

FACT SHEET

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Blanquerna School of Communication
and International Relations

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■ EXCHANGE STUDENTS NOMINATIONS

All universities must **NOMINATE** their students before:
(Name, Surname, nationality, email, degree, and semester)

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

or 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)

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

■ STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS APPLICATIONS (Deadlines)

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

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

Applications are only accepted within the Deadline

■ APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED for EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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. **Provisional Learning agreement** **
2. A copy of student's passport or National Identity Card
3. A current student's academic transcript
4. A copy of your Insurance coverage [see health insurance] or EHIC
5. English certificate. See Language requirements below
6. 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. Hard copies of the acceptance letters will be sent only to students who have to apply for a visa

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

■ APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED for STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS [fee-paying students]

Documents required:

1. Application form for Study Abroad students
2. Learning agreement for Study Abroad students
3. A copy of student's passport
4. A current student's academic transcript
5. A copy of the student's insurance coverage. [See more information below]
6. English certificate [See Language requirements below]
7. Spanish certificate recommended [See Language requirements below]

All documents must be scanned and emailed to general email:

studyabroadfcri@blanquerna.url.edu

■ LANGUAGE OF TEACHING

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

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**

Fall term classes: 12th September- 22nd December + exams period

WELCOME DAY, FIRST SEMESTER: 8th September

Exams period:

Exams: 9th January-18th January

Christmas Holidays: 23th December -8th January

Retaken exams for 1st semester: Second half of January (from 25th January to 3rd February)

Spring term classes : 6th February-17th May + exams period

WELCOME DAY, SECOND SEMESTER: 2nd February

Easter: 11th to 17th April

Exams period:

Exams: 22nd May-2nd June

Retaken exams for 2nd semester: 13th-22nd June

Subjects from our Official Masters will begin on October 13th

You can find information on our site

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQF2RxJE30CFAwQ5CL-m5OLD-Tc4g2H6EUt6LQWwQ6sj3UKyudK4O7oZdbs1v8bhGA/pub>

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

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.
- **Excellence**

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 or STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS (fee-paying students)

In the [web page](#), there is the list of subjects available for Exchange Students

In the [web page](#) there is the list of subjects available for the Study Abroad Students

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

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

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

When looking for accommodation, it's best to use the services of institutions and organizations dedicated to that purpose, as recommended by Barcelona Centre Universitari [BCU]:

www.bcu.cat/en

+34 93 238 90 72

BCU is the official hosting service for universities in Barcelona. They help you to get accommodation in Barcelona, either in a hall of residence or a flat. You can browse what is available at www.resahousing.com

In addition, students enrolled at Blanquerna have preference in the allocation of places available, regardless of the waiting list may exist:

<http://www.residenciasestudiantesbarcelona.com/>

<http://www.agorabcn.com/>

<http://www.agorabcn.com/en/>

<http://www.sanmarius.com/>

<http://www.jumpinbarcelona.com/apartments/> [only for girls]

<http://nexoresidencias.com/en/garbi-student-residence>

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

■ HEALTH INSURANCE

EU Students: **European Card** 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

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>

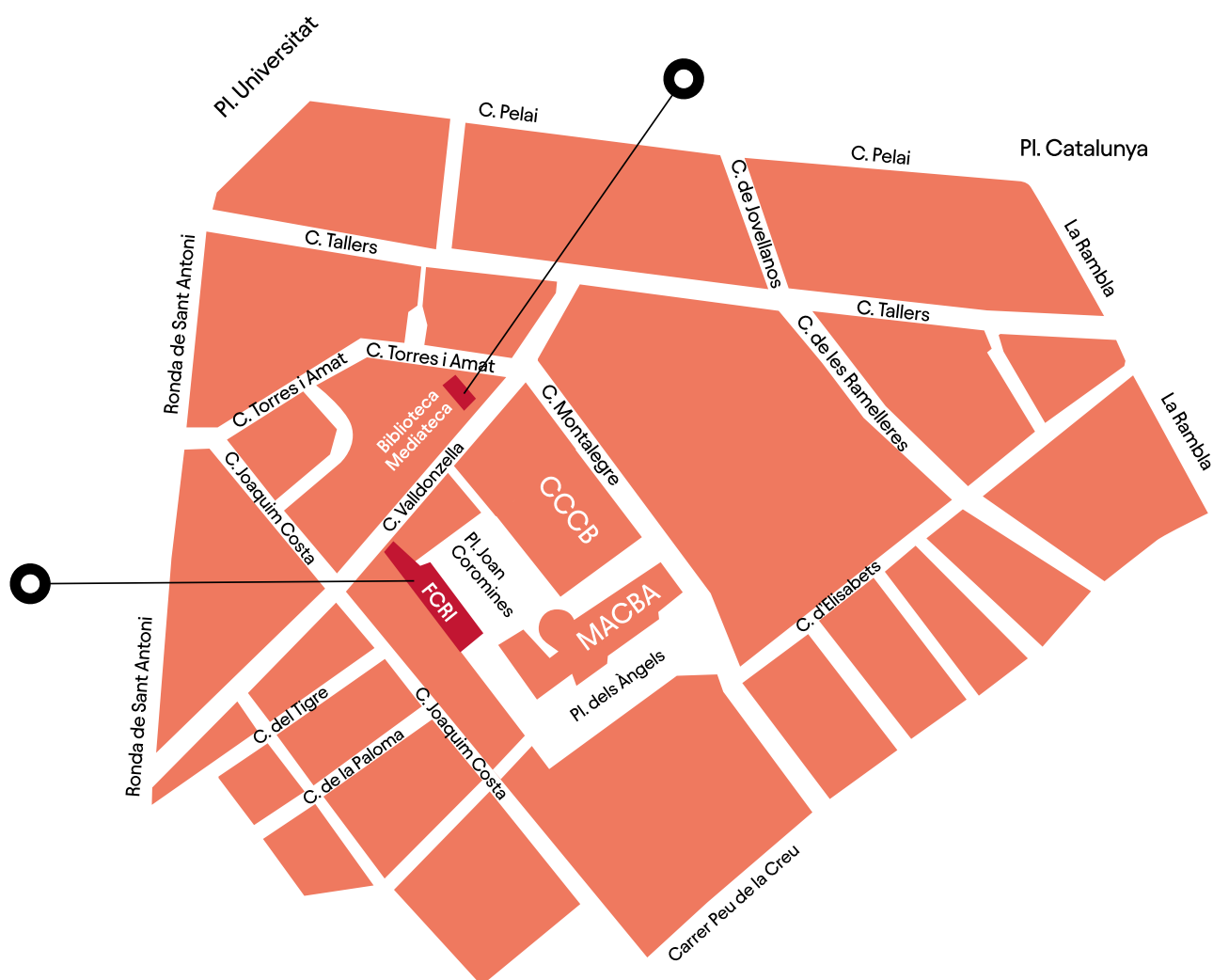
Students from Non-Schengen countries: as soon as they receive the letter of acceptance from Blanquerna School, they should go to the Spanish Diplomatic Offices (consulate or embassy) and apply for **Study Visa**. You can find your consulate on the website of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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

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

■ WHERE TO FIND US

<https://www.google.es/maps/place/Pla%C3%A7a+de+Joan+Coromines,+08001+Barcelona/@41.3842903,2.1631274,15.5z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x12a4a2f4e1d47bd1:0x326c1b015d383e35?hl=ca>



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