



GUIDE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE MASTER IN ANIMAL LAW AND SOCIETY (UAB)

The following guide is intended for present and future students of the Master in Animal Law and Society of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). The present document, based on the experience of foreign students in recent years, is intended to help you in the fundamental aspects that comprise a university year in the Master in Animal Law and Society.

LANGUAGES

The city of Barcelona is situated in the Autonomous Community of Catalonia. The two co-official languages are Catalan and Castilian (Spanish).

The classes of the Master in Animal Law and Society are taught in Castilian and English.

For those who want to work later in Catalan public administration, and in general in Catalonia, learning Catalan is advisable.

For this end, Catalan classes are provided free of charge by the Generalitat de Catalunya [Catalan Regional Catalonia].

For more information see [here](#).

LANGUAGE SERVICES OF THE UAB:

UAB Idiomes is the Language Service of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). They offer classes of different languages (Catalan, Spanish, English, German, French, etc.) They have extensive experience in language courses, language certification levels, linguistic planning, translations and revisions of texts, linguistic welcome programs, linguistic volunteers, assessment of linguistic criteria, and models of documents, etc.

In the following link, you can see the catalogue of services from UAB Idiomes:

<http://www.uab.cat/servlet/Satellite/languages-service-uab-languages-1215413660016.html>

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ACCOMMODATION

The majority of the students of the Master in Animal Law and Society live in the city of Barcelona. In addition to being a capital that offers a unique architectural environment, Barcelona is a dynamic European metropolis, noted for its exceptional cultural diversity.

The people of Barcelona lend and share accommodation; this system is very common among students.

The rent for a room is approximately 300-400 € per month, depending on the zone and the apartment. For a furnished studio, the rent is approximately 450-500 € per month.

The **maximum** that can be requested is a deposit corresponding to one month's rent (article 36 of the Law 29/1994, of 24 November, of Urban Lending).

The city of Barcelona is divided into neighborhoods that you can see in the following photograph;



Each neighborhood has its own architectural and social characteristics. As such, it would be a good idea to see if the neighborhood that interests you meets your expectations.

Carefully consult the guide for the neighborhoods of Barcelona [here](#).

The following are websites where you can find apartments (list not exhaustive):



<http://www.loquo.com/>
<http://www.pisos.com/>
<http://www.enalquiler.com/>
<http://www.idealista.com/>

Vila Universitaria:

Vila Universitària is a residential housing unit with **812 apartments** located on the campus of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona ([UAB](#)), with the **capacity to house 2193 people**. In order to reside there, you must belong to the university community of the UAB.

Its apartments are found in a privileged location, on the border between the campus and the forests of Vallès, they have nice views and are [well connected by train and bus](#), **only 25 minutes from the center of Barcelona**.

In the Vila you can get to know students from Catalonia, Spain and all over the world for exchange and cooperation programs. Visiting professors coming from other Spanish and foreign universities also stay there, as well as professors and other staff from the UAB who live there with their families.

In the following link you can access the website of the Vila Universitaria and you can see the housing options they offer:

<http://www.uab.cat/servlet/Satellite/vila-universitaria-home-1241074134636.html>

LIVING

➤ **Cost of living**

You can find examples of the cost of living in Barcelona [here](#). These examples are subject to fluctuation.

➤ **Bank Establishments**

In Catalonia and in Spain in general, the methods of payment are cash and bank cards. Payment by check is not common.

Opening a bank account in Spain is not necessary for bearers of European or international bank cards (Visa, MasterCard, etc.).

However, it is advisable to consult a bank establishment regarding payments and cash withdrawals abroad.



If you should wish to open an account, there are numerous bank establishments in Barcelona, for example: La Caixa, Caixa Catalunya, BBVA, Banco Popular, Santander, etc.

There are two options:

- *Non- resident bank account*

In theory, this type of account can be opened without the Número de Identidad de Extranjero (NIE [Foreigner Identification Number]) or Residence Card.

The commissions are higher than the ones with a resident account.

- *Resident bank account*

The NIE or Residence Card is necessary to open a residence bank account.

- **Número de Identidad de Extranjeros (NIE)**

The NIE is a unique and exclusive personal number of sequential numbers, provided by the Oficina de Extranjeros [Office for Foreigners]. This is the identification number that is provided to you when you have the authorization to stay in Spain and it is included in all of the documents assigned to you

The NIE is required for all administrative processes and activities in everyday life.

Consult the web page of the [Town Hall of Barcelona](#) and the [Ministry of the Interior](#).

- **Social Security**

- *Citizens of the European Union*

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is the personal and non-transferable document that provides the right to receive health services that may be necessary from a medical point of view during your stay for reasons of work, studies, or tourism in the territory of the European Union, of the European Economic Community and in Switzerland, taking into account the nature of the services and the duration of the stay, in accordance with the legislation of the country of stay.

To obtain the card, contact the local health authority as each country is responsible for producing and distributing the card in their own territory.

It is advisable to request the European Health Insurance Card before arriving to Barcelona.

For more information see [here](#).





- *Non-citizens of the European Union*

Prior to arrival in Spain, it is necessary for non-citizens of the European Union to apply for a student visa at the Spanish Embassy or Consulate within your country of origin. This process may be time consuming and it will be necessary to get the visa **before** entering Spain and coming to the UAB. The Spanish embassy or consulate in your country of origin can provide you the details of the documents needed and the visa process.

Once you have obtained the visa and you have arrived in Spain, it will be necessary to apply for a NIE, which is a vitally important document to have in Spain. You can only begin the NIE application process once in Spain, and there is a limited period of time after your entry into Spain within which you must apply for the document. The UAB can help with the NIE application process and there is an office within the UAB that is dedicated to helping foreign students with the NIE application and other processes: The International Welcome Point (IWP), located on Plaça Cívica. They can be contacted, in English should you prefer, via email at international.welcome.point@uab.cat. We strongly advise that you contact the office **before** coming to Barcelona as there are certain documents which you may need for the NIE application process that you may need to bring with you from your home country. While the coordination of the Masters will try to help you with any questions regarding the program, please bear in mind that the IWP is the specific organism designated by the UAB to help students with these student documentation processes, so we strongly advise you contact them with regards to any questions about legalization processes.

- **Mobile Telephones**

You can find on [this page](#) the different mobile phone operators in Spain and their rates.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Travel within the city**

- Metro and bus network



Barcelona has a clean, timely and air-conditioned metro and bus service that will take you to the majority of places. The metro is especially useful in the summer, when it is often too hot to walk.

Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona (TMB [Metropolitan Transportation of Barcelona]) manages the network of metros and buses.

For more information about the lines and schedules see [TMB](#).

- Bicing



Bicing is an urban transportation system based on the shared use of bicycles. It's a simple, practical and sustainable service that can be used on the paths throughout the city.



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The yearly fee is 46.46 € (price valid as of June 2013, address and NIE required) and the service includes the first 30 minutes of each trip for free.

For more information see [Bicing](#).

➤ How to arrive to the UAB

The campus of the UAB is in Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès), located 20 kilometers outside of Barcelona.

- By train: Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC, Catalan Light Railway)



We recommend this train to arrive to the UAB. It is a comfortable, rapid and sustainable method of transportation.

From Barcelona, lines [S2](#) (direction Sabadell) and [S55](#) (direction Universitat Autònoma) have a stop in the station **Universitat Autònoma**, and leave from Plaça Catalunya in Barcelona.

The stations from Barcelona are the following:

[Plaça Catalunya](#), [Provença](#), [Gràcia](#), [Sant Gervasi](#), [Muntaner](#), [La Bonanova](#), [Les Tres Torres](#), [Sarrià](#).

Plaça Catalunya and Provença can be reached by Metro (L1/L3 and L3/L5 respectively), and by bus.



From Plaça Catalunya, the trip takes approximately 35 minutes.

For line [S2](#) there are trains every ten minutes during the week. The timetables for the line [S55](#) are more irregular.

You can consult the complete Timetable for lines [S2](#) and [S55](#): [here](#).



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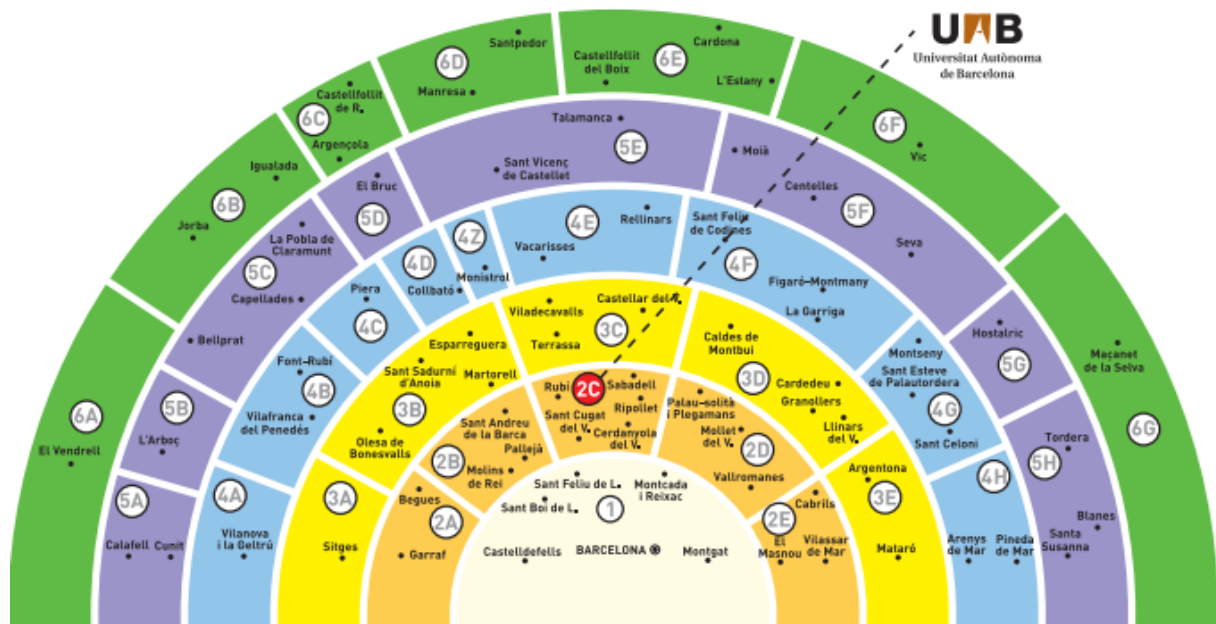
○ Prices:

The Integrated Pricing System allows you to use different means of transportation (metro, city, metropolitan or intercity buses, trams, Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya and Rodalies de Catalunya [Local Trains]) needed to travel with only one transportation ticket.

This system allows you to use four different methods of transportation and make three transfers during a limited time and space established according to the number of zones of the ticket you use. In this way, the transfers are not penalized.

To obtain the correctly zoned integrated transport ticket, it is necessary to identify the number of zones from the place of origin to the destination.

To go from Barcelona (zone 1) to the campus of the UAB (zone 2C) you should buy a 2 zone ticket.



There are different types of tickets and integrated passes: limited and unlimited.

For example:

T-10, 2 zones: limited to 10 trips



Price: 19.40 € [price valid as of June 2013]



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T-Jove [Youth Ticket], 2 zones: unlimited trips for 90 days, for those under 25 years of age



Price: 155 € [price valid as of June 2013]

All the types of tickets and integrated passes can be found here: [here](#) and [here](#).

- By car

The simplest way of reaching the UAB by car or motorcycle is by *autopista* [highway]. On the map you can see the following ways:

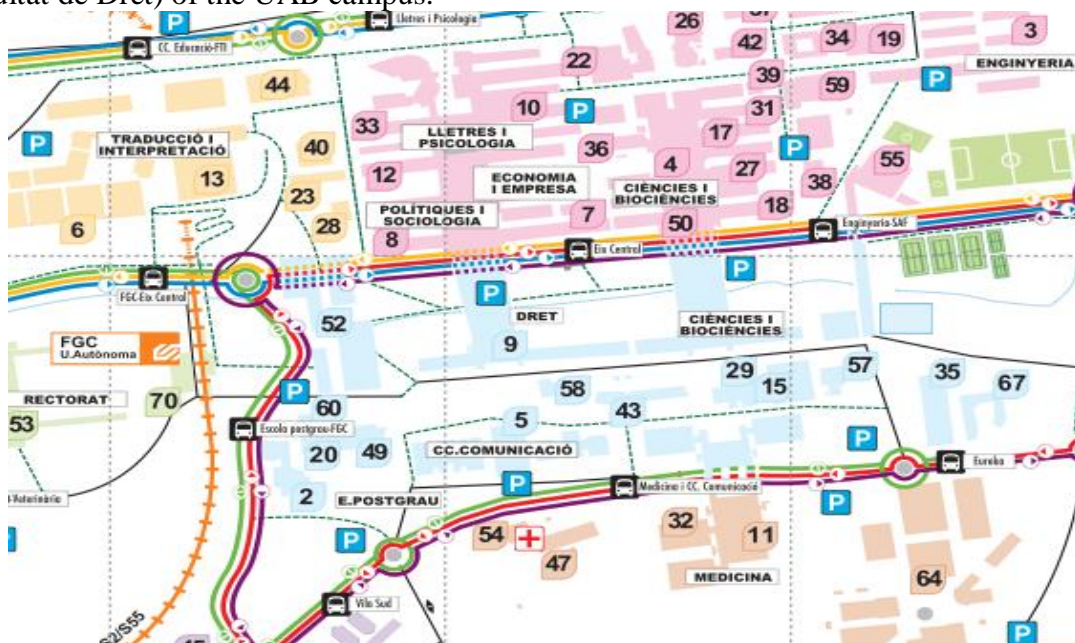
- Autopista AP-7, direction Tarragona-Lleida if you're coming from the North, or direction Girona if you come from Barcelona.
- Autopista C-58 Barcelona-Sabadell-Terrassa.

From Barcelona, the time of the trip is approximately 25-30 minutes, depending on the traffic. The campus of the UAB has 7,000 parking spots which can be consulted on the [map](#). For more information about parking see [here](#).

STUDIES

- In the UAB

The classes of the Master in Animal Law and Society are taught in the Faculty of Law (Facultat de Dret) of the UAB campus.





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In the natural environment of the UAB campus, you can use all sorts of amenities (libraries, Wi-Fi, cafeterias, nursing station, etc.).

For more information see [here](#).

○ In the Master in Animal Law and Society

• Academic Recommendations:

- ✓ Consult the documentation regarding the course, available on the [Campus Virtual](#).
- ✓ As the Masters Program includes many visiting professors of international renown in addition to professors from the UAB, prior to class, learn about the speakers or Professors ([curriculum](#), articles, works, etc.).
- ✓ Consult the Web Center of the Animals in the Law [derechoanimal.info](#) at least two times per week and read the articles, documents, contributions and commented sentences available.
- ✓ Virtual Library

• Social Networks

- ✓ International Forum for Students in Animal Law
- ✓ Follow the Facebook page: [derechoanimal.info](#)
- ✓ Follow the Twitter page: [@derechoanimal](#)
- ✓ Create a private a group on Facebook with the title: **Máster en Derecho Animal y Sociedad [Master in Animal Law and Society] (UAB), 3a Edición, [Third Edition] 2013-2014.**

The goal of this group, **not managed by the Coordination of the Master**, is to freely share with all the students of the Masters the news that could interest them and construct solidarity among the students.

- ✓ Communicate about the Master in Animal Law and Society of the UAB with people of the legal environment and people potentially interested in this education.