

FAQs

International Students

1. Why joining the BaPIS?

Because you will be able to internationalize your curriculum in a top tier university in Barcelona, while enjoying a diverse environment with exciting courses and in reduced class groups, allowing for a close follow up with the faculty.

2. Who can apply to the BaPIS?

Junior and Senior undergraduate students are welcome; Master's students could be eventually accepted in exceptional circumstances, but should consult first with the Academic Director (maria.morras@upf.edu). Both Visiting International Students, and students belonging to a UPF [study abroad university partner or organization](#) should have a 3.0 GPA (or the equivalent) at the time of application.

3. Does the BaPIS offer courses in English?

Yes, most of the BaPIS courses are instructed in English, but there are courses instructed in Spanish and Catalan, too. Check the [BaPIS catalog](#) for details.

4. I want to take content courses instructed in English. Do I have to certify any background?

Applicants who come from countries where English is not the native language, are recommended to have completed at least four semesters of college-level in English or have the equivalent to B2 in the European Framework

5. I want to take content courses instructed in Spanish. Do I have to certify any background?

Applicants who wish to take content courses instructed in Spanish are recommended to have completed at least four semesters of college-level Spanish or have the equivalent to B2 in the European Framework. Please, check our courses syllabi to get more details about the Spanish Language requirements for each course.

6. I am a “freemover” or visiting student, how shall I proceed?

Individual applicants should follow the online application instructions on the [BaPIS](#) website

7. I am not a “freemover” or visiting student. Instead, my home university nominated me to study at the program. What is the next step?

Our office will send you a link to the UPF on-line application system and instructions.

8. Do I have to provide any documentation?

Yes, all students must upload the following documentation during the on-line application:

- Copy of passport.
- Passport-style picture.

- Copy of proof of health insurance that covers the student's stay in Barcelona / UPF.
- A copy of student's transcript of records stating that they are registered standing students.

9. Is there a deadline to apply?

Application is on a rolling basis and normally finishes one month before the start of classes. Please check how to apply for non-UPF students [here](#).

10. How can I know about my admission in the program?

Our staff will review the documents for your admission, and you will be notified by email.

11. How much does it cost to register in the program?

The BaPIS fees can be checked in the [Program website](#).

12. Do I need a Visa?

If you are a citizen in any of the EU countries, the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland, you do not need to follow any administrative procedure before travelling to Barcelona. If you come from another country and stay for the term (10 weeks) you will need a VISA. But if you plan to stay longer than three months, you will need to register at the “*Registro de Ciudadanos de la Unión*” when you arrive in Barcelona. For further information, please go to our “[Living in Barcelona](#)” section.

If you don't fall into this category, and you plan to stay after the term and that stay is longer than **90 days**, you must obtain a students' visa from the nearest Spanish embassy or consulate to where you live, before you leave your country.

13. Which documentation do I have to provide for the Visa?

To apply for a visa, you will need an acceptance letter from UPF, among other documents, which our International Programs Office will prepare for you. In order to send you the acceptance letter, it is essential that you have been correctly registered. The [Foreign Affairs Ministry website](#) will help you in order to find the nearest Spanish embassy or consulate.

14. Which kind of Visa do I have to ask for?

It is very important that the visa is a **student visa (type D)**. Any other type of visa doesn't entitle you to the subsequent processing of your Foreign Identity Card (TIE).

15. How can I find accommodation in Barcelona?

Barcelona offers multiple options for [student accommodation](#), depending on your needs. The UPF does not have in-campus accommodation, so students should find housing independently.

16. Where are the UPF Campuses?

UPF has three campuses: [Ciudadella Campus](#), [Poblenou Campus](#) and [Mar Campus](#). The BaPIS classes take place at the Ciudadella Campus.

17. Where can I find the BaPIS course offering?

The updated course offerings for each academic year can be found in the program website:

<https://www.upf.edu/web/bapis/courses-and-syllabi>

18. When and how do I enroll in the courses?

Information on course enrollment will be shared by email after the registration period is over to those students whose participation is confirmed. Enrollment will only be available for several days. Courses will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. If you do not receive the information one week after registration period is over, please contact internationalprograms@upf.edu.

19. Who can I contact for academic advising?

If you need academic advising, please contact our staff at internationalprograms@upf.edu and we'll forward your query to the coordinator.

20. When do the classes start?

Check out the [academic calendar](#) for the key dates of our International Programs.

21. Where do I find the course meeting schedules?

The BaPIS schedules are posted in our [website](#).

22. Is it mandatory to attend all lectures?

Yes, it is mandatory to attend both lectures and field trips (if applicable).

23. Where do I check my final grades?

Grades will be posted both in the *Aula Global Moodle* and *Secretaria Virtual*. An Official Transcript of Records will be sent to you at the end of your stay at UPF.

24. How can I obtain my transcript of records?

Your transcript of records will be sent to your institution (if you come through a partner university or institution) or to the address you have provided during the registration if you are a free mover.

25. Which is the UPF grading system?

- Matrícula d'honor (10) A with Honours: This is the highest grade and it is awarded to a small number of students whose performance is considered exceptionally good (maximum 5% of enrolled students).
- Excel-lent (9-10): Awarded to students whose performance is considered very good.
- Notable (7-8.9) Very Good: Awarded to students whose performance is considered good.

- Aprovat (5-6.9) Good/ Pass: This grade means that the student's performance has been adequate.
- Suspens (0-4.9) Fail: Students receiving this grade do not pass the subject.

26. What happens if there is a pandemic outbreak during my term at UPF?

UPF is ready to provide students with a safe academic environment following the recommendations of the Health Authorities. The BaPIS program has a contingency plan to continue instruction and course evaluation in case of a disruption of the face-to-face classes. UPF provides students with the necessary online platforms and resources to continue their classes and the BaPIS faculty has experience and readiness to apply the contingency plans, so that classes are not discontinued in case of an emergency.

CONTACT

The BaPIS is managed by the UPF International Programs. Our office is in the Ciutadella Campus, Office 40.261, Roger de Llúria building. You can also reach us by email at internationalprograms@upf.edu and follow us on [twitter](#).