

General Activities Report on the IRO and Students' International Mobility

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Introduction

The Faculty of Economics and Business (University of Barcelona, UB) is strongly committed to internationalisation. The mobility of bachelors' and masters' students, which is managed, supported and promoted by the Faculty's International Relations Office (IRO), is a key component of the internationalisation process.

The General Activities Report on the IRO and Students' International Mobility for the academic year 2018/2019 includes the following sections:

- Management of students' international mobility
- Management of international mobility agreements
- Actions and activities supporting incoming students
- Actions and activities promoting students' international mobility
- Participation and attendance to workshops, international weeks, courses and international delegations
- Participation in international projects and programmes
- Meetings, welcome of delegations and other activities
- Interns and placements at the Faculty's IRO

MANAGEMENT





Management of students' international mobility

The IRO has managed the mobility of 765 exchange students.

This figure includes incoming and outgoing students and represents an increase of 5.8% relative to 2017/18, namely 42 students.

Incoming students came from 45 different countries, whereas outgoing students went to 33 different countries.

The general information for the academic year 2018 / 2019 is shown in the following tables and figures:

	No.	%
Panel 1. International Students		
Incoming	480	62,7
Outgoing	285	37,3
Total	765	100,0
Panel 2. Months of Stay		
Incoming	2655	61,0
Outgoing	1700	39,0
Total	4355	100,0
Panel 3. Gender		
Incoming		
Men	199	41,5
Women	281	58,5
Total	480	100,0
Outgoing		
Men	135	47,4
Women	150	52,6
Total	285	100,0
Total		
Men	334	43,7
Women	431	56,3
Total	765	100,0

Table 1. Students' international mobility at the Faculty of Economics and Business, 2018/19

	No.	%
Panel 4. Period of Stay		
Incoming		
Entire year	51	10,6
Fall Semester	283	59,0
Spring Semester	146	30,4
Total	480	100,0
Outgoing		
Entire year	55	19,3
Fall Semester	155	54,4
Spring Semester	75	26,3
Total	285	100,0
Total		
Entire year	106	13,9
Fall Semester	438	57,3
Spring Semester	221	28,9
Total	765	100,0
Panel 5. Mobility Programmes		
Incoming		
Erasmus+ Study Abroad	349	72,7
Other Erasmus+ Programmes	12	2,5
Other Programmes	119	24,8
Total	480	100,0
Outgoing		
Erasmus+ Study Abroad	237	83,2
Other Erasmus+ Programmes	7	2,5
Other Programmes	41	14,4
Total	285	100,0
Total		
Erasmus+ Study Abroad	586	76,6
Other Erasmus+ Programmes	19	2,5
Other Programmes	260	20,9
Total	765	100,0

Table 1. Students' international mobility at the Faculty of Economics and Business, 2018/19 (continued)

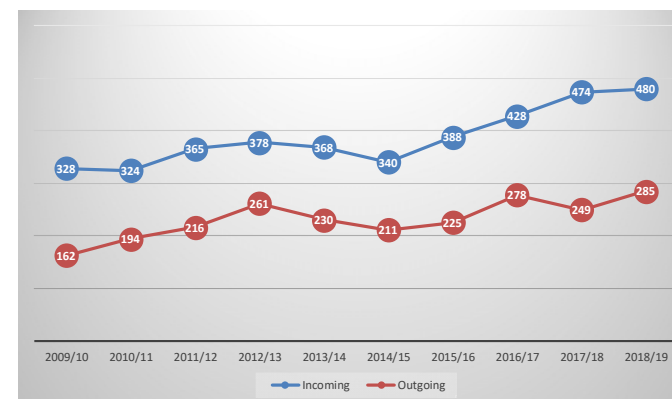


Figure 1. Incoming and outgoing international students' mobility, 2009/10-2018/19 (number of students per academic year)

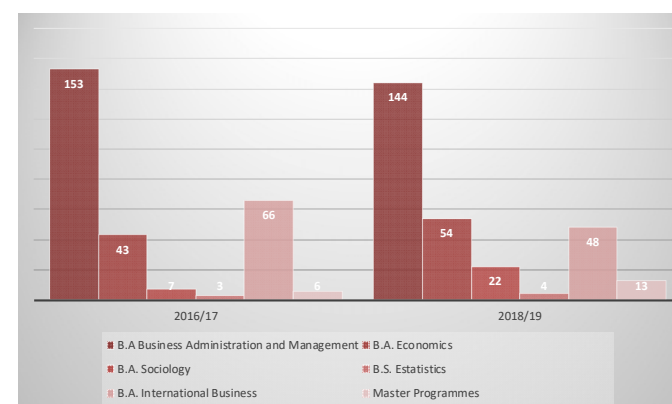


Figure 2. Outgoing International Students per Study Programme, 2016/17 and 2018/19

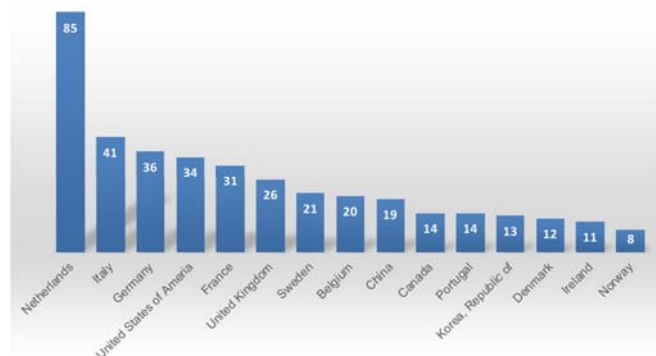


Figure 3. Students' international mobility per country of origin in 2018/19: Incoming students (number of incoming students from the top-15 home countries)

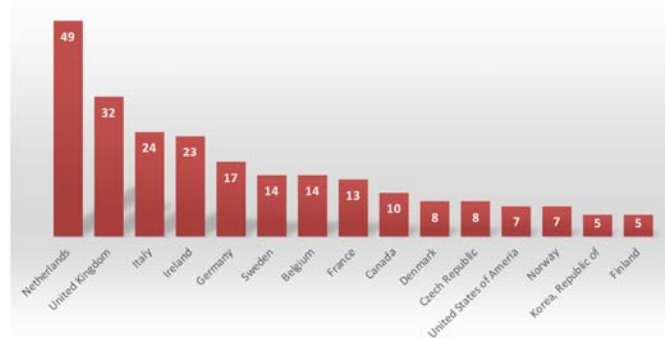


Figure 4. Students' international mobility per country of origin in 2018/19: Outgoing students (number of outgoing students to the top-15 host countries)

Management of international mobility agreements

The IRO managed a large number of international mobility agreements in the 2018/19 students' mobility call.

The agreements amounted to 207, included 166 universities located in 35 countries around the world, namely Europe (25 countries), Asia (5 countries), the Americas (4 countries), Oceania (1 country), and provided slots for around 700 one-semester students.

These agreements mostly referred to the mobility of bachelors' and masters' students, although they could also include the mobility for lecturers, researchers and administrative staff.

They included students from 5 different Bachelor's programmes and 9 different Master's programmes.

B.A. in Business Administration & Management and B.A. in International Business: **126 agreements**

B.A. in Economics: **80 agreements**

B.A. in Sociology: **33 agreements**

B.S. in Statistics: **12 agreements**

M.A. in Economics and M.A. in Cultural Management: **8 agreements**

M.A. in Sociology: **6 agreements**

M.A. in Internationalisation: **5 agreements**

M.A. in International Business: **4 agreements**

M.A. in Actuarial and Financial Sciences: **2 agreements**

M.A. in Economic History, M.A. on Creation and Management of Innovative Technology-Based Companies, M.A. in Sport Business Management: **1 agreement**

Table 2. Number of international mobility agreements at the Faculty of Economics and Business per programme, 2018/19

The average number of agreements per country was 5.9, the number of partner universities per country is 4.7 and the average number of slots (standardised to the number of one-semester students) is 20, although there is an enormous diversity, as shown in the following tables:

Country	Number of agreements	Number of universities	Slots (number of one-semester students)
Netherlands	21	14	95
United Kingdom	18	16	68
France	24	19	60
Italy	18	12	56
Germany	19	18	53
Sweden	8	8	38
Belgium	10	7	36
Ireland	4	4	28
Norway	5	5	24
Portugal	9	4	22
Poland	7	7	22
Denmark	7	3	20
Canada	4	4	20
China	4	4	18
South Korea	4	4	15
Austria	4	4	12
Czech Republic	5	3	12
United States	3	3	12
Finland	5	4	11
Slovakia	3	2	10
Japan	3	1	10
Turkey	3	3	8
Switzerland	3	3	8

Table 3. Students' International Mobility Agreements managed by the IRO in the 2018/19 mobility call by country (in descending order by number of slots)

Country	Number of agreements	Number of universities	Slots (number of one-semester students)
Argentina	1	1	6
Australia	1	1	6
Greece	2	1	4
Croatia	2	2	4
Hungary	2	1	4
Latvia	2	2	4
Chile	1	1	4
Indonesia	1	1	3
Bulgaria	1	1	2
Iceland	1	1	2
Luxembourg	1	1	2
Vietnam	1	1	2
Total	207	166	701

Table 3. Students' International Mobility Agreements managed by the IRO in the 2018/19 mobility call by country (in descending order by number of slots) (Continued)

The period of first signature of the international mobility agreements that were in place in the 2018/19 students' mobility call is shown in the following table:

Year	Number of agreements	Number of universities*	Year	Number of agreements	Number of universities*
Prior to 2000	48	46	2009	1	1
2000	3	3	2010	2	+2
2001	2	2	2011	6	4
2002	8	7	2012	19	16
2003	3	3	2013	16	14
2004	2	2	2014	15	13
2005	2	2	2015	8	8
2006	3	3	2016	7	7
2007	19	16	2017	29	21
2008	1	1	2018	13	9

*Universities per period or year, which means that the same university might be considered in different periods of time.

Table 4 Students' International Mobility Agreements managed by the IRO in the 2018/19 mobility call by year of first signature of the agreement

The international mobility agreements for the 2018/19 students' mobility call included a number of world's top universities.

Of all the international agreements for students' mobility managed by the IRO in the 2018/19 mobility call, most of them were signed with universities listed in well established international rankings.

- one-fifth of the agreements were signed with world's top 150 universities according to the QS World University Ranking (2019).
- almost two-thirds of the agreements belonged to 96 universities included in the QS World University Ranking (2019).
- 66 agreements were signed with institutions that had AACSB, AMBA or EQUIS accreditations.



Threedimensional data business 01.
Source: https://all-free-download.com/free-photos/download/threedimensional-data-business-01-hd-picture_170384.html



QS World University Rankings
Source: <https://www.topuniversities.com>

Ranking	Agreements		Universities	
	No.	%	No.	%
1-50	7	3,4	5	3,0
51-100	19	9,2	13	7,8
101-150	16	7,7	10	6,0
151-200	13	6,3	9	5,4
201-250	13	6,3	8	4,8
251-300	7	3,4	5	3,0
>300	61	29,5	46	27,7
Total in QS	136	65,7	96	57,8
Not included in QS*	71	34,3	70	42,2
Total	207	100,0	166	100,0

*There are 10 university partners, which are not included in the QS World University Rankings that have received the AACSB, AMBA or EQUIS accreditation.

Table 5. Students' International Mobility Agreements managed by the IRO in the 2018/19 mobility call by position in the QS World University Ranking (2019)

Following the Strategic Plan of the Faculty of Economics and Business, the international mobility agreements established from the academic year 2017/18 onwards were signed with universities included in the most prestigious international rankings or with business schools having at least one of the three following accreditations:

AACSB - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (United States)

AMBA - The Association of MBAs (United Kingdom)

EQUIS - EFMD Quality Improvement System (European Union).



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Source: UB School of Economics. Faculty of Economics and Business. University of Barcelona

Accreditation	Agreements	Universities
Only AACSB	13	12
Only AMBA	9	8
Only EQUIS	12	8
AACSB + AMBA	8	6
AACSB + EQUIS	8	6
AMBA + EQUIS	6	4
AACSB + AMBA + EQUIS	10	8
Total	66	52

Table 6. Students' International Mobility Agreements Managed by the IRO in the 2018/19 Mobility Call with Universities having AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS accreditations

The Faculty of Economics and Business has signed, through the IRO, new agreements during the academic year 2018/19.

University	Period of signature	Number of students per semester	Subject areas for Bachelor students	Master Programmes on the side of UB
University of Michigan-Flint (USA)	September 2018	3 (Bachelor)	Business and Economics	-
Kyoto University (Japan)	October 2018	4 (Bachelor) 2 (Master)	Business, Economics and Sociology	Economics, Internationalisation, International Business, GLOCAL
Berlin School of Economics and Law (Germany)	November 2018	2 (Bachelor)	Business and Economics	-
Nottingham Trent University (UK)	November 2018	2 (Bachelor)	Sociology and Cultural Studies	-
Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico)	February 2019	-	-	Creation and Management of Innovative Technology-Based Companies
Washington State University (USA)	May 2019	2 (Bachelor)	Business, Economics, Sociology and Statistics	-
University of Trento (Italy)	May 2019	2 (Bachelor)	Sociology	-
University of Malaya (Malaysia)	June 2019	2 (Bachelor)	Business, Economics and Sociology	-

Table 7. International Mobility Agreements signed in the academic year 2018/19 by the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB): general Information

Of the new agreements signed during the academic year 2018/19, some of them were with world's top universities

University	QS World University Ranking (2020)		Universities with Programmes, Schools and Faculties with accreditation by		
	General World Ranking	Country Ranking	AAC SB	AMBA	EQUIS
University of Michigan - Flint (USA)	20	20 out of 157	AAC SB	-	-
Kyoto University (Japan)	35	2 out of 44	-	-	-
University of Malaya (Malaysia)	70	1 out of 13	AAC SB	-	-
University of Trento (Italy)	389	100 out of 30	-	-	-
Washington State University (USA)	391	76 out of 157	AAC SB	-	-
Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico)	701-750	8 out of 14	-	-	-
Nottingham Trent University (UK)	801-1000	73 out of 76	AAC SB	-	EQUIS
Berlin School of Economics and Law (Germany)	-	-	-	AMBA	-

Table 8. International Mobility Agreements signed in the academic year 2018/19 by the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB): International Rankings

University	General World Ranking	Social Sciences & Management	Economics & Econometrics
University of Michigan-Flint (USA)	20	25	19
Kyoto University (Japan)	35	42	51-100
University of Malaya (Malaysia)	70	55	101-150
University of Trento (Italy)	389	206	251-300
Washington State University (USA)	391	336	301-350
Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico)	701-750	---	---
Nottingham Trent University (UK)	801-1000	451-500	401-450

Table 9. International Mobility Agreements signed in the academic year 2018/19 by the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB): Position in the QS World University Rankings (2020)

Business & Management	Accounting & Finance	Statistics & Operational Research	Sociology
22	26	15	16
101-150	-	-	51-100
51-100	101-150	151-200	151-200
-	-	-	101-150
401-450	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
351-400	-	-	-

Table 9. International Mobility Agreements signed in the academic year 2018/19 by the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB): Position in the QS World University Rankings (2020) (continued)

The IRO also manages international mobility agreements only for lecturers, some of them with world's top universities

They amounted to 8, corresponding also to 8 universities located in 7 European countries.

More precisely, these agreements were signed with The Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), The Institut National des Langues et Civilisations (France), The Universität Konstanz (Germany), The Università degli Studi di Ferrara (Italy), The Norges Teknisk-Naturvitenskapelige Universitet (Norway), The Poznan University College of Business (Poland), The University of Leeds and The University of East Anglia (the United Kingdom).

Apart from lecturers, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), and the Norges Teknisk - Naturvitenskapelige Universitet (Norway) also welcome students from the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB) through specific mobility agreements for students.



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University	QS World University Ranking (2020)			Universities with Programmes, Schools and Faculties with accreditation by		
	Period of signature	General World Ranking	Country Ranking	AACSB	AMBA	EQUIS
Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven (Belgium)	August 2014	80	1 out of 8	-	-	EQUIS
University of Leeds (UK)	January 2014	93	16 out of 76	AACSB	AMBA	EQUIS
University of East Anglia (UK)	December 2014	269	36 out of 76	-	AMBA	-
Norges Teknisk - Naturvitenskapelige Universitet (Norway)	May 2014	359	3 out of 4	-	-	-
Universität Konstanz (Germany)	September 2015	397	25 out of 45	-	-	-
Università degli Studi di Ferrara (Italy)	February 2014	701-750	18 out of 25	-	-	-
Poznan University College of Business (Poland)	January 2014	-	-	-	-	-
Institut National des Langues et Civilisations (Grance)	January 2014	-	-	-	-	-

Table 10. International Mobility Agreements signed in the academic year 2018/19 by the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB): International Rankings

University	General World Ranking	Social Sciences & Management	Economics & Econometrics
Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven (Belgium)	80	60	51-100
University of Leeds (UK)	93	138	151-100
University of East Anglia (UK)	269	401-450	-
Norges Teknisk - Naturvitenskapelige Universitet (Norway)	359	401-450	301-350
Universität Konstanz (Germany)	397	327	-
Università degli Studi di Ferrara (Italy)	701-750	-	-

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Business & Management	Accounting & Finance	Statistics & Operational Research	Sociology
51-100	51-100	26	50
51-100	101-150	151-200	101-150
-	-	-	251-300
301-350	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-

Table 11. International Mobility Agreements signed in the academic year 2018/19 by the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB): Position in the QS World University Rankings (2020) (continued)



Actions and activities supporting incoming students

Buddy Programme

The Buddy Programme was founded in order to promote international relations and encourage the contact between the students of the Faculty and the international ones who are completing an exchange period at our institution.

Students, both local and international ones, who decide to participate in the Buddy Programme benefit from the opportunity to enrich their university experience, as well as to have the chance to meet students who belong to different cultural environments.

Interaction between both groups of students helps them to achieve a better understanding of other cultures. Local students guide and advise the international students on academic and university related issues during their stay at our faculty and other cultural and daily life issues related with living abroad.

Local students are trained in specific courses and obtain academic recognition in the form of ECTS if they successfully complete the requirements of the Buddy Programme.

The total number of local students that in 2018/19 participated in the Buddy Programme amounted to 59.



Buddy Programme activities
Source: International Relations Office. Faculty of Economics and Business. University of Barcelona.

Welcome Sessions

The aim of these sessions, which take place before the academic activity of each semester begins, is to welcome the incoming students that will be spending their semesters at the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB).

In the academic year 2018/19, the sessions were held in the Aula Magna of the Faculty and included the interventions of the Vice-dean for International Relations and Quality, the incoming team of the faculty's International Relations Office, Nadeem Abboud, incoming student, Jean-Paul Baille, linguist, the Regional Unit of Proximity and Citizen Attention of the Mossos d'Esquadra (Catalan Police) and the Erasmus Student Network (ESN).

After the sessions, the exchange students participated in different activities such as a faculty tour or get to know activities with their buddies.

The first welcome session took place on September 6th, 2018 and the second one on February 7th, 2019.

Welcome Session.
Source: International Relations Office. Faculty of Economics and Business. University of Barcelona.



Welcome Dinner

On the 21st of September 2018 and, for the second semester students, on the 25th of February 2019 took place the Welcome Dinner in L'Ovella Negra of the Poblenou neighborhood (Barcelona).

The activity consisted of a dinner organised by the Faculty's International Relations Office with the aim to welcome the international students that will be attending the Faculty of Economics and Business (University of Barcelona).



Welcome Dinner.
Source: International Relations Office. Faculty of Economics and Business. University of Barcelona.

Surveys and Reports

At regular basis, the IRO prepares a survey to be answered by incoming students. This survey collects information about courses and UB professors, the Buddy programme as well as the Faculty's International Relations Office.

The survey for the Incoming Students is available through the IRO's [website](#).

Based on the Incoming students' survey and the Buddies' Report from the local student, the IRO has prepared an internal report on the Buddy Program-



Source: UB School of Economics. Faculty of Economics and Business. University of Barcelona.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master 'Global Markets, Local Creativities' (GLOCAL)

The IRO has also managed the mobility of the students enrolled in the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master 'Global Markets, Local Creativities' (GLOCAL) regarding their stay in Barcelona during the Spring Semester (Semester 2).

GLOCAL is a two-years (120 ECTS) joint master funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. There are four universities participating in the programme: the University of Glasgow, which is the coordinator university, the University of Barcelona, the Erasmus University Rotterdam and the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.

According to the course structure, in Barcelona students attend core lectures in 'Companies in Emerging Sectors', 'Creative Cities: Intervention Models and Entrepreneurial Dynamics', 'Family Business: Innovation and Globalisation', 'Port Cities in Historical Perspective' as well as several optional courses.

The first cohort of students amounted to 31 and the second one to 47; and in November 2019, it took place the graduation of the first cohort of GLOCAL students.



2018-20 EMJMD Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting. The GLOCAL Consortium enjoy a coffee in the Barcelona sunshine after a long day making the final 2018-20 EMJMD scholarship holders selection.



Glocal Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree. Global Markets. Local Creativities. Funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union
Source: <http://globallocal-erasmusmundus.eu/>

Actions and activities promoting students' international mobility

Informative sessions

Two general informative sessions for potential exchange students were organised. The first one took place on November 20, 2018 and was opened to all undergraduate students, before the UB call for students' international mobility. The second session was held on April 27, 2019 and was addressed to those undergraduate students enrolled in international mobility.

An additional session for promoting traineeships (work placements, internships, etc) abroad for students took place on April 10, 2019.



Informative Session. International Relations Office. Faculty of Economics and Business. University of Barcelona.

Meetings with specific groups

Three different types of presentations were organized by the International Relations Office:

- Presentation of the Plan for Promoting Students' International Mobility to the Directors of the following Bachelor Programmes: Business and Administration Management, Economics, International Business, Sociology, and Statistics.
- Presentation on the possibilities and advantages to study abroad in top ranked universities to small and specific groups of third-year Bachelor's students.
- Presentation on the possibilities to study abroad to small groups of Master's students.
- In-class short motivation talks for second-year Bachelor's students on the possibilities and advantages to study abroad during the academic year 09/20.



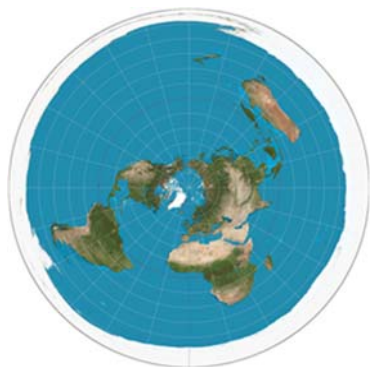
Logo of the Erasmus Programme. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erasmus_Programme

Academic support through a team of committed and dynamic academic tutors

The academic tutors for international mobility are lecturers that provide academic advice to students before mobility. Their main task consist of helping exchange students to establish the proper academic correspondences between the home and the host institutions as far as courses and other related issues are concerned.

Thanks to their experience, the academic tutors also ease the contact between current and former exchange students by university of destination.

For those students that studied abroad during the academic year 2018/19, the team of academic tutors was the following:



Polar azimuthal equidistant projection. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_map#/media/File:Azimuthal_equidistant_projection_SW.jpg

Dra. MANUELA ALCAÑIZ
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 Dr. MIQUEL CLAR
 Dr. ANTONIO DI PAOLO
 Dr. JOSÉ GARCÍA QUEVEDO
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 Dr. JAVIER SAN JULIÁN
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 Dra. PILAR SALDAÑA
 Dr. MARTÍ SAGARRA
 Dr. JOAN CARLES SUARI
 Dra. NÚRIA VERGÉS

Farewell brotherhood dinner

In May 11th, 2018, took place the farewell brotherhood dinner for those students that will be in exchange in the 2018/19 academic year.

Outgoing students who will go on exchange next academic year, outgoing students who went on exchange this year and incoming students who came to the UB this year attended this dinner.

Future exchange students had the opportunity to learn a little bit more about their destination and establish bonds with other students.



Welcome Dinner.

Source: International Relations Office. Faculty of Economics and Business. University of Barcelona.

Campaigns through the social media

Two main campaigns were designed and launched:

- “Ves més enllà” (Go further) aimed at promoting international mobility through testimonials of outgoing students. Pictures and comments from these latter students were posted in Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

- Studying in top universities, to let students know the specific agreements signed between the Faculty of Economics and Business and world's top-ranked universities. In 2018/19, our Faculty already had more than 25 agreements with the world's top-100 universities, of which 5 of them were with the world's top-50 universities.

Specific scholarships for international mobility from the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB)

For the first time, and through an open and public call, the Faculty of Economics and Business provided economic support for international mobility to top students that could require some economic help.

The amount of the scholarships devoted to promote students' international mobility totaled 18,000 €, divided into 9 scholarships of 2,000€ each, to study at the following top-ranked universities: University of Toronto (Canada), Kyoto University (Japan), University of New South Wales Sidney (Australia), University of British Columbia, Okanagan (Canada), National Taiwan University (Taiwan), Sungkyunkwan University (Republic of Korea), Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Hong Kong, China).



Source: International Relations Office. Faculty of Economics and Business. University of Barcelona

PARTICIPATION

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Participation and attendance to workshops, international weeks, courses and international delegations

Meeting with a delegation of the University of Michigan (UB historical building, Barcelona, September 14, 2018)

A delegation of the University of Michigan – Flint, led by the Rector Susan E. Borrego, gathered in the Historical Building of the UB with Rector Joan Elias, the Vice-Rector for Outreach and Internationalization, Àlex Aguilar; the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business, Ramon Alemany, and other members of the University of Barcelona.



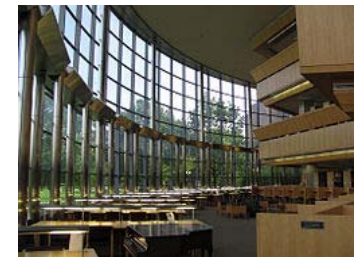
Source: <https://shorturl.at/gpyQY>

During this meeting, which was co-organized by the Faculty of Economics and Business through its International Relation Office (IRO) rectors from both institutions signed agreements to promote the cooperation in the education and scientific research between these universities, as well as the student exchange between the University of Michigan – Flint School of Management and the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona.



Source: <https://shorturl.at/gTY35>

A delegation of the Faculty of Economics and Business, led by the Dean, also participated in an afternoon meeting with American entrepreneurs established in Barcelona and former alumni of the University of Michigan to explore opportunities for collaboration.



Source: <https://shorturl.at/aEIJ7>

According to the QS World University Rankings, the University of Michigan is currently the main public university in the United States, and it holds the 20th position in this global ranking. With campuses in Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint, this university has more than 60,000 students, similar figures to those of the UB.

Erasmus Going Digital (University of Barcelona, Barcelona, October 18, 2018)

The Erasmus Going Digital focused on illustrating the impact of the projects Erasmus Without Paper, the Erasmus+ App as well as the Online Learning Agreement on the Erasmus + mobility.

The ORI's team of the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB) attended this workshop.

For more information [see the link](#).



Source: <http://shorturl.at/sFNY8>



Source: <http://shorturl.at/dpEX3>



9th Annual Prague International Week (University of Economics, Prague, June 10- 14th, 2019)

The workshop was mainly addressed to the staff from International Offices, and was an opportunity to share experiences with colleagues from more than 10 different universities and countries.

Participation and attendance to workshops, international weeks, courses and international delegations. Staff members of the International Relations Office at the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB) attended this meeting.

The Prague International Week was focused on different aspects of internationalization, especially digitalization of mobility administration and social media strategy.



Source: <http://shorturl.at/blnwS>

Course for the implementation of the UB protocol against sexual harassment and other sexist behaviors (*University of Barcelona, Barcelona, June 19-21st and 26th, 2019*)

This course consisted of three sessions, including the implementation of the UB protocol against sexual harassment, the theoretical framework for gender equality and, finally, some key law concepts.

Staff members of the International Relations Office (IRO) at the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB) attended this course

For more information [see the link](#).



Source: <http://shorturl.at/aiUV2>



UB International Mobility Commission
(*University of Barcelona, Barcelona, May 14, 2019*)

In a meeting of the UB International Mobility Commission, the strategic plan of the Faculty of Economics and Business to promote was presented. The presentation made particular references to the exchange with Asian countries.

Staff Week - ERASMUS+ STAFF TRAINING PROGRAM

(*University of Barcelona, Barcelona, May 13-17, 2019*)

This Erasmus+ International Staff Training Week gave participants the unique opportunity to find out more about University of Barcelona, network and share success stories and best practices with other.

Various topics were covered through presentation, workshops and discussions.

Staff members of the International Relations Office at the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB), attended this meeting.



Source: <http://shorturl.at/azAYZ>

UB Delegation to China (June 22-29, 2019)

The Vice-Rectorate for Outreach and Internationalization organized a delegation that visited several universities in Shanghai, Hangzhou and Beijing.

In order to explore the possibility of further cooperation, meetings and talks were held with the representatives of the following universities: East China Normal University (Faculty of Economics and Management), Tongji University (School of Economics and Management), Zhejiang University (School of Economics, School of Business), Beihang University (School of Economics and Management), Beijing Normal University (Business School), Beijing Institute of Technology (School of Management and Economics), Renmin University of China (School of Applied Economics, and Institute of Entrepreneurship & Innovation)

As a representative at the Faculty of Economics and Business, the Vice-Dean for International Relations and Quality formed part of the UB



Meeting with representatives of the Zhejiang University
Source: King Wong. University of Barcelona



Source: <http://shorturl.at/gkou7>

Participation in international projects and programmes

Erasmus Without Papers (EWP)

The International Relations Office of the Faculty of Economics and Business was selected by the University of Barcelona (UB) as a pilot center for developing the project **Erasmus without papers**.

One of the objectives of this project is “to enable students to prepare their Learning Agreements within an online system that will then allow them to liaise with the coordinators of sending and receiving higher education institutions to finalise the document, approve and sign it online” ([see the link](#)).

The pilot testing phase consisted of testing the Erasmus Virtual Assistant (EVA) and the Inter-Institutional Agreement Manager.



Source: <https://shorturl.at/epgS9>

Making Mobility the Norm (Norm)

The IRO's team participated in the preparation of the Inter-university project Making Mobility the Norm, in the framework of the 2019 Erasmus+ KA2 call.

The consortium for this project consists of the following universities: University of Marburg, University of Barcelona, University of Alcalá, Eötvös Loránd University, Vytautas Magnus University, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, University Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, as well as European University Foundation and the Erasmus Student Network. The coordinating university is the Philipps-Universität Marburg (Germany).

The project objectives are as follows:

1. Map out the existing mobility structures and strategies that are already in place;
2. Identify good practices and the main barriers and challenges to establishing mobility as the norm;
3. Identify bottlenecks to mobility flows by analyzing intra-institutional factors, focusing on regulated disciplines (such as medicine, law and engineering), accreditation bodies and national regulations;
4. Formulate a mobility typology and recommendations, resulting in a European Curricula Design Guide;
5. Prototyping a curricula-matching digital tool.

The project has been recently selected for funding.



Call 2019 Round 1 KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices KA203- Strategic Partnerships for higher education
Source: <https://shorturl.at/eCJP6>



Intercultural Communication

Exchange programmes generally lack pedagogical support on intercultural communication. In order to partly fill in this gap, a pilot project has been launched in the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB).

The project is led by Dr Marta Panadés (UB) and Dr Marta Fernández Villanueva (UB), supported by the UB Academic Vice-president, and has the active collaboration of the International Relations Office of the Faculty of Economics and Business. It is developed in the framework of project "CONNECT Intercultural Learning Network 2.0", which was funded by the European Union (Erasmus+ KA2)

In our case, the project is particularly addressed to the Faculty's international tutors, the students enrolled in the Faculty's Buddy Programme and, above all, outgoing students. In the academic year 2018/19 the actions and activities for this project were the following:

- Co-organization of a Workshop on Intercultural Communication, Faculty of Economics and Business, UB, Barcelona, April 29, 2019, with

Nadine Binder InterCultur (Germany) as a guest speaker. This workshop was approved and recognised by the Institut de Formació Continuada (UB)

- Co-organization of the "Course on Intercultural Communication for outgoing exchange students" (I) and (III), which allow students obtaining academic recognition in the form of 3 and 6 ECTS, respectively, as approved in the UB Faculty of Economics and Business' Academic Commission on April 11th, 2019.

- Participation in the pre-departure informative session addressed to those undergraduate students that will be enrolled in international mobility during the next academic year. This session was held on April 27th, 2019.

- Participation in the Faculty's Buddy Programme sessions that took place on June 19th and July 3rd, 2019.



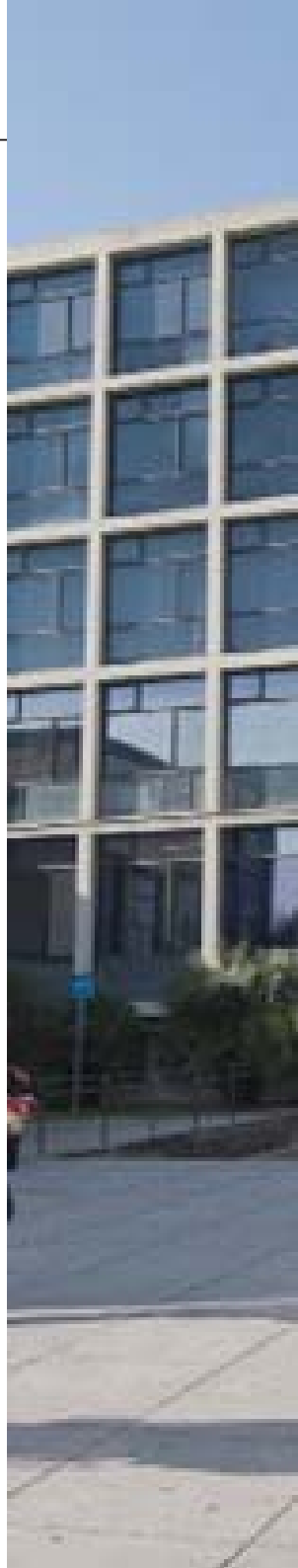
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Meetings, welcome of delegations and other activities

More than 20 meetings in Barcelona with representatives from foreign universities and institution

14.09.2018: University of Michigan (USA)

18.09.2018: Université Lumière Lyon 2 (France)

09.10.2018: Peoples' Friendship University of Russia – RUDN University (Russia)

16.10.2018: Reykjavik University (Iceland)

19.10.2018: Dublin City University (Ireland)

26.11.2018: School of Social Sciences. Nottingham Trent University (UK)

28.11.2018: University of the West England (UWE) Bristol (UK)

12.12.2018: Dresden University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

19.02.2019: Kyoto University (Japan)

05.03.2019: Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y de Administración. Universidad Católica de Córdoba (Argentina)

07.03.2019: International School of Management (ISM). University of Applied Sciences, Dortmund (Germany)

07.03.2019: Faculty of Business, Management and Law. HAN University of Applied Sciences, Arnhem (the Netherlands)

26.03.2019: SRH Hochschule Heidelberg – Campus Calw (Germany)

10.05.2019: European Court of Auditors, European Union (Luxembourg)

14.05.2019: European Investment Bank Institute, European Union (Luxembourg)

16.05.2019: Georgia Institute of Technology (USA)

16.05.2019: Kyoto University (Japan)

27.05.2019: Edinburgh Napier University (UK)

26.06.2019: University of Michigan (USA)

02.07.2019: Universidad Externado (Colombia)

15.07.2019: Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y de Administración. Universidad Católica de Córdoba (Argentina)

Welcoming delegations and groups that visited the Faculty of Economics and Business (UB) for study trips

21.09.2018: Universidad Central del Ecuador (Ecuador)

17.11.2018: Universidad El Bosque, Bogotá (Colombia)

29.01.2019: University of Applied Sciences, Utrecht (the Netherlands)

27.03.2019: Powislanski College, Kwidzyn (Poland)

03.04.2019: Norwegian Business School (Norway)

Welcoming and organising staff weeks in the framework of Erasmus+ Staff training

Through the IRO, the Faculty of Economics and Business welcomed and organised Mr. Sanjay Parmar's stay in Barcelona

Mr Parmar is Assistant Registrar (Immigration & Compliance Services) at Regent's University, London (UK)

Responding to the media

We responded questions from reporters on the potential impact of Brexit on international students' mobility.

"El Brexit impacta als campus", La Vanguardia, March 5th, 2019.



Interns and placements at the IRO

The IRO has welcomed 4 foreign placements

Rubin Popova, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom, from 03.09.2018 to 21.12.2018.

Iva Kovacic, University of Zagreb, Croatia, from 03.09.2018 to 10.01.2019.

Indy Bruggeman, HZ University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands, from 03.09.2018 to 28.02.2019.

Catarina Camacho, Universidade Da Madeira, Portugal, from 03.09.2018 to 31.05.2019.

The UB interns in the IRO have been the following:

Aleksander Lacima, UB
from 01.02.2018 to 31.03.2019 (OMPI)

Paula Liñán, UB
from 01.10.2018 to 31.07.2019 (FBG)

Eugenia Di Pólito, UB
from 03.09.2018 to 31/07/2019 (FBG)

Raimundo Ramos, UB
from 01.07.2018 to 31.03.2019 (OMPI)

Judith Valle, UB
from 01.06.2019 to 31.07.2019 (FBG)

Guilherme Zilves, UB
from 03.09.2018 to 31.05.2019 (FBG)



Christmas Greetings 2018

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