

FAQ's for Incoming Exchange Students to the Universitat de Barcelona concerning the Covid-19 crisis.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

About the situation in Catalonia and Spain and the recommendations from the health authorities:

<https://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/universitat/coronavirus/documentacio/index.html?>

- European Union: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/ESP>
- Spanish Government:

<https://www.spain.info/en/discover-spain/practical-information-tourists-covid-19-travel-spain/>

- Catalan Government:
[https://canalsalut.gencat.cat/ca/inici/index.html#googtrans\(ca|en\)](https://canalsalut.gencat.cat/ca/inici/index.html#googtrans(ca|en))
- City Council of Barcelona: <https://www.barcelona.cat/covid19/ca>

About the measures taken by the Universitat de Barcelona (UB):
<https://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/universitat/coronavirus/documentacio/index.html?>

About the regular admission to the Degrees taught at the UB:

<https://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/estudis/estudiar UB/admissions/admissions.html>
<https://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/universitat/coronavirus/documentacio/index.html?>

INFORMATION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR (2021-2022):

- **About the applications' submission and the incoming exchange students' acceptance to the UB**
- **And the preparations for the first semester 2021-2022 (autumn semester 2021) at the UB.**

¿Will the UB accept incoming exchange students for the academic year 2021-2022?

The applications' submission and the incoming exchange students' acceptance is unchanged. The deadlines remain the same so far. In case of variations, we will contact you with updated information as soon as possible.

The relevant information concerning the temporary stays at the UB can be found at:
<http://www.ub.edu/uri/estudiantsNOUB/intercanvis/welcomeang.htm>

If I'm not sure whether I should come to Barcelona now due to the risks and the restrictions, and I need more time to think about it. Can I decide later?

We strongly recommend that you submit your application documents within the deadline. This way, you will be able to complete the necessary paperwork for your stay in Barcelona and at the UB on duly time. Bear also in mind that in some cases (as for example with the visa application) you will need to proceed first with the acceptance letter from our university with enough time before submitting the required documents to complete the procedure on time.

If you later need to cancel or want to postpone the exchange, make sure to inform the UB International Office contact at the faculty or school where you have been accepted, as well as at your home university.

Enclosed you will find the link with the list of faculties and schools and their contact emails: <http://www.ub.edu/uri/comu/professo.htm>

Can I defer or delay my mobility period to the spring semester 2022 instead?

Firstly you will have to contact the exchange coordinator at your home university and ask them if it is possible to change your mobility period to the second semester 2021-2022. If they agree, they will have to send your nomination with the change proposal to the UB International Office contact at the faculty or school where you have been nominated, to be accepted.

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Will the Covid-19 crisis affect my application for a visa or a residence permit for studies?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (for visa permit) and the Ministry of Inclusion and Migrations (for residence permit) are the authorities in charge for this issue.

The guidelines for each procedure can be found at the following websites:

Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Ministry: Citizens services: Information for foreigners: <http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/Inicio.aspx>

Inclusion and Migrations Ministry: *Portal de Inmigración*: (In Spanish) <http://extranjeros.mitramiss.gob.es/es/>

When should I buy my tickets to Barcelona?

We recommend that you wait as long as possible. In case you must buy them, we encourage you to make sure your tickets are rebookable or refundable, as you might need to postpone or cancel the journey.

Same advice should be taken into account when booking the accommodation. We strongly recommend to use the university partner services (<https://bcu.cat/en/accommodation-in-barcelona/>).

Do I have to fulfil a mandatory procedure concerning Covid-19 before travelling to Spain or submit any document to the authorities upon arrival?

The requirements that Spanish authorities have set up to enter in the country can be found at: <https://www.spth.gob.es/>

Will the academic activities be classroom-based or distance learning in the academic year 2021-2022?

Each Faculty or School has set up its own Contingency Plan to adapt to the mixed teaching model approved by the university. The related information can be checked at: <https://www.ub.edu/web/portal/en/beginning-academic-year/>

The Staff from the International Office at your UB School can provide you with more specific information. Enclosed you will find the link with their contact emails: <http://www.ub.edu/uri/comu/professo.htm>

What happens if I miss the beginning of semester because I am quarantined in my home country?

If you cannot arrive on time for the start of the first semester 2021-2022, you should inform your home university, as well as your UB International Office contact about your situation. Depending on each case, they will be able to advise and assist you on what to do.

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The arrival date, the welcome activities and the beginning of the academic year will be set up as per usual?

Each Faculty or School has set up its own teaching calendar to better adapt to the current situation.

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