **UB Economics** boasts experts in many disciplines of both economics and econometrics. Specifically, the platform is committed to research excellence in three research areas: Growth, Trade and Spatial Economics; Public Economics and Policy Analysis; Behaviour, Games and Risk.

UB 1st university*
SOUTHERN EUROPE

*According to QS World University Rankings®

UB 3rd economics
institution*
ECONOMICS SPAIN

*According to IDEAS Top Economics Departments

MSc 5th MSc
in economics*
EUROPE

*According to INOMICS

BARCELONA 10th student's
city*
EUROPE

*According to QS Best Student Cities



THE UB'S GRADUATE PROGRAMME

The University of Barcelona began making its degree courses fully compliant with the requirements of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) in the academic year 2006/2007. This year, the UB is offering more than 141 master's programmes and 48 doctoral programmes across one of the broadest ranges of subjects in Spain, all fulfilling the EHEA's learning outcomes.

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The Graduate Programme in Economics comprises the following two stages:

The MSc IN ECONOMICS
02
Years

The PhD IN ECONOMICS
03 Years
(full time) | **05** Years
(part time)

An International Programme

MSc International Erasmus agreements

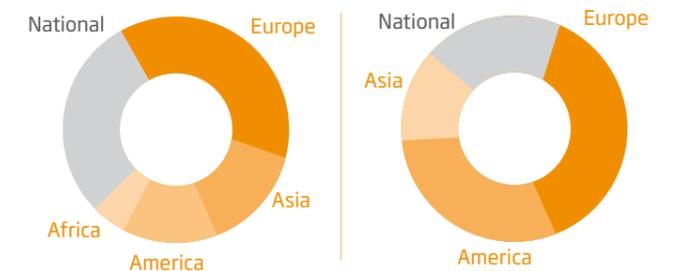


UB is the only Spanish member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU)



MSc students

PhD students



MASTER/MSc IN ECONOMICS

Marina Núñez
Director



The MSc in Economics at the University of Barcelona (UB) is a high-quality master's programme that prepares economists to undertake cutting-edge research at one of the world's leading higher education institutions.

The MSc in Economics is the perfect programme for recent graduates looking to develop their research skills through a broad selection of courses entirely taught in English by our top researchers. Since this is a two-year master, students will have the chance to develop strong methodological skills and specialise in areas of particular interest to them.

On successfully completing the programme, students can expect to find employment in a broad range of sectors, including higher education and economic consulting. The strongest candidates are encouraged to undertake advanced research in the PhD Programme.

What you'll get from the course:

- The tools to analyse and resolve complex economic problems
- The skills to evaluate the effects of economic policies
- The knowledge to initiate independent research in economics
- The skills required for decision-making, leadership and being an effective team member
- The ability to communicate your research findings

What we'll need from you

- A Bachelor degree in Economics, Business or in other degree studies with solid maths foundations such as mathematics, physics or engineering- with a good scholastic average (GPA)
- Sufficient level of English
- Specific motivation to course UB Master in Economics

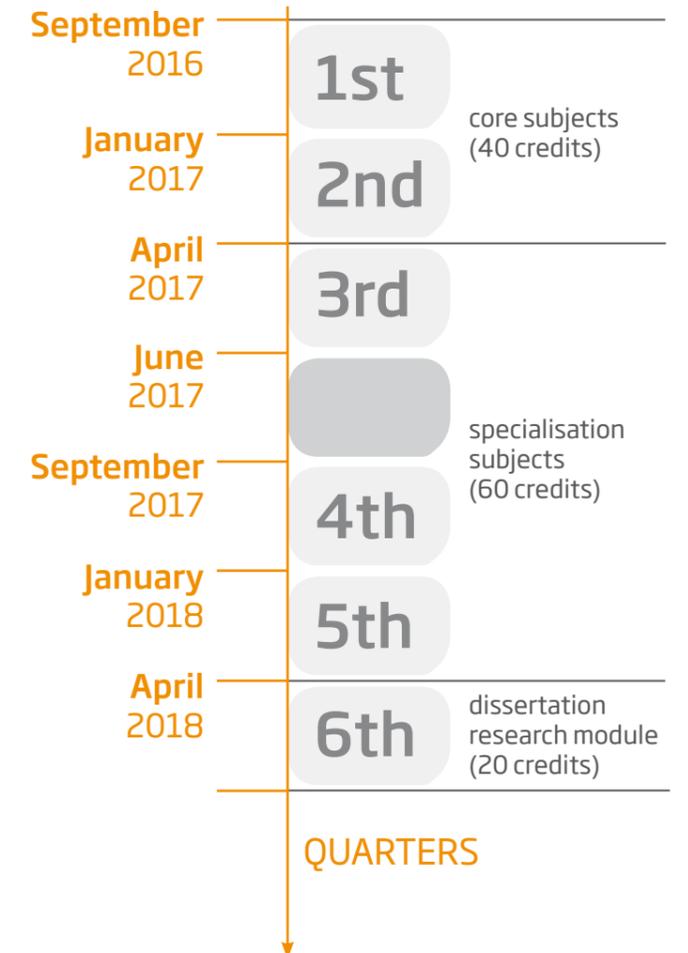
Master/MSc in Economics

Students need to obtain a total of 120 credits to be awarded the MSc in Economics. During the first and second terms, students study a number of core subjects (40 credits), including Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Mathematical Economics and Econometrics.

In the third, fourth and fifth terms, students have to choose two options from the list below according to their specialisation subject choice (60 credits), enabling them to specialise in areas of interest for their future profession or research. There are around 30 specialisation subjects offered in the following areas:

- Public Economics
- Regional and Urban Economics
- Growth and Trade
- Government and Markets
- Games, Behaviour and Incentives

During the sixth term, students must plan and write a dissertation in a subject of interest to them, employing the concepts and methods acquired during the course.



PhD IN ECONOMICS

Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal
Director



The University of Barcelona (UB) offers you the opportunity to undertake research in a wide range of fields of economics, taking part in an international PhD programme in the vibrant city of Barcelona. The PhD in Economics is one of only a handful of programmes in Spain to have received the Ministry of Education's quality award for research excellence.

You are expected to have

ACADEMIC SKILLS: different admission pathways are available

- A) UB MSc in Economics with a good scholastic average
- B) Master in Economics from another university with a good scholastic average (GPA) and academic contents equivalent to A)
- C) Master in other fields, conditional to have coursed 40 ECTS and the dissertation module of A)

ENGLISH SKILLS

Sufficient level of English

The PhD in Economics at Barcelona is addressed to students interested in pursuing advanced study and conducting original research in economics, offering research training and close supervision by faculty members prominent in their fields.

THE RESEARCH PERIOD

- 1 1ST YEAR**
Presentation of a detailed thesis proposal to be evaluated and approved.
- 2 2ND AND FOLLOWING YEARS**
Development of thesis proposal. Presentation of annual progress reports and one of your papers at the PhD in Economics Workshop.
- 3 READING AND DEFENCE**
Oral examination before a panel of examiners.

We provide a dynamic and stimulating environment offering weekly research seminars, PhD seminars, workshops, conferences, courses and research activities in which students are invited to participate.

The programme prepares PhD students for the academic job market. Former PhD students have found employment at leading academic research institutions in the US and Europe (LSE, the University of Sussex, the University of Warwick, Northwestern University, Heidelberg University) and with major international organisations and government institutions.

RESEARCH AREAS

GROWTH, TRADE AND SPATIAL ECONOMICS

The Growth, Trade and Spatial Economics research area is concerned with the determinants of growth and economic development at both the macroeconomic and regional levels. It therefore addresses a broad spectrum of issues ranging from classic topics such as unemployment and economic growth to the analysis of financial and trade linkages between countries (globalisation). One particular focus of this research area will be to frame these questions in a historical perspective, taking into account regional and geographical differences.

PUBLIC ECONOMICS AND POLICY ANALYSIS

The Public Economics and Policy Analysis research area focuses on the study and design of public policies and institutions aimed at improving efficiency and social welfare. This research area builds on the well-established research strength of the UB in the fields of public economics, particularly fiscal federalism, transport economics and market regulation. It also harnesses synergies in the fields of health, education, and labour economics to inform and design public policies.

BEHAVIOUR, GAMES AND RISK

The Behaviour, Games and Risk area is concerned with analysing individual decision-making and group conduct. This area covers the study of strategic behaviour, competition and cooperation between economic agents, and the analysis and evaluation of risk in finance and insurance. It builds on the well-established strength of UB researchers in the fields of game theory and risk and insurance.

Research fields

Development Economics
Economic Growth
Economy History
International Finance
International Trade
Macroeconomics
Regional Economics
Urban Economics

Economics of Education
Environmental and Resource Economics
Health Economics
Labour and Demographic Economics
Political Economy
Public Economics
Regulation Economics
Transport Economics

Behavioural and Experimental Economics
Financial Econometrics
Game Theory
Industrial Organisation
Mathematical Economics
Microeconomics
Operations Research
Risk and Insurance

OUR STUDENTS



Yevhen Domaretskyi

MSc student

BA in International Economics from Kyiv National Economic University (Ukraine)

"The UB's MSc in Economics taught me a lot of interesting and useful things that I'm sure will be appropriate for continuing my studies whether in Spain or another country. Many thanks to the UB's teaching staff for showing us that difficult things only appear to be so."

Tania Fernández Navia

MSc student

BA in Economics from University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

"If you want to go a step further in economic thinking, this program is the perfect one. The friendly and professional environment makes this experience easy and incredible. It requires hard work, but the reward is huge."



Diego B. Ocampo C.

PhD student

Msc in Economics from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

"The competitive environment and the guidance and support of my supervisors boost me to excel in my research every day."



STUDY/ RESEARCH IN BARCELONA

Barcelona is one of the most prosperous cities in Europe and a fantastic place to live, with a sunny climate and a cosmopolitan cultural life. It is also highly affordable, particularly when compared to cities such as London and Paris, offering an excellent quality of life and a diverse student mix.

The University of Barcelona offers students the chance to study and undertake research at an institution that is fully integrated into the city around it. Lying on the Mediterranean coast, and with a population of over 1.5 million, Barcelona is one of the most economically, socially and culturally important cities in Europe and is characterised by its extraordinary diversity. Graduates of the UB enjoy a very high reputation among international employers.

Barcelona is currently among the 10 QS Best European Cities ranking in 2016. The index combines data relating to universities, student population, affordability, quality of life and employer reputation.



Accommodation booking & advisory service

Barcelona Centre Universitari (BCU) offers all the admitted University of Barcelona (UB) graduate students in economics:

- A wide and varied range of accommodation: residence halls, rooms in shared flats, home stays, whole flats, etc.
- A free advisory service when renting a flat in Barcelona.