WELCOME TO UPF BARCELONA SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Welcome to UPF-BSM, the management school of Pompeu Fabra University, a university internationally recognized for its level of excellence in teaching and research.

Our purpose is to contribute to the development of management and to people who put it into practice. We train professionals who are capable of managing companies and institutions and leading projects with a global vision. People who seek to add value, innovate and transform society through a commitment to culture and global wellness.

We connect the university with business through innovation, social transformation and research. Our management vision is strategic, it is based on international best practices and it is focused on people.

We propose solutions to the challenges faced by the business, social and institutional environment with the vocation of transferring results to the society. We want to generate knowledge and economic and social impact.

We offer an active, personalized and interdisciplinary learning model that prepares students to become professionals capable of moving in constantly changing environments.

We have a values-based culture such as ethics, social responsibility, transparency, rigor, sustainability, diversity, humanism and culture. We have a creative and transformative vision with a vocation for excellence in teaching, research and knowledge transfer.
INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Name                      UPF – Barcelona School of Management
City, Country             Barcelona, Spain
Website                   http://www.bsm.upf.edu
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                          08008 Barcelona, Spain
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                          24.125. Ramon Trias Fargas, 25-27  
                          08005 Barcelona, Spain
Contact                   international@bsm.upf.edu

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar

The Academic calendar is divided into 3 terms:

- 1st Term: September- December (NOT eligible for exchange)
- 2nd Term: January – March (ELIGIBLE for exchange)
- 3rd Term: April – June (ELIGIBLE for exchange)

Course offer

QTEM exchange students can attend the Elective courses offered during the 2nd and/or 3rd term. 
Check the list of courses offered in 2024-25 available on QTEM website Qtem
Note:
- Some of the courses may have limited enrolment.
- Students will receive the timetable several weeks before the beginning of each term.
- Elective courses will be carried out in case of reaching a minimum number of enrolled students. The final offer for each academic year may be adapted depending on the academic planning.

Usual work load
60 ECTS per academic year / 20 ECTS per Term
Elective courses are worth 4 ECTS each
Each term consists of 10 class weeks + exam period.
The number of credits to be taken by exchange students should be determined by their home school.

Language of teaching
Courses are taught only in English.

Learning expectations
Classes may be conducted in any one of these formats or a combination thereof: lectures, classroom discussions, case studies, individual and group projects, term papers, student projects and dissertations.
Every course will have a clear calendar of sessions, and this will be made available to the students on the first day of the term.
Minimum attendance of 80% is required in every course.
The size of the class depends on the number of students opting for a particular course.

Grading system
The Spanish grading System is based on a scale from 0 to 10, where 5 is the minimum passing mark.

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<th>UPF BSM grading system</th>
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<tr>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>Good</td>
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<td>C, D and E</td>
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Exams
Exchange students will take their exams in the same conditions as regular students. Exchange students are NOT authorized to organize their exams individually with their professors. All students are expected to take their exams during the official exams periods.

Transcript
Exchange students will receive an official transcript of records once final grades are closed.

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**NOMINATIONS**

**Deadlines**

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<td>Nomination (by QTEM or university coordinators)</td>
<td>NOT available for exchange</td>
<td>September 30th</td>
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<td>Application (by student)</td>
<td>October 15th</td>
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**Application procedure**

By the deadline for nominations, QTEM exchange students will be informed about the online registration and application procedure.
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

UPF-BSM Campus: Our campuses are located in two privileged locations that make up our academic environment.

**BALMES BUILDING**  
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08008 Barcelona, Spain

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08005 Barcelona (Spain)

Visa  
Students from the European Union (EU) do not need to apply for a visa. Students from outside the European Union (EU), the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway) or Switzerland will have to apply for a student visa. Please note that a tourist visa is not enough to stay in Spain for more than 90 days.

Health cover  
All students at UPF BSM are required to have health care insurance.
  
- Students from the EU: Obtaining the European Health Insurance Card
- Students from outside the EU: Obtaining health coverage during your time in Spain.

Housing  
There are a variety of possibilities for accommodation in Barcelona, depending on your interests and economic possibilities but finding a suitable place to stay in Barcelona can be difficult and time-consuming. We do not have accommodation on our campuses. Each student is responsible for finding their own accommodation during their stay in Barcelona. More information: Accommodation - Living in Barcelona (UPF)

Cost of living  
The average cost of living for students in Barcelona is around €1,000 per month.

Academic expenses: Incoming exchange students do not have to make any payments to UPF Barcelona School of Management for academic expenses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[Future student | UPF-BSM](#)