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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.



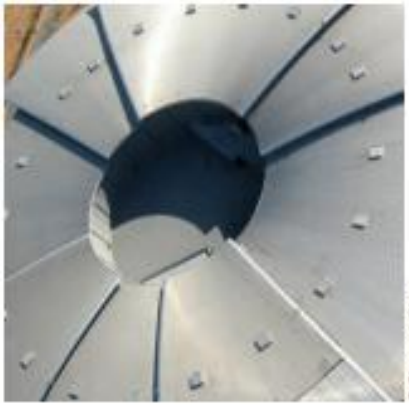
Ebre Delta. © Richard Martin



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.



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Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)

The **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona** (UAB) is today a leading university offering quality teaching that is diversified, multidisciplinary and flexible. It is also recognized internationally for the quality and innovative nature of its research. Its main campus is set in natural surroundings of great beauty, with fully equipped infrastructures created exclusively for university life, which revolves around academic, cultural and social activities: a veritable city of knowledge. UAB is among the world's 200 best universities and among the top 100 in Europe, according to the QS World University Rankings.

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History

UAB was founded in 1968, born of the desire to establish four principles: freedom to contract teaching staff, open admission to students , unrestricted syllabus design and total administration of the institution's finances.

Campus

The main UAB campus is located in Bellaterra, 10 miles north of Barcelona, and is the centre for most of its faculties, departments, institutes and services, as well as being a major science and technology cluster. UAB's Sabadell campus focuses on engineering and business studies, while its Barcelona campus specialises in health sciences. The univeristy also has various teaching hospital units dedicated to teaching and research in the health sciences.

Teaching

UAB offers quality teaching that is flexible and adapted to society's demands, in all branches of knowledge: Arts and Humanities, Bioscience, Science, Health Science, Social and Legal Sciences and Engineering. Furthermore, one of UAB's defining characteristics is its firm commitment to strengthening the relationship between academic training and research.

UAB's official qualifications offer academic and professional training that prepares students for the labor market and facilitates their mobility in Europe. The wide and diverse range of activities carried out by UAB allows its courses to have a markedly multidisciplinary approach. The teaching imparted is characterized by a high degree of practical experience, and there are numerous collaboration agreements with companies and institutions so that students may gain work experience during their studies.

Research

The results of UAB research are internationally recognized. The placement of cutting-edge research centers on the campus itself guarantees interaction and transfer of knowledge, and therefore the latest in teaching. There is a main hub located on the Bellaterra Campus as well as series of research centers and institutes and university hospitals that are interlinked. Near the campus, southern Europe's most important scientific facility can be found: the ALBA Synchrotron Light Facility.

UAB is drawing up a policy on the creation of clusters that integrate the generation of university knowledge, exploitation of the research results and their transfer to society. It has a nanotechnology and nanoscience cluster; a biomedicine, bioscience and biodiversity cluster; an aeronautical management cluster; and an education and training cluster.

Innovation

UAB is firmly dedicated to the strategic creation of knowledge communities formed by research groups from the university and technology centers in the sector as well as companies and other agents of local and regional development with common interests. It engages in multidisciplinary research through the UAB Research Park, which aids the university in leading the most ambitious projects and in improving the visibility and transfer of research results.

The UAB Research Park makes available to businesses, researchers and entrepreneurs a wide range of services directed at the interaction of research and industry in order to transfer the knowledge and technology generated at the university to society.

Internationalization

UAB participates in the main international mobility and exchange programs with universities from around the world and has developed its own ambitious exchange program. The internationalization program has led UAB to promote teaching in English and to establish partnerships with universities in strategic areas. For UAB, it is of paramount importance that teaching and research be given an international dimension, so that it may take part globally. With these objectives, UAB takes part in initiatives such as the Ortelius project and in Alliance 4 Universities. In addition, UAB has made a supreme and pioneering effort in relations with universities and research centers in East Asia, where it has opened offices in both Seoul and Shanghai.

In order to attract the best talent from around the globe, UAB has promoted the Study Abroad program for students of all continents. At the same time, it firmly supports pre-doctoral and postdoctoral stays through a scholarship program to help young researchers from UAB complete their training at the best universities in the world.

University community

UAB offers a group of services that covers academic (libraries, information networks, language acquisition), leisure (sports and cultural facilities) and day-to-day (shops, health centers) needs. It also manages its own job bank and is a collaborating center of the Catalan Placement Service. UAB stands out, therefore, as a campus university where the university community can balance study, research and free time.