

# FACT SHEET

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and International Relations



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## ■ EXCHANGE STUDENTS NOMINATIONS

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All universities must **NOMINATE** their students before:

**15th May** for first semester **(Fall)** students

**15th October** for the second semester **(Spring)** students

### HOW TO NOMINATE?

University coordinators have to email [martaes@blanquerna.url.edu](mailto:martaes@blanquerna.url.edu)

or [noemiss@blanquerna.url.edu](mailto:noemiss@blanquerna.url.edu) with the following information of the nominated students:  
name, surname, email, nationality, degree, and semester (Fall-1st or Spring- 2nd)

## ■ EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPLICATIONS (Deadlines)

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**15th June** for first semester **(Fall)** students

**15th November** for second semester **(Spring)** students

ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY! Instructions are sent to the students once they have been properly nominated by their homes institutions.

*Applications are only accepted within the Deadline*

## ■ APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

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After being nominated by the home university, exchange students will receive an email instructions about the ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

They will have to prepare a:

1. [Application form](#) for exchange students
2. [Learning agreement](#) \*\*
3. A copy of student's passport
4. A current student's academic transcript
5. A copy of your Insurance coverage (see health insurance)
6. English certificate. See Language requirements below
7. Spanish certificate. Recommended, see Language requirements below

*Once the online application procedure has been correctly completed, we will send a letter of acceptance to the student by email.*

*\*\* learning agreements for Erasmus grant will not be signed until completing the online application procedure*

## ■ LANGUAGE OF TEACHING

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### **Courses in our Communication degrees:**

Most of them are taught in **Catalan or Spanish**. The minimum level **RECOMMENDED** in order to take subjects in Spanish or Catalan is **B1** within the Common European Framework. Some courses are taught in English, see language requirements below\*.

To take English (as a language course), students must take an English placement exam upon arrival in order to know what their level is and what level is best for them. English placement exams will take place **ONLY** on Welcome day. No second calls.

### **Courses in our International Relations or Global Communication Management degrees:**

All of them are taught in **English**. The minimum English level **REQUIRED** in order to take subjects in this degree program is **B2** within the Common European Framework. English certificate is **COMPULSORY\*** (See language requirements below).

### **For subjects in our Official Masters: (not for Study Abroad Students)**

Most of them are taught in **Catalan or Spanish**. The minimum level **RECOMMENDED** in order to take subjects in Spanish or Catalan is **B1** within the Common European Framework. Students must already have a degree to be able to take master courses. Master courses available are only the ones from our Official masters.

### **FREE CATALAN AND SPANISH COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

We offer free **Catalan and Spanish** courses for exchange students. These courses also offer ECTS credits: 2 ECTS for each course and each semester. These courses begin at the same time as regular courses.

## ■ LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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Students must be able to provide evidence of their **English** level if they want to take any course taught in English by sending, with their application forms, a First Certificate document or equivalent (level: **B2 within the Common European Framework**). Here is the list of the certificates accepted:

Cambridge First  
IELTS 5-6,5  
TOEFL iBT 87-109  
Michigan ECCE  
PTE General level 3  
PTE Academic 59-75  
Trinity ISE II

*Native English-speakers, students from English-speaking countries or those studying a degree totally in English do not need to submit certification of English level.*

*They do not need to do so, either, students from universities with an English waiver clause in the agreement with Blanquerna.*

*We also accept a certificate from your home university coordinator stating that you have the minimum level of English required to pursue courses in that language.*

Students do not need to provide evidence of their **Spanish** or **Catalan** level by sending a certificate, but the Recommended level of Spanish and/or Catalan is B1, minimum.

*Please note that a student who does not have the required language skills may have difficulty participating in classes and may eventually fail the exams or not being accepted in class by the professors and, therefore, not obtain the corresponding credits.*

## ■ ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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**Check the link above for the specific dates**

**Fall term classes: from early September- early February (exams included)**

**WELCOME DAY, FIRST SEMESTER: COMPULSORY. We send the date to students once nominated**

**Spring term classes : early February-end June (exams included)**

**WELCOME DAY, SECOND SEMESTER: COMPULSORY. We send the date to students once nominated**

It's **COMPUSLORY** to join the School on the Welcome Day and to attend lessons as of the first day of classes.

Subjects from our Official Masters will begin on mid October.

You can find information on our site

<https://www.blanquerna.edu/en/fcc/services/academic-information/degree/academic-calendar>

## ■ **TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS, GRADING SYSTEM and EXAMS**

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**Transcripts of records** will be available **5 weeks after the end of the examination** periods of each semester. They will be sent by email to the students and to the partner Institutions. Hard copies will be sent only to those partners who explicitly request it.

Individual courses are graded on a scale of 10. The minimum passing grade is 5/10. Grades below 5 are fail. All courses (unless Seminars) have two sittings. The exact examination dates for each subject will be defined in our website about 1 month before the beginning of the examination period. Exchange students will take their exams in the same conditions as regular students.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL GRADING SYSTEM :**

- **NO PRESENTADO = NP.** The student did not sit the exam.
- **FAIL (FROM 0 TO 4,9)** Considerable further work is required. The student must resit the exam.
- **PASS (FROM 5 TO 6,9)** Satisfactory knowledge of the contents.
- **GOOD (FROM 7 TO 8,9)** Students who demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the course contents.
- **EXCELLENT (FROM 9 TO 10)** Outstanding performance.
- **HONORS (+ 9)** Exceptional performance.
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**is the future APTO (PASS)** Satisfactory performance in extracurricular activities.

1 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) is equivalent to 10 hours of class attendance and 15 hours devoted to coursework by the student outside the class time, so, 1 ECTS is equivalent to 25 hours.

## ■ **INFORMATION REGARDING COURSES / SYLLABUS for EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

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[List of courses available for FALL semester.](#)

[List of courses available for SPRING semester.](#)

All undergraduate exchange students can take Seminar III for exchange students: Professional Communication (8 ECTS): highly recommended.

**Master courses:** students can only choose courses from our Official Masters, and **ONLY** if they already have a degree. **IMPORTANT:** the number of ECTS from master courses can only be the 30% of the student's learning agreement.

## TIMETABLES

Definitive timetables will be delivered to students upon arrival, on Welcome Day.

## ■ ACCOMMODATION

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We do not look for accommodation, but here you are some useful information regarding that matter:

<http://www.url.edu/en/services/residence-halls>

<https://www.blanquerna.edu/en/accommodation>

We highly recommend exchange students to look for accommodation in advance, as finding accommodation in Barcelona might be difficult sometimes.

## ■ HEALTH INSURANCE

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EU Students: The **European Card is mandatory**

All non-EU exchange students must have coverage as follows:

<https://www.url.edu/en/international/insurance>

We strongly recommend hiring the insurance with a Spanish company.

**All costs related to obtaining any medical coverage shall be a responsibility of students**

## ■ VISA

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Students from EU -member countries, from a European Higher Education Area (EHEA) country or from Switzerland who want to live in Spain for a period of over three months are required to register in the Central Registry of Foreign Nationals.

<https://www.url.edu/en/international/international-students-procedure/eu-community-students>

Students from Non-Schengen countries: as soon as they receive the letter of acceptance from Blanquerna School, they should go to the Spanish Diplomatic Offices (consulate or embassy) and apply for **Study Visa**. You can find your consulate on the website of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/portal/es/serviciosalciudadano/paginas/embajadasconsulados.aspx>

If your authorized stay is longer than six months, you must apply for your foreigner Identity Card (TIE), within one month of entering Spain. More information about that:

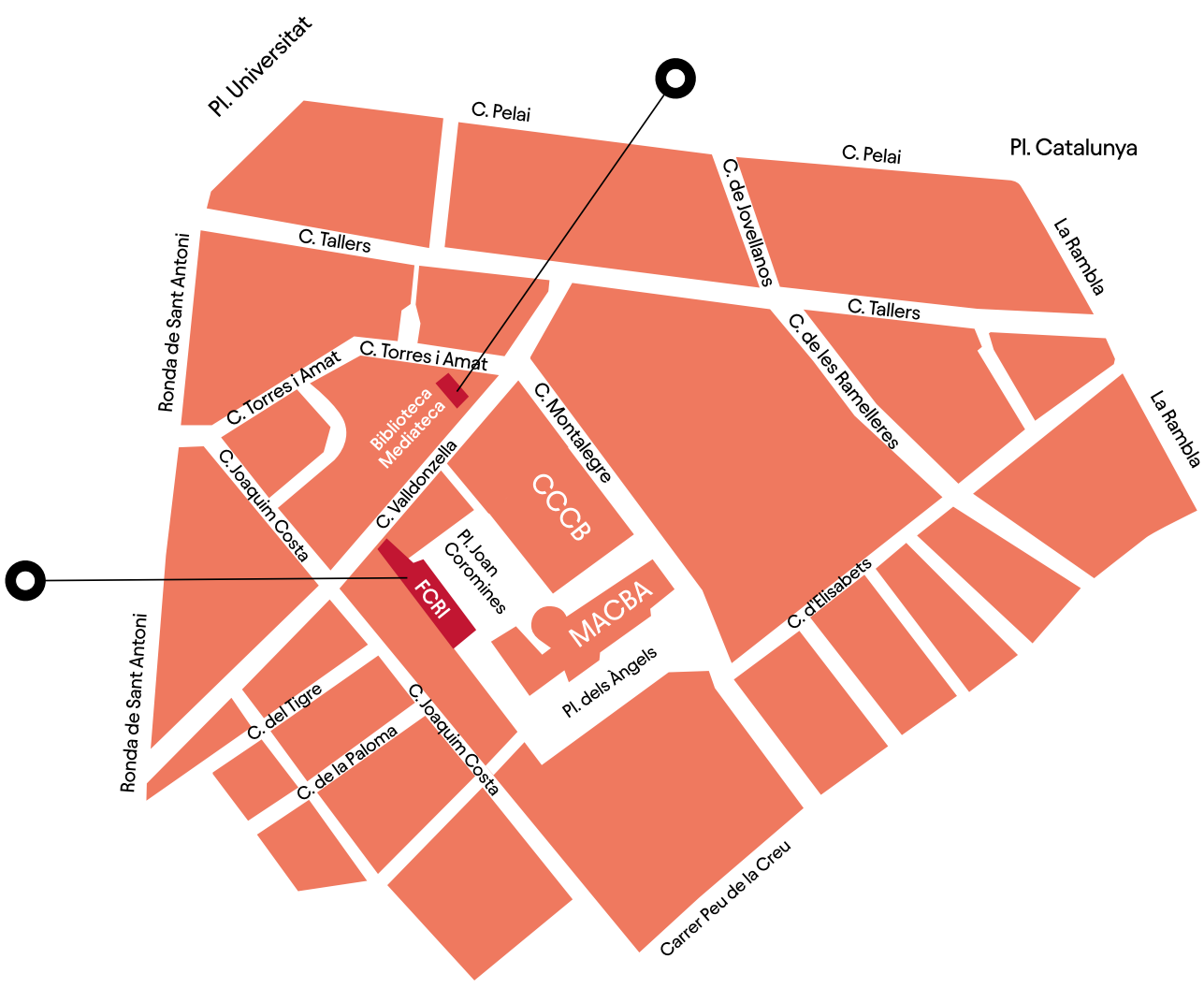
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## ■ WHERE TO FIND US

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