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## Welcome to the University of Catalonia

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# Catalonia

**Catalonia** is a leading cluster in southern Europe, a strategic hub thanks to a highly competitive knowledge economy and a privileged geographic location open to the world. There are over 5,000 international companies operating in Catalonia, 40% of them having been in the region for over 10 years. Business activity benefits from an excellent university and research system that feeds industry with well-trained professionals and innovation technology.



**Sagrada Família, Barcelona.** © Vicente Zambrano. Courtesy of the Barcelona City Council



**Barceloneta beach, Barcelona.** © Vicente Zambrano. Courtesy of the Barcelona City Council



***Castellers*, or human towers.** © Pepe Encinas

**Catalonia** is a land that has produced artists of such international renown as Antoni Gaudí, Joan Miró, Salvador Dalí, Antoni Tàpies, Pau Casals, Mercè Rodoreda, Josep Carreras, Ferran Adrià, Quim Monzó or Montserrat Caballé. A land with a plethora of talent, which also attracts excellence from around the world thanks to the warmth of its people, the modernity of its infrastructure and a way of life of exceptional quality, made even better by the Mediterranean environment.



**Boí Valley.** © Francisco Sánchez



**Barcelona city landscape.** © Antonio Lajusticia. Courtesy of the Barcelona City Council

**Catalonia** has a leading position in the world, backed by international rankings. Barcelona, its capital, is the number-one European city in terms of quality of life as a place to work, and the sixth-best European city in which to do business, where 30,000 companies are created yearly. It is also the second-ranked city in the world in organizing international meetings. Barcelona is in 11th place on the list of the top university cities and has two business schools which are listed among the most prestigious in the world.



**Ebre Delta.** © Richard Martin



**Pyrenees.** © Marc Garriga

**Catalonia** is a region with a millennium-old tradition and its own language, Catalan, and autonomous government, the Generalitat, within Spain and the European Union. It has a stable political system—in fact, its Parliament is the oldest in the world (1283)—which promotes economic activity based on knowledge, in which higher education and research are key elements. Catalonia is a worldwide benchmark of excellence in research in areas such as biotechnology, photonics, energy and nanotechnology. It is research in close contact with universities, the principal mission of which is to discover and advance in knowledge that benefits society and brings about economic prosperity.

**Catalonia** has an area of approximately 32,000 km2 and a population of over seven and a half million inhabitants. A region which bears the mark left by the footsteps of different cultures and a historical heritage recognized by UNESCO.








# Internacional University of Catalonia (UIC)

The **International University of Catalonia** (UIC) is a private university offering personalized university education with a professional emphasis. This individualized approach is achieved through a maximum of 80 students per course, offering classes in small groups and one teacher for every 11 students. The teachers not only guarantee the necessary academic training, but also offer comprehensive counseling to students throughout their time at university.

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## History

The Catalan Parliament approved the creation of UIC in 1997, and the first qualifications were awarded in the academic year 2007-2008 in Law, Architecture, Public Administration and Management, Nursing, Humanities–Journalism, Dentistry and Business Administration and Management.

## Campus

UIC has two campuses. One is Campus Barcelona, which houses the faculties of Humanities, Communication Sciences, Legal and Political Sciences, Economics and Social Sciences and Education, the School of Architecture, and the rector's office and UIC central services. The other is Campus Sant Cugat, located in the Hospital General de Catalunya, which houses the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Faculty of Dentistry.

## Teaching

The students' education focuses on their future professional career. The aim is to maximize their skills so they can adapt easily to the new challenges of modern society. For this reason, most of the teachers come from a professional background and there are close links between the university and enterprise.

UIC's agreements with various companies provides students with quality work experience in prestigious organizations.

## Research

Research into all areas of knowledge is UIC's priority objective. This effort is shared by all teachers, who spend their time on research and teaching free people in a principled manner, capable of producing new ideas and using the main sources of knowledge: observation, experimentation and inductive and deductive reasoning. Researchers at the university wish to contribute to the development of science, technology and improvement of the quality of life.

The spirit of research at UIC is reflected in the effort to train new PhDs, in the numerous scientific publications by teachers associated with the institution and in the abundant research projects financed by public bodies and private companies carried out by this university.

## Innovation

Commitment to innovation and knowledge transfer are noteworthy objectives of UIC. The creation of chairs, such as the consolidated Ceramics Chair and the more recent Chair in Industrial Building using Environmental Parameters (CEIM), are examples of knowledge transfer to society.

The aim is to establish permanent agreements between the university and major companies in local industry.

## Internationalization

At UIC, the internationalization of the university is considered a basic element for students. To this end, it offers English specific to each course and an extensive international exchange program to ensure an all-round education. The aim is for students to gain a good command of a number of languages, do part of their course in a foreign university and work experience abroad.

The internationalization strategy is complemented by agreements with prestigious universities and research centers throughout the world.

## University community

UIC organizes a wide range of cultural, leisure and sporting activities, with the aim of developing the students as people. In consonance with its ideal, based on Christian humanism, UIC offers the whole university community pastoral guidance through the Chaplain Service, which is provided by the Prelacy of the Opus Dei.