



FAQs for Incoming Students at ESAB

1. How do I apply to study as an exchange student?

In order to apply as an exchange student at ESAB, you must first be nominated by your university. Then, you will be given the instructions to formalize your application procedure through *preinscripcio.upc.edu*. It is important to submit on time all the due documents (signed and stamped by you and your university). Your application won't be reviewed unless we receive all documents.

2. Can I apply as an exchange student coming from a university outside of Europe?

It depends on whether your university has signed a bilateral cooperation agreement with the ESAB; or is part of an international cooperation program (such as CINDA).

3. When is the deadline to apply?

Usually the deadline to apply falls around May 30th (for the fall semester); and around November 30th (for the spring semester).

4. When will I be accepted as an exchange student?

If all of your documents are correct, within six weeks (after the deadline of application) you will receive your Letter of Acceptance.

5. What is the academic calendar?

Visit [this website](#) [*in Catalan*] for further information.

6. Will the ESAB provide accommodation? How can I get it?

The school doesn't provide accommodation, so you will be responsible of finding your own place. There is, however, a residence hall in the campus ([Pius Font i Quer](#)) that you might want to apply for. Other options include renting rooms or shared housing in Castelldefels or Barcelona.

7. Is there any program to learn Spanish and/or Catalan?

The [SLT](#) (Language and Terminology Service) of the UPC offers the opportunity to learn any of our two local official languages. You can take [Catalan classes](#), [Spanish classes](#), and even take a few [online courses](#) before your arrival.

8. About the European Health Insurance card...

In order to access the public health system as an EU citizen (or a citizen from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland), you need to bring your [European Health Insurance Card](#). If you're not from any of these countries, you need to contract a private insurance (for more information, check [this link](#)).



9. Which subjects can I take?

You can choose subjects from any course (i.e., academic year) and degree if your home university accepts it. Nevertheless, you must take into account that if you do so, some classes might be overlapping in your timetable. We therefore advice you to check the available schedules on the website and choose the groups that best fit you. Before your enrollment you can simulate your own schedule and let us know what is the best option for you.

10. Are the subjects different for the spring and autumn semester?

Yes. The subjects in the spring semester are the ones that correspond to Q1, Q3, Q5 and Q7. The subjects in the winter semester are the ones that correspond to Q2, Q4, Q6 and Q8.

11. Which is the language that teachers use?

In the Bachelor degrees, most of the subjects are taught in Catalan and/or Spanish. However, there is an offer of [subjects taught in English](#) as well. If you go to the page of the [Bachelor degree](#) of your choosing, and go to the "Curriculum" section, you can check the specifications (one of them being the language of instruction) of each subject.

In the Master degrees, all the subjects are taught in Spanish, except for a few in the [Landscape Architecture](#) Master's degree.

12. How can I get from Barcelona to the ESAB?

You can arrive by train (R2 line) to the [Castelldefels train station](#) (a ten minutes' walk away from the campus); by bus (E95, L95) to the [campus station](#); or by car.

13. When do I have to do the enrollment at ESAB?

You will do the enrollment at ESAB once you have arrived. In order to have enough time to accommodate for changes, we suggest you to come some days before the lessons start.

14. How can I contact the teachers?

You can contact your teachers once you have made your enrollment. You can also find [here](#) the full directory of ESAB teachers.

15. Can I make changes on the Learning Agreement once the lessons have started?

You can make changes to your Learning Agreement if both your home university and the ESAB's Erasmus Coordinator (Ms. Mònica Blanco) accept the changes.



16. How can I find my credentials to enter all the UPC services?

Throughout the UPC, a lot of websites and services will ask you for your particular username and password as UPC students. You will get these credentials right after your enrollment.

17. When will I have my student card?

Right after your enrollment you must upload your personal photo to the UPC system and update your postal address to the one you'll be using here. Two or three weeks later you will receive your student card.

18. What if I lose my personal documents (passport, ID card, etc.) during my stay?

Depending on the lost/stolen document you will need to do [one thing or another](#). In any case, you can ask the [International Students Office](#) for assistance:

International Students Office (OMI, *in Catalan*)
C. Jordi Girona 1-3, Campus Nord
Building C-3, Telecom Square
Barcelona (08034)

19. Where can I find information about professors and courses?

For information about the courses, you can check the website of the [Bachelor degrees](#), the list of [subjects taught in English](#), and the website of the [Master degrees](#).

For information about the teachers, check question 14.

20. Where will the class material be uploaded? And the grades?

[ATENEA](#) is the name of the online platform in which teachers post their class material and communicate with the students. Your grades, on the other hand, will be posted on [NETAREA](#).

You will be able to access both of them with your UPC credentials (check question 16).