

International Student Handbook 2026-2027

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01 Welcome

Welcome

Welcome

Dear International Student,

Thank you for choosing Esade for your international academic experience, whether you will be joining us for a few months, a full academic year, or longer. We hope this handbook will support you in making a smooth and enjoyable transition to both Esade and life in Barcelona. We encourage you to read the entire document carefully and keep it for future reference, as it may be useful throughout your stay.

In early 2009, Esade's undergraduate, MSc, MRes, and PhD Business programs relocated to the Sant Cugat campus, situated approximately 20 kilometers northwest of Barcelona, on the other side of the Collserola mountain range. Meanwhile, most Law programs, the Full-Time MBA, and Executive Education programs continue to be held at the Esade Barcelona–Pedralbes campus.

Barcelona and Sant Cugat are part of the autonomous community of Catalonia, where Catalan is the native language. Both Catalan and Spanish are official languages, and at Esade, Catalan is recognized alongside Spanish and English. Learning some Catalan can greatly enhance your cultural experience and help you connect more easily with the local community.

Please note that, due to the evolving nature of the information included, this handbook is a living document and will be updated as needed. While we strive to ensure the accuracy of all details and links, some information may change. Should you notice any updates or discrepancies, we would appreciate it if you informed the International Student Advisors so we can keep this guide current. We look forward to welcoming you to Esade and meeting you in person soon.

Best regards on behalf of the of the Esade community.

DISCLAIMER:

The provided information in this handbook comes from official resources, but we do not take any responsibility or liability for it. Students should contact their attorney to obtain advice with respect to any particular legal matter. Additionally, it should be pointed out that as International Student Advisors we are not lawyers and do not provide legal advice. Therefore, the information presented is not legal advice.

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Education: on three campuses

BUSINESS PROGRAMS (taught in Sant Cugat)

- Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA)
- Bachelor in Global Governance, Economics & Legal Order (GEL)
- Bachelor in Transformational Leadership and Social Impact (BITLASI)
- Double Degree in BBA + GEL (GBL)
- Double Degree in BBA + Bachelor in Business and AI (DBAI)
- Masters of Science Programs in Management (MSc)
- CEMS Master in International Management (CEMS MIM)
- Master of Research in Management Sciences (MRes)
- Doctorate in Management Sciences (PhD)

MBA PROGRAMS (taught in Barcelona & Madrid)

- Full-Time MBA
- Executive MBA
- Global Executive MBA
- Multinational MBA

LAW PROGRAMS (taught in Barcelona)

- Bachelor in Law (GED)
- Double Degree in Law + GEL (GDL)
- Double Degree in BBA + Law (GBD)
- Masters in Law
- Specialisation modules, In-Company Training, Conferences & Seminars
- Research and PhD programs

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION (taught in Barcelona and Madrid)

- EMBA
- Executive Masters
- EMDOS
- EMPA
- Program for Management Development (PMD)
- Open Programs
- Custom Programs



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Before arriving



Before arriving

Visa Requirements – 1/2

STUDENTS FROM EU COUNTRIES and citizens of Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland **do not require a visa to enter Spain**. The only documentation you need is your **passport**. However, if you are staying for longer than 90 days, you will have to provide proof of medical insurance coverage, either the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or private coverage, as well as proof of financial means when applying for the *Certificado de registro de residente de la unión*, which includes your NIE. If you do not have the EHIC, the documentation for your private insurance plan will need to be issued by the company in Spanish; otherwise, you will need to have it translated by a sworn translator. It must provide complete medical coverage including hospitalisation, with no co-payments or deductible.

STUDENTS FROM NON-EU COUNTRIES may or may not need a **visa for visits of less than 90 days**. Check whether citizens of your nationality need a visa for stays of less than 90 days [here](#) and also the Spanish Consulate which covers your jurisdiction. Citizens of countries in [Annex 1](#) need a visa to enter the EU regardless of the length of the stay. The 90-day visa is commonly called the Schengen Tourist Visa and if you plan to travel abroad during your stay, you should apply for multiple entries.

Even if your nationality is not listed on the Annex 1, the last quarter of 2026 you will need to pay a fee and undergo a security check to get an [ETIAS](#) travel authorisation, a visa-waiver similar to the American ESTA.

If your stay in Spain is for **more than 90 days**, you must apply for a **long-stay student visa**, which is valid for the full duration of your studies.

- **For stays of less than 6 months:** This visa allows you to remain in the Schengen Area for the approved period. It is non-extendable and does not entitle you to apply for a TIE (Foreigner's Identity Card). However, you can still request a NIE (Foreigner's ID Number) along with your visa for administrative purposes.
- **For stays longer than 6 months:** upon arrival in Spain, you must apply for a TIE (Foreigner's Identity Card) within the first month. In most cases, your NIE number will be assigned to your visa.

You must submit your visa application at least **2 months*** before your program begins, as per the new Immigration Law taking effect May 20th 2025.

* subject to justified exceptions

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Visa Requirements – 2/2

- If you require a visa (*Visado de Estancia de Larga Duración por Estudios*), you should consult the Spanish Embassy or Consulate in your home country, or country of residence for detailed information on the application process. It is crucial to start the visa process as early as possible. Applications must be submitted at least 2 months before your program begins, so we recommend gathering the necessary documents well in advance. Also, be sure to check appointment availability even earlier, as delays and limited slots are common. You must apply through the Spanish Consulate with jurisdiction over your place of residence, and please note that visa requirements may vary between consulates.
- Each Spanish consulate is free to request additional documents at its discretion. Be sure to check the website of the consulate with jurisdiction over your area and contact them well in advance.

Required documentation for Student Visa:

- Passport (valid for the length of your stay)
- Passport-size photos
- Proof of financial means
- Esade admission letter (invitation to housing included)
- Proof of medical insurance including repatriation (valid 1 month before programme start)
- Other documentation specific to your situation

IMPORTANT

For stays of longer than 6 months:

- Medical Certificate
- Police Clearance Certificate for each country you have lived in during the last 5 years may be required. If you have lived in the USA, you may need an FBI background check which takes months; be sure to plan accordingly.

You will need to legalize your criminal record certificate and proof of financial means. Depending on the country, the medical certificate may also require legalization. Once it is legalized, then it needs to be sworn translated into Spanish.

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Considerations to keep in mind

- ➔ Minimum age to apply for a long-stay student visa is 17 years old. Underage students will need a legal guardian.
- ➔ Student visas will automatically be valid from one month before the start of your programme, which means that your medical insurance must also be valid for this period.
- ➔ If you are coming to Barcelona with your family (spouse, registered or stable partner, and children), when applying for the visa, you should submit a joint application as the process can be more complicated and delayed, if submitted separately.
- ➔ If you are living outside your home country when you apply for a student visa, the Spanish consulate of your place of residence may require you to return to your home country to apply. Typically, a minimum 6-month residence permit from the consulate's jurisdiction is required. Do not assume that you will be able to obtain a student visa from outside your home country.
- ➔ If your passport is going to expire soon, better renew it sooner rather than later. Keep the old one as you might need it to provide a travel history.
- ➔ Make sure your passport is stamped at your first port of entry into the Schengen Area. If it is not, you must visit the Immigration Office at Passeig de Sant Joan, 189, 08037 with your boarding pass within 72 hours to get an entry certificate.
- ➔ If you enter Spain on a Schengen (tourist) visa or without a visa, you will not be able to extend your stay beyond the 90-day limit. If you stay in the Schengen area for 90 days, you will not be able to re-enter for the next 90 days.
- ➔ If you plan to travel outside of Spain during the period shown on your student visa, be sure to ask for a multiple-entry visa, although there is no guarantee that you will get it.

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STUDENTS FROM EU COUNTRIES

If you have national health coverage, get a **European Health Insurance Card** (EHIC) in your home country for access to Spain's health system through CatSalut. Be aware of your specific coverage under the EHIC due to varying agreements between countries; at least emergency services are included.

If you have a private medical insurance, check with your provider for details on coverage in Spain. For programs lasting over 6 months without an EHIC, you must show proof of a private medical insurance in Spanish or translated by a sworn translator. The plan should provide comprehensive coverage, including hospitalization, without co-payments, deductibles, reimbursement clauses, or waiting periods.



STUDENTS FROM NON-EU COUNTRIES

For visa application purposes your policy must include €100,000 of coverage including hospitalization, without co-payments, reimbursement clauses, deductibles or waiting periods. The student visa starts automatically one month before the beginning of your programme, which means your medical insurance must already be valid for this period.

ALL STUDENTS

We respect the right of students to choose their insurance. Esade recommends the following options. The offered policies are accepted for the NIE (EU citizens), the student visa application and the TIE renewal (non-EU citizens).

Asterra – Axa

See details on the [ISA website](#) section 'Medical Insurance & Assistance or send email to isa@esade.edu.

Doctori

See details on the [ISA website](#) section 'Medical Insurance & Assistance or send email to isa@esade.edu.

Before arriving

What to bring with you



No matter what program you are registered in, do not forget to bring:

- your passport
- a student visa, if required
- all Esade documents
- copies/photocopies of all of the documentation you presented for the visa
- proof of medical insurance coverage: copy of your policy and insurance card
- original prescriptions if you need medication
- international driver's license (optional)

RECOMMENDATION: Keep digital copies of all your important documents together with serial and IMEI numbers of electronic devices on a cloud or similar so that if you lose any of them, you have backup copies. Replacement or duplication may be easier if you have these documents on hand.

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The International Student Advisors (ISA) are dedicated to assist you with any non-academic matters you may have before, during, or after your stay at Esade. Regardless of your program, they are here to support you with visa-related issues prior to your arrival, to help you settle into Esade and Barcelona / Sant Cugat smoothly, and to help you wend your way through not only Spanish paperwork, but also Catalan / Spanish culture.

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Esade's Psychological and Counselling Service (PACS) aims to ensure the psychological and emotional wellbeing of all students. It offers support to anyone experiencing challenges related to their studies, or dealing with psychological, social, and/or emotional difficulties that might hinder their academic progress. The PACS team is formed by psychologists, accustomed to guiding people from different backgrounds and cultures through a wide range of issues.

Esade Barcelona – Sant Cugat & Pedralbes Campus

Psychological and Counselling Service – All programs

How do we help?

1. Learning Support and Accommodations

We are dedicated to ensure equal opportunities for all students to achieve their educational goals. This means we offer support to students who have a learning disability or other conditions and need extra learning support to achieve their goals.

For more information, please visit the [PACS webpage](#).

2. Individual Counselling

It can be challenging to adapt to a new environment, adjust to independent living, experience relationships that are not going well, or go through complicated life events. In case you are going through any psychological, social or emotional problems, you can set an appointment for a one-to-one counselling session. Everything you discuss with the student psychologist is strictly confidential and all the sessions are free.

To book an appointment, please contact: pacs@esade.edu

3. Workshops

Throughout the year, workshops and training sessions are organised to help students build skills to respond to the demands of life at Esade. The topics vary each term, depending on needs and demands, and are announced on the online learning platform. Additionally, we host the Wellbeing Days to encourage the Esade community to lead healthier lifestyles through different monthly activities.

For more information, please check the [PACS webpage](#).

04

Looking for housing



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Deciding where to live

Esade does not have housing facilities for students in Barcelona–Pedralbes, but students are welcome to stay at the [Residencia Sarrià](#), which is a 15-minute walk down to the Pedralbes campus and about 25 minutes to the Sarrià FGC station, or at [Vita Students](#), which is located next to Esade's building III at Av. d'Esplugues. In Sant Cugat, the [Roberto de Nobili Residence Hall](#) is on campus and less than 5 minutes from your classes.

Students studying at the Sant Cugat campus should consider the advantages and disadvantages of living either in Barcelona or Sant Cugat. One of the great advantages of living in Sant Cugat is the proximity to your classes and the slower pace of living in a quiet suburb; getting to class will take minutes from most anywhere in Sant Cugat. On the other hand, Barcelona offers all the services of a large city, but it also has some inconveniences. Perhaps the biggest drawback to living in Barcelona is the traveling time to the campus. The FGC, the commuter train, can take 15-30 minutes to get to Sant Cugat and then you have another 15 minutes walking to get to the campus. The links to school are important to bear in mind not only for the time spent commuting, but also for the price of transport. The rental prices are similar for both locations.

The housing situation has become more restrictive in the past years and whether you decide to live in the city or in the suburbs, it can take time to find what you want. Looking for an apartment on your own requires knowledge of the different areas (*barris*) in Barcelona because prices can vary substantially from one area to another. It is highly recommended that you begin researching accommodation well before your arrival and try to arrive in Barcelona at least two weeks prior to the start of your program to locate or finalize permanent accommodation. With this in mind, you should book a room in a hotel, hostel or student residence for this initial period. Another possibility is to find classmates on the Esade Whatsapp groups who are already here and are willing to rent a room on a short-term basis.

Estimated monthly budget for a single student sharing an apartment

Housing (shared)	€500–€700
Utilities	€100–€200
Groceries	€250–€400
Eating out	€215–€320
Public Transport	€40
Sports	€45–€80
Misc. Expenses	€200–€500

Monthly Budget €1.350–€2.240

NOTE: These figures are based on feedback from current students and are only a guide; your expenses will depend on your lifestyle while here. Add 50%–75% for couples.



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Deciding where to live Barcelona



Barcelona is divided into 10 districts - and a total of 73 neighbourhoods-, each with its own Citizen Services Office or ***Oficina d'Atenció al Ciutadà (OAC)*** where local administrative paperwork like registration upon arrival (*empadronament*) can be done.

The most popular areas with Esade students are Sarrià, Sant Gervasi, Gràcia and l'Eixample; Les Corts and Sants are also conveniently located.


For a more detailed look at the city, click on either of the two websites here below:

- [My Barcelona](#)
- [Barcelona Tourist Guide](#)

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Deciding where to live Barcelona

Here's a brief description of the main areas of the city to help you choose where to live.

 is the logo for the **FGC** (*Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya*) and indicates the closest FGC Station in the district you are reading about. If you will commute to Sant Cugat, this is of special interest for you.

Also, the majority of the neighbourhoods also have access to the Barcelona bus and metro lines.


Sarrià–Sant Gervasi District



Sarrià

This is an old neighbourhood located within walking distance of Esade Barcelona-Pedralbes at the top of the city. It was the last village to be incorporated into Barcelona in 1921. Sarrià is a quiet and elegant neighbourhood in the upper area of Barcelona, perfect for families and professionals looking for quality of life. It has become a haven for people who prefer to avoid the noise and crowds of the city centre. The quality and size of accommodation here is rather good, matched by the prices.

➤ **Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:**

 **Sarrià & Les Tres Torres:** with direct access trains taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 36-39min




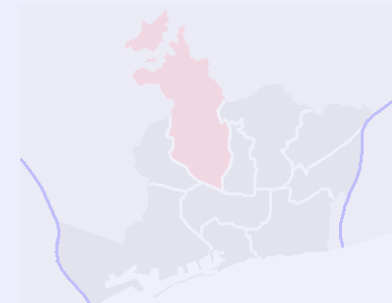
Sant Gervasi | El Putxet i el Farró

These are neighbouring residential areas above Diagonal and between Sarrià and Gràcia, in the upper area of Barcelona. They are popular areas for students to live in with many flats, good facilities and transport links available. It is possible to walk to Esade Barcelona-Pedralbes, but most prefer the quick bus ride.

➤ **Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat**

 **Sant Gervasi, Muntaner, & La Bonanova:** with direct access trains taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 38-41min

 **El Putxet:** take the L7 and transfer to the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 50min



Sarrià-Sant Gervasi neighbourhoods:

- Vallvidrera, el Tibidabo i les Planes | Les Tres Torres | Sant Gervasi-Galvany | Sant Gervasi-la Bonanova | Sarrià | El Putxet i el Farró; check them [here](#).

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Gràcia neighbourhoods:

- La Vila de Gràcia | La Salut | El Coll | Vallcarca i els Penitents | El Camp d'en Grassot i Gràcia Nova; check them [here](#).

L'Eixample neighbourhoods:

- El Fort Pienc | La Sagrada Família | Sant Antoni | La Dreta de l'Eixample | L'Antiga Esquerra de l'Eixample | La Nova Esquerra de l'Eixample; check them [here](#).


Gràcia District



Gràcia

This is another old village that was originally outside the city, which was incorporated in 1897. It has retained its popular squares with outdoor cafes, its narrow streets and local markets, giving it a distinct neighbourhood atmosphere. It is a neighbourhood with a lot of personality. It is very popular with both students and foreigners who live side by side with locals. Gràcia has a welcoming atmosphere, with a strong sense of community and local activities. There is constant renovation going on and there is no end to the activities which are programmed throughout the year, culminating in the *Festa Major de Gràcia* which runs for about a week beginning August 15. The area is well served with transport links to school.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:

 **Gràcia:** with direct access trains taking the **S1** or **S2**.
| Approximate 43min

Eixample District



Eixample (Eixample)

This is a large area that extends beyond Plaça Catalunya and is easy to identify on the map by the grid structure designed by Ildefons Cerdà in 1855. Passeig de Gràcia, one of the most elegant avenues in the city, divides the area into *l'Eixample dreta* (on the right going up from Plaça Catalunya) and *l'Eixample esquerra* (on the left) and is one of the prime shopping areas with a wide variety of designer boutiques. The distinctive corners (*xafians*) were cut at a 45° angle in order to accommodate the wide turning radius of the trams then in use. Flats tend to be large with spacious rooms. Some areas and some streets are more expensive than others, so it is difficult to generalise. Ideal for those looking to live in a lively area, with excellent transport connections, and a varied cultural and gastronomic offer.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:

 **Provença:** with direct access trains taking the **S1** or **S2**.
| Approximate 45min

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Les Corts neighbourhoods:

- Les Corts | Pedralbes | La Maternitat i Sant Ramón; check them [here](#).

Sants-Montjuïc neighbourhoods:

- El Poble-sec | Sants | Sants-Badal | Hostafrancs | La Bordeta | La Font de la Guatlla | La Marina del Prat Vermell; check them [here](#).


Les Corts District



Les Corts

This area extends up from *l'Eixample esquerra* to Esade Barcelona-Pedralbes. One of the original villages built around a textile factory outside the city walls, Les Corts is a fairly quiet residential neighbourhood. It is close to Camp Nou, the financial district, parcs, shops and L'Illa Diagonal shopping centre. It has a good public transport system around the city.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:


 **Catalunya:** take the **L3** metro line at **Les Corts** and stop at **Catalunya**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h 10min



Pedralbes

This is the residential area where Esade Barcelona-Pedralbes (Buildings 1, 2 & 3) is located. It is the most exclusive and expensive district in the city with easy access to nature as Collserola Park is nearby. There are large flats that students share here, but they tend to be more expensive than in other areas. There is not much nightlife, and it is rather isolated once the buses stop running at night.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:

 **Sarrià:** with direct access trains taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 39min


Sants-Montjuïc District




Sants

Sants used to be a working-class neighbourhood with several textile factories that was added into the city in 1883. It has a strong local identity with traditions such as its popular Festa Major. It has good connection to the rest of the city, and it has Barcelona's main train hub. It is at reach of Plaça Espanya, the hill of Montjuïc, Poble Espanyol and the Arenas shopping centre.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:

 **Catalunya:** take the **L1** metro line at **Plaça de Sants** and stop at **Catalunya**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h 5min

 **Provença:** take the **L5** metro line at **Sants Estació** and stop at **Diagonal**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h

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Ciutat Vella neighbourhoods:

- La Barceloneta | El Gòtic | El Raval | Sant Pere | Santa Caterina i la Ribera; check them [here](#).


Ciutat Vella District



El Gòtic | El Raval | Sant Pere | Santa Caterina i la Ribera

The Barri Gòtic is the oldest part of the city; many buildings date from medieval times and parts of the ancient Roman wall can still be seen there. For the most part, the narrow streets are closed to motor traffic, and you may get the feeling that you are inside a labyrinth. Going down from Plaça Catalunya, the Raval is on the right. *La Ribera*, on the other side of *Via Laietana*, is where the Islamic population moved in the 10th century when it was banished from the city. Historically, this area was populated by merchants and seafarers, who raised the money to build Santa Maria del Mar, a perfect gothic church. Because this area has the highest concentration of tourist traffic in the city, it also attracts pickpockets and other petty criminals. Enjoy yourself, but be careful, especially at night. The accommodation here is a mixture of old and new, traditional and trendy and it can be noisy. If you are interested in living here, be sure to check the location before you make a decision.

➤ **Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:**


 **Catalunya:** with direct access trains taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 47min



La Barceloneta

Long inhabited by fishermen, this seafront area welcomes sunbathers to its beaches on the seaside, and luxury yachts to its harbour. It is also popular for its seafood restaurants, all which help create an easy-going festive mood. Most of the streets are narrow and many apartments here have been subdivided so they tend to be small. If you enjoy living by the sea, this area could be a great choice, as it offers a vibrant and appealing atmosphere. However, keep in mind that commuting to both Esade campuses can be quite time-consuming due to the distance across the city.

➤ **Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:**

 **Catalunya:** take the **L4** metro line at **Barceloneta** and stop at **Urquinaona**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h 7min

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Sant Martí neighbourhoods:

- El Camp de l'Arpa del Clot | El Clot | Sant Martí de Provençals | La Verneda i la Pau | Diagonal Mar i el Front Marítim del Poblenou | El Besòs i el Maresme | El Poblenou | El Parc i la Llacuna del Poblenou | La Vila Olímpica del Poblenou | Provençals del Poblenou; check them [here](#).

Sant Andreu neighbourhoods:

- La Sagrera | El Bon Pastor | La Trinitat Vella | Baró de Viver | El Congrés i els Indians | Navas | Sant Andreu de Palomar; check them [here](#).


Sant Martí District

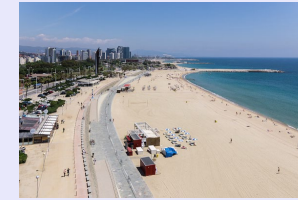


La Vila Olímpica del Poblenou

This is the modern redevelopment of the seaside area that commenced with the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. Much of it is modern and functional in a way that is later redeveloped areas in many modern cities. Work continues to expand the redevelopment past the Forum. Prices tend to be higher than other parts of the city and transport links are improving all the time. A long commute to either of both Esade campuses.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:


 **Catalunya:** take the **L4** metro line at **Ciudadella** | **Vila Olímpica** and stop at **Urquinaona**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h 10min



El Poble Nou

Considered the Catalan Manchester due to its industrial buildings. Poble Nou was known for its factories and warehouses, but now it has become a modern and attractive area to live in, with art galleries, cafés, high tech companies and industrial buildings that are converted into art spaces. It is one of the trendiest *barris* in Barcelona due to new businesses opening and the proximity to the beach. Recently prices to live here are going up due to its popularity, also it is a long commute to both Esade campuses.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:

 **Catalunya:** take the **L4** metro line at **Poble Nou** and stop at **Urquinaona**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h 13min


Sant Andreu District



Sant Andreu de Palomar

It was an independent village founded in 992, that later on became part of the city in 1897. Located outside the city centre, this neighbourhood maintains its Catalan essence and feels like a small town within the city. With its quiet, family-friendly atmosphere, walking through Sant Andreu gives the impression of being in a peaceful, traditional village, offering a relaxed lifestyle while still being well connected to the rest of Barcelona.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:

 **Catalunya:** take the **L1** metro line at **Sant Andreu** and stop at **Catalunya**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h 10min

- You can also get the **A4 bus** to **Sant Cugat**. | Approximate 58min

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Nou Barris neighbourhoods:

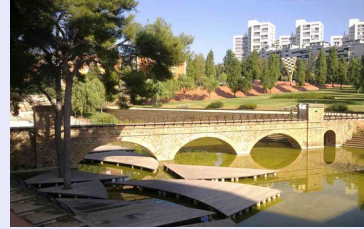
- Can Peguera | Canyelles | Ciutat Meridiana | El Turó de la Peira | La Guineueta | La Prosperitat | La Trinitat Nova | Las Roquetes | Porta | Torre Baró | Vallbona | Verdun | Vilapiscina i la Torre Llobeta; check them [here](#).

Horta-Guinardó neighbourhoods:

- El Baix Guinardó | Can Baró | El Guinardó | La Font d'en Fargues | El Carmel | La Teixonera | Sant Genís dels Agudells | Montbau | La Vall d'Hebron | La Clota | Horta; check them [here](#).

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Nou Barris District



La Guineueta

La Guineueta is a quiet neighbourhood known for its family atmosphere and the Guineueta Park, a large green space ideal for walking, sports and outdoor activities. It combines residential buildings from the 60's with modern areas, local shops, markets, traditional bars and good public transport connections. It is a welcoming place, perfect for those looking for peace and quiet in the city.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:

 **Sant Gervasi:** take the **L3** metro line at **Canyelles** and stop at **Fontana**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h 17min.

 You can also get the **A4** bus to **Sant Cugat**. | Approximate 1h 5min


Horta-Guinardó District




El Guinardó

El Guinardó, with a history of just over a century, has undergone two major transformations: initially characterised by small houses and gardens, and later, in the 1960s, by the construction of residential apartment blocks. Set on steep streets, the neighbourhood is home to landmarks like the modernist Hospital de Sant Pau and the scenic Parc del Guinardó, offering panoramic views of the city. It blends residential streets, small squares, and local shops, preserving a traditional and inviting atmosphere, it might be your place if you are seeking a balance between being close to nature but with the commodity of the city.

➤ Commuting to Esade Sant Cugat:

 **Catalunya:** take the **L4** metro line at **Guinardó | Hospital de Sant Pau** and stop at **Passeig de Gràcia**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h 10min

 **Provença:** take the **L5** metro line at **Camp de l'Arpa** and stop at **Diagonal**, then transfer into the FGC by taking the **S1** or **S2**. | Approximate 1h

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Sant Cugat is a fairly quiet town with nearly 99,000 inhabitants. The environment and high quality of life attract a predominantly young population. The town is dynamic, with institutions and associations that are committed to the area. The medieval monastery and the Catalan National Archive are part of the historical heritage. The public parks and paths are designed with walkers and bike-riders in mind.



The Monastery

The Sant Cugat Monastery was one of the main monastic centres in Catalonia during medieval times. The monastery complex currently houses the church and the cloister, which is home to the Sant Cugat Museum, around which the chapterhouse and rooms formerly used by the monks are located. The Romanesque cloister, the most outstanding element of the monastery complex, is remarkable for its structure and the decorative qualities of its capital carvings. Another outstanding feature is the Gothic rose window on the main façade of the church.

Leisure

Sant Cugat offers a wide range of restaurants, sports areas, cinemas, theatres, libraries, etc. For more information consult their [webpage](#) (in Catalan with translation options).

Collserola Park

The *Parc Natural de Collserola* forms part of Barcelona's Green Belt, covering over 8,000 hectares. It separates Sant Cugat and Barcelona and is located between the Besòs and Llobregat rivers, the Vallès and the Barcelona plain. It falls within the municipal area of nine towns. Collserola features a wide array of natural Mediterranean environments in which woodland predominates. This, together with a variety of low vegetation, is home to almost all the animal species in Mediterranean forests. This diversity forms the biological wealth of the Collserola Ridge. The carretera de les Aigües, on the Barcelona side of the mountain, is over 20 km long and is ideal for biking, jogging or hiking. There are also hiking paths that connect Sant Cugat and Barcelona. For more information check their [website](#).

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Student Residence Halls & Coliving

This list includes some popular options. Other alternatives can be found [here](#).

Roberto de Nobili Residence Hall

c/ de Llaceres, 29
08173 - Sant Cugat del Vallès
+34 93 554 3015 | robertodenobili@resa.es

Yugo - Alba Viu

Av Ciència
08290 Cerdanyola del Vallès
+34 699 213 621 | alba@yugo.com

- ✓ Request a 5% discount by email for stays of at least 9½ months

Residència Universitària Sarrià

c/ Esports, 1-7
08017 - Barcelona
+34 932 065 540 | campus@residenciasarria.com

Vita Student

- Pedralbes | Poblenou (Barcelona)

- ✓ 5% discount for 10-month stays via the link, after submitting your ESADE admission letter
| Vita Students reserves the right to withdraw this offer at any time.

Blau Student Housing

c/ del Perú, 110
08018 - Barcelona
+34 664 098 216 | info@blaustudenthousing.com

- ✓ 150€ Discount/month (Booking code: ESADE)

Xior Student Housing

Collblanc | The Lofttown | Diagonal Besòs (Barcelona)

- ✓ Free booking fee & 25€ monthly discount for Esade students

La Fábrica & Co

Coliving for postgraduate / master students
c/ Doctor Trueta 191
08005 Barcelona
+34 699 246 124 | hola@lafabrica-co.com

- ✓ 10% discount for minimum stays of 6 months by presenting your Esade admission letter

Yugo

Beyoo Marina | Beyoo Poble Sec (Barcelona)
+34 681 216 406 | beyoomarina@yugo.com & beyoopoblesec@yugo.com

Livensa Living

Diagonal Alto (Esplugues del Llobregat) | Marina | Sants-Badal | Paral·lel 26/27 (Barcelona)
+34 913 103 032 | living@livensaliving.com

- ✓ Special rates promo-code:
- Entire academic year: BAR_ESA_AY
- Semester: BAR_ESA_SM

Nodis Barcelona Campus

- Building 1: Travessera de Collblanc 71-75 B
08094 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat
- Building 2: c/ de Rafael Campalans, 15
08903 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat
+34 917 919 410 | reservas.barcelona@nodis.es

- ✓ 20% discount on the booking fee
(Booking code: NODIS24ESAD20)

The Social Hub

c/ Cristobal de Moura, 49
08019 - Barcelona
+34 932 207 279 | barcelonapn@thesocialhub.com

- ✓ Special rates promo-code: PRESADE

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Grupo Mestral

Student Residence Halls:

Cosmopolitan | Turó Park | Paseo de Gracia | Josep Manyanet | Emilie de Villeneuve (Barcelona)
+34 931 000 240 | manyanet@grupomestral.es

Student Apartments: Aragón | Muntaner | Cabras | Gran Vía I | Gran Vía II (Barcelona)
+34 605 483 032 | manyanet@grupomestral.es

Resa Student Residence

La Salle | Lesseps | Pere Felip Monlau | La Ciutadella | Barcelona Diagonal | Campus del Mar | Torre Girona (Barcelona)
+34 933 943 500 | resa@resa.es

Barcelona Gràcia Student Housing

c/ Gran de Gràcia, 117
08012 - Barcelona
+34 671 295 858 | info@barcelona-housing-student.com

Residència Erasmus Gràcia

c/ Torrent de l'Olla, 212-214
08012 - Barcelona
+34 934 151 203 | info@residenciaerasmusgracia.com



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Popular Housing Platforms



Uniplaces

The largest global platform for furnished rentals, offering only verified rooms and apartments with secure payment methods. Get a **50% discount** by entering the code **UP50ESADE**.

+35 191 232 72 59 (Whatsapp)



HousingAnywhere

HousingAnywhere is an international housing platform for mobile talents. Through this platform you can safely book your new room, offered by verified private landlords and by outgoing students.

support@housinganywhere.com



Spotahome

Spotahome is an online platform with more than 110K + properties in Europe, with a great portfolio in Barcelona. Spotahome offers a **30% discount** on its one-time service fee to ESADE students:

- ➔ Once you have found your home, fill in your personal data. Then click on Next Step.
- ➔ Include some additional details to provide the landlord & click on continue.
- ➔ Select your payment method, enter the code **ESADE30** at the bottom box & submit it.



BCN-Nest

Not excited about house-hunting? Let Margarita and Pura advise you on the best neighborhood and housing solution for you. Whether you need a room or a homestay, they are sure to find it. Plan ahead to settle into your new home upon arrival or schedule visits to your chosen properties. Reach out for a consultation; no obligations attached. They come highly recommended.

infobcnnest@gmail.com



LiveFurther

Founded by an ESADE alumnus from Barcelona with experience as an exchange student, LiveFurther offers a **20% discount** on booking fee for our students. To enjoy it:

- ➔ Search for the room or apartment and reserve it directly using the LiveFurther website.
- ➔ Write "ESADE" in the field asking for a partner code in the online reservation form.
- ➔ Select "Organization referral" from the list in the "Hear about us" dropdown menu
Upload a copy of your ESADE acceptance letter.

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Popular Housing Platforms



EIDomi Living

Founded by ESADE Alumni, EIDomi helps international students find secure, verified housing in Barcelona for stays of 2–11 months. Explore ready-to-move-in options: student residences, co-living, women-only housing, and fully furnished flats.

- Book directly on our secure platform
- Or use our free concierge service for ESADE students: personalized options within 72 hours, bookable up to 3 months in advance via VIP agency partners. Verified listings, secure payments, and local support. You can also book a free video consultation.

+34 665 605 083 (WhatsApp)
contact@eldomi.es



BSP Students

Specialized in student housing, BSP Students offers rooms in apartments. Esade students receive a **10% discount** on the rent for their entire stay by presenting their Esade acceptance or admission letter.

+ 34 620 054 888
bsp@barnastudentsplace.com

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Rental Agencies in Barcelona

The following agencies are located in Barcelona and meet the following conditions:

- They offer **fully-furnished properties** suitable for students.
- They generally **deal directly with tenants** whenever issues like repairs or misfunctions come up.

Before going to one of these agencies you should read the section “About Rental Agencies” in page 35.

Habitatge Jove

c/ Enric Granados, 19 Bajos 1
08007 - Barcelona
+34 933 239 068 | info@habitatgejove.com

BCU Housing

c/ Torrent de l'Olla, 219
08012 - Barcelona
+34 932 389 049 | info@bcuhousing.cat

Altiro

c/ Roger de Llúria, 59 1º 1ª
08009 - Barcelona
+34 932 530 427 | info@altirobarcelona.com

Atemporal

Passeig de Gracia 85, 2ª planta
08008 - Barcelona
+34 931 226 801 | info@atemporalrent.com

My Space Barcelona

c/ Prats de Molló, 14
08021 - Barcelona
+34 934 173 266 | info@myspacebarcelona.com

Sh Barcelona

c/ Casanova, 99
08011 – Barcelona
+34 934 521 347

Roomie Living

c/ Tuset, 19
08006 Barcelona
+34 617 377 098 | hello@roomieliving.com

Prota House

c/ Progrés, 60 Bajos
08904 – L'Hospitalet de Llobregat
+34 930 011 314 | info@protahouse.com

Inmobiliaria Hucart

Av. Diagonal, 618 1ª planta
08021 – Barcelona
+34 932 412 910 | info@inmobiliariahucart.es

Destination BCN

Ronda Universitat, 11
08007 - Barcelona
+34 935 325 267 | info@destinationbcn.com

Aticco Living (Coliving)

c/ Pallars, 108
08018 - Barcelona
+34 649 269 617 | sales@aticcoliving.com

Misodi Rent

+34 932 412 910 | bpalacios@misodirent.es

Jump In Barcelona

(only female students!)
+34 667 497 506 | admin@jumpinbarcelona.com

Grupo Corinpa

Passeig de Gràcia 26, 2ª 2ª
08007 - Barcelona
+34 638 840 361 | neus@grupocorinpa.es

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Rental Agencies in Sant Cugat

The following agencies are located in Sant Cugat and meet the following conditions:

- They offer **fully-furnished properties** suitable for students.
- They generally (though not always) **deal directly with tenants** whenever issues like repairs or misfunctions come up.

Before going to one of these agencies you should read the section “About Rental Agencies” in page 35.

Fincas Moragas

c/ Francesc Moragas, 17-19
08172 - Sant Cugat del Vallès
+34 936 751 236 | info@fincasmoragas.com

Soler Finques

c/ Castellví, 25
08173 - Sant Cugat del Vallès
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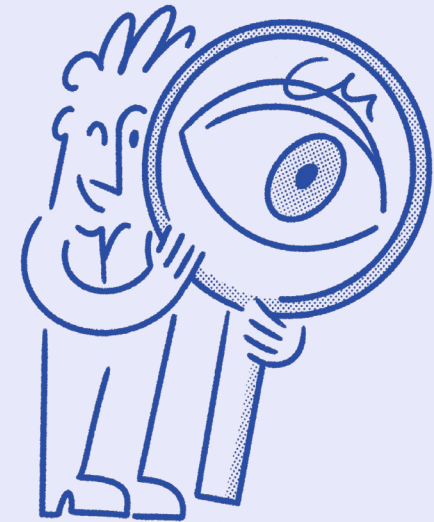
c/ Valldoreix, 58
08172 - Sant Cugat del Vallès
+34 935 897 374 | gestion@101pisos.com

Cugat Casas

Av. Josep Anselm Clavé, 22
08172 - Sant Cugat del Vallès
+34 935 895 176 | cugatcasas@cugatcasas.com

Organ

c/ Francesc Moragas, 17-19
08172 - Sant Cugat del Vallès
+34 935 441 655 | info@organ.es



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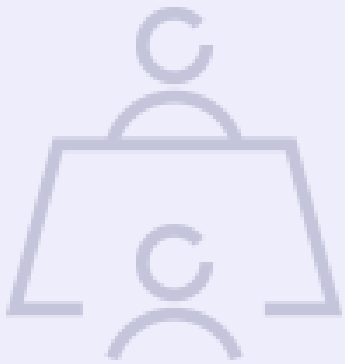


- **Average Cost of Renting a Room in a Shared Apartment:**
600€ - 800€ per person per month. Prices vary with the neighborhood, building, apartment, furnishings and size of the bedroom as well as other expenses which may or may not be included in the rent.
- **Average Cost of Renting a Full Apartment (Short Term – *Alquiler de Temporada*):**
1500€ - 2400€ per month for an apartment with a short-term contract (typically 1 to 11 months). You might have to pay an agency fee (*honorarios* - typically 10% of annual rental income + VAT) that could be up to one month's rent. In general, short-term rentals are more expensive than long-term contracts. Also, bear in mind that you typically cannot renew a short-term contract, so you will need to vacate the apartment after the contract ends.
- **Average Cost of Renting a Full Apartment (Long Term – *Alquiler de Larga Estancia*):**
1100€ - 1700€ per month for an apartment with a long-term contract (typically 5 to 7 years). You will have minimum 6 months of stay, but you are allowed to leave after the stipulated time without a penalty. There is no agency fees (*honorarios*), as they are paid by the property owner.
- **Deposit:** typically, one–two month's rent, returned when the keys are handed in prior to departure. You may have to wait 30 days for the bills to clear before you get the deposit back so be sure to clarify this point before deciding to avoid misunderstandings later. The deposit is not usually accepted as the last month's rent and is usually indicated in the contract.
- **Lost Keys:** there is usually a heavy surcharge.
- **Damages:** it will be deducted from the deposit. Expect a cleaning fee at the end of your contract if the apartment is not in the same condition as the day you walked in, i.e. no food in the kitchen, no products in the bathroom, no trash etc. You should take pictures of the apartment before you move in and move out to pre-empt future disputes.

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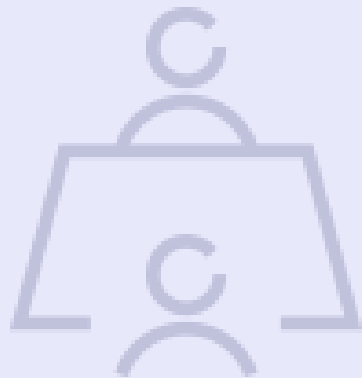
- **Types of rental:** Spain has three types of rental contracts: holiday rentals (which do not qualify for address registration), seasonal rentals or *arrendamientos de temporada* (intended to meet a different need than the tenant's permanent housing), and long-term rentals or *arrendamientos de vivienda*, which are the most protective of the tenant's rights. Note that seasonal contracts might sometimes make it hard to register one's address at the city hall.
- **Process with Agencies:** If renting from abroad, you will have to transfer the amount payable in advance to confirm your reservation. Only do this with reputable agencies! Even then, make sure you use their platform, and have not been sent a link which takes you outside the platform. When the payment has cleared, detailed information about your accommodation will be sent to you. As a rule, someone from the agency will greet you at your apartment, acquaint you with the property, and give you the keys.
- **Signing of Contract:** Be sure to read the entire document carefully. With a furnished apartment, the contract should list the contents of the apartment and its condition. If there is something that you do not understand in the contract, do not sign it until you can seek advice. At the International Student Advisory, we are happy review your contract before signing it.
- **Contract termination:** you can end a 6-month tenancy with a 30-day notice via email to avoid deposit forfeiture. Landlords may request monthly rent for each remaining year. Typically, landlords include a clause asking for 1 month's rent for every year of the remaining contract. For contracts shorter than a year, you may have to pay rent in proportion to the remaining time left. If there is no clause, you do not have to pay any compensation. You can terminate the tenancy agreement before 6 months if a clause states so. You can also terminate the contract early and without a notice period if the landlord fails to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance of the accommodation or unnecessarily disturbs the tenant.
- **Deposit:** To ensure you will get your money back, take pictures of everything when you move in. Right before moving out, request an inspection and ask your landlord to sign a declaration stating that the property is in perfect condition. Your landlord must return your deposit within 1 month of moving out. If they pay your money back later, they will have to pay interest. Landlords often ask their tenants to pay the deposit in cash. Insist on transferring the deposit. According to the law, landlords must declare the deposit to an administrative authority.

Agency Fee: As of May 2023, tenants no longer have to pay fees to rental agencies **for long-term leases**: expenses associated with new contracts are borne by the landlord. Beware of scams, agencies may still try to make you pay a fee pretexting "legal advice", "services to tenant", "property viewings" or others. Charging fees associated to seasonal contracts remains legal.

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Issues

- **Dissatisfaction with Apartment upon Arrival:**
 - If you are not satisfied with the apartment or your room when you arrive, the agency will only offer you other accommodation if it is available. Demand far exceeds supply, so it is not unusual for the agency to say that no other accommodation is available.
- **Problems with Apartment:**
 - Contact the agency / landlord immediately if you need assistance stating the issue with the accommodation.

WhatsApp

Some programmes create WhatsApp groups where students get to know each other before arriving and where a lot of information is exchanged. It is a good place to look, whether you are looking for people to share a flat with, you have questions or you want to inform your classmates of something.

ESADE Bulletin Boards

There are bulletin boards in or near the ESADE cafeterias where local students and homeowners as well as established students who already have an apartment post adverts.

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Other Useful Housing Websites



Erasmusplay

A comparison platform for student accommodation (a Trivago for students!)

Flatzoom

Rental flats for IESE & Esade students
hola@flatzoom.com

Study Abroad Apartments

Offering an 8% discount on the booking fee for ESADE students

Sant Jordi Pisos Universitaris

Moderately priced university student apartments to share

AB Apartment Barcelona

Specialised in vacation apartments, but you can ask for longer term rates.

Barcelona-Home

More than just housing, this website may become your guide to BCN. (no fee)

AR Barcelona

Upmarket – 3 days to 6 months or more (fee included in rent)

Aspasios

Short-term upmarket apt rentals for up to several months

HelpHousing

International housing platform

Sata Apartments

+34 932 844 099 | info@apartamentossata.com

Ficasso

+34 933 196 176 | info@ficasso.com

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App for room renting

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Barcelona International Welcome

The city of Barcelona has a service for its international community: the **Barcelona International Welcome Desk** (BIW). They offer support to international talent who want to come and live in the city, or who have recently settled here. Their main goal is to make the arrival and establishment process smoother, helping newcomers fully develop their professional and personal potential in Barcelona.

This support is offered to investors, entrepreneurs, researchers, highly-qualified professionals and university students. They will provide you free personalised support regarding residency and work permits, identity documents (NIE, TIE), access to housing, healthcare, education, information about mobility, public transport and vehicles, taxes and tax issues, information about the required steps for creating a business or investing in one, and other important and practical information for living in the city.

In addition, every October Barcelona also hosts the **Barcelona International Community Day**, an event featuring activities, talks, networking opportunities and exhibitors offering services to the city's international community.



Access **BIW's website** [here](#).



Check **BIW's activities** and **workshops** [here](#).



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- If you require free personalised assistance in English, Spanish or Catalan you will need to [make an appointment](#) (online or in person).

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Getting around in Barcelona and Sant Cugat

Barcelona is densely populated and like most cities, traffic and parking can be a challenge. If you plan to bring your car, you should consider renting a parking space. Finding unpaid parking at Esade, whether Sant Cugat or Pedralbes, after 7:30 AM is almost impossible. Many people in Barcelona opt for travelling by motorcycle/scooter and students often rent them for the duration of their stay. Remember that you will need your international driver's license if you are non-European.

→ **Motorbikes & Scooters:** There are moto-sharing apps such as [Cooltra](#), [Yego](#) and [Acciona](#) situated in Barcelona.

→ **Carsharing Apps:** You can register yourself in any of these car-sharing apps such as [Getaround](#), [MEC](#), [Free2move](#) and [Som Mobilitat](#). Also, [BlaBlaCar](#) might be a good option for those who want an app to share car rides.

→ **Bicycle:** Moving in Barcelona with a bike is quite convenient due to the large bicycle network in the city. However, if you don't want to own a bike, you could register to a bike share system such as [Bicing](#) which costs 50€/year; or [AMBici](#) starting at 40€/year. You can combine both Bicing and AMBici with a specific travel pass. Bear in mind that for both you will need to have a NIE and a credit or debit card to be able to register.

There are other bike-sharing providers such as [Kleta](#) and [Panot Mobility](#), both companies founded by Esade Alumni. You get your own bike for a fixed monthly fee with anti-theft guarantee and full maintenance included. With [JetScoot](#) you can rent bicycles, motorbikes, electric scooters as well as aquatic bikes.

→ **Other Apps:** [City Trips](#) is a shared mobility and multi modal app, which allows you to get around the city by using different forms of transport.

→ **Public Transport:** On the other hand, the public transportation system within the city is good and constantly expanding. It consists of several bus networks, the underground metro system, trams, the Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya [FGC](#), a local train system with lines [S1](#) [S2](#) going to Sant Cugat, and [Renfe](#), the national Spanish train system. There are also three [intercity bus lines](#) with hourly trips between Barcelona and Sant Cugat throughout the night.



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Getting around in Barcelona and Sant Cugat

Getting from the Airport to the City Centre (by Public Transport)



The **metro** is one of the easiest ways to get to and from the airport, as it has stations in both T1 and T2. When you reach the metro at the airport, you will need to purchase a special airport ticket in order to enter. Journeys to and from the airport have a different fare, so a single ticket costs **€5.90**. Bear in mind that if you have the T-Usual or T-Jove pass, the airport fare is already included, so you won't need to buy a separate ticket. Depending on your destination, you will take the **L9S** from the airport and then transfer at one of the following stations: Torrassa for **L1**, Collblanc for **L5** or Zona Universitaria for **L3**.

Airport to:

→ Sants Estació: **40 min**

→ Plaça Catalunya: **42 min**

→ Passeig de Gràcia & El Clot: **53 min**



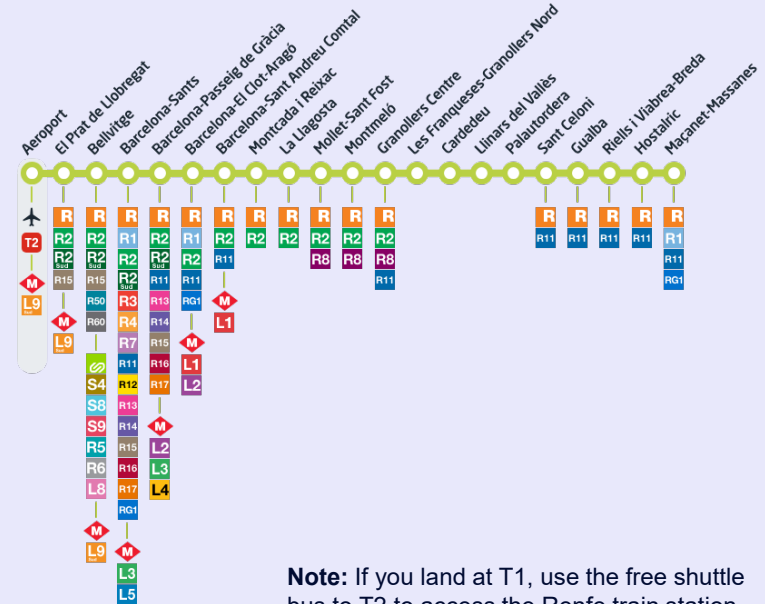
Renfe is the Spanish train company, and the train station is located across the road from **Terminal 2B** (T2B). Take the escalators towards departures, then follow the Renfe signs. The station is located at the bottom of the escalators on the other side of the road. There are several stops, but the train stops in 3 main city centre stops where you can then transfer to the metro or city buses such Barcelona-Sants, Barcelona-Passeig de Gràcia and Barcelona-El Clot-Aragó. Travel cards can be purchased at the vending machines in the station; a single ride costs **€2.90**. Travel cards are integrated and can be used on the metro, buses, tram and short-distance train journeys.

Airport to:

→ Barcelona-Sants: **24 min**

→ Barcelona-El Clot-Aragó: **32 min**

→ Barcelona-Passeig de Gràcia: **28 min**



Note: If you land at T1, use the free shuttle bus to T2 to access the Renfe train station.

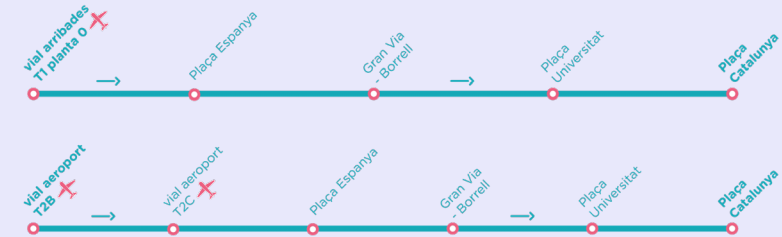
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Getting from the Airport to the City Centre (by Public Transport)



The **Aerobús** is a bus service with two lines, the A1 and the A2; **A1** stops outside **Terminal 1** every 5–20 minutes, and the **A2** stops outside **Terminal 2** every 10–20 minutes. They both run 24h and make stops at strategic points such as Plaça Espanya, Gran Vía, Plaça Universitat and Plaça Catalunya. A one-way ticket costs **€7.45**, a round-trip ticket costs **€12.85** and is valid for return within 90 days. Tickets can be bought on the vending machines in T1, T2, in Plaça Catalunya or online. The integrated public transport tickets are not accepted.



Airport to:

→ Plaça Espanya: **22 min**

→ Gran Vía – Borrell: **29 min**

→ Plaça Universitat: **38 min**

→ Plaça Catalunya: **40 min**

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These are regular bus lines; the **46** runs during the day from **T1** and **T2** to **Plaça Espanya** from 4:50 AM to 10 PM in weekdays, and to 11:50 PM on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays; the **N17** runs at night only from **T1** to **Plaça Catalunya** from 9:55 PM to 4:45 AM; and the **N18** also runs at night from both **T1** and **T2** to **Plaça Catalunya** from 12:18 AM to 04:38 AM. You can transfer to the metro or city buses from both locations. They have less luggage space, make more stops along the way and don't run as frequently as the Aerobús, but unlike the Aerobús, you can use the TMB travel card which can make the trip much less expensive. You can buy a TMB travel card in the tobacco shops at the airport: a single ride costs **€2.90**, but there are also monthly travel cards (T-Usual) and other options. Travel cards are integrated and can be used on the metro, buses, tram and short-distance train journeys.

Airport to:

→ Plaça Espanya: **55 min**

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→ Plaça Catalunya: **56 min**

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→ Plaça Catalunya: **1h 6 min**

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Getting from the Airport to the City Centre (by Car)



Barcelona taxis are distinctively **black and yellow** and have a green light on the roof, which is lit when the taxi is available. There are various taxi stands at each of the arrival terminals (T1, T2A, T2B, T2C), so waiting in line is minimized; there are usually many taxis and lines move quickly. Flagging down a taxi is not permitted at the airport. In addition to the regular fare, there is an airport surcharge of **€4.50**. This information is posted inside the taxi on the back window. The total fare, surcharges included will show up on the meter. The fare to downtown Barcelona is about €45, and most taxis accept debit/credit cards. You can check [here](#) how much it would cost the trip from the airport to your final destination.

Also, if you wish to, you could also book a private hire car with **Uber**, **Cabify** or **Bolt** which works similarly to a taxi. You will need to request it through their app and go to the pick-up location. Depending on the app you use, you might have to go to T1, T2 or to the Parking Express in T2A/T2B.

Airport to:

→ Plaça Espanya: 12 – 22 min

→ Sants Estació: 16 – 28 min

→ Passeig de Gràcia: 18 – 35 min

→ Plaça Catalunya: 18 – 40 min

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Getting around in Barcelona and Sant Cugat

Travel Cards - Fares

The integrated TMB travel card system allows you to use buses, the metro, the tram and both train services (Renfe and FGC). You can transfer from one to another within a period of **2 hours** of your first validation. Remember to validate your card each time you board a bus or tram, and at the stiles at the metro and FGC stations.

Fares are **priced by zone**, so the further you go from the city centre, the higher the fare will be. There are a total of 7 zones.

Find all the information [here](#).

				
	Personal plastic card	Android phone	Anonymous paper card	T-usual paper card
T-usual	✓	✓	✗	✓
T-jove	✓	✓	✗	✗
T-casual	✓	✓	✓	✗
T-familiar	✓	✓	✓	✗
T-grup	✓	✓	✓	✗
One-time fee for support	€4.5	€1	€1	€1

Travel Card	Price for 1 zone (BCN & St. Cugat)	Description	Best deal if
T-Casual	€13	10 individual rides	< than 18 rides/month
T-Usual	€22.80 (1 month)	Personal Integrated Pass - Unlimited rides	> 18 rides/month
T-Grup	€91 (1 month)	70 rides for multiple users	Varies by individual needs and amount of users
T-Jove (under 30yo)	€45.50 (3 months)	Personal Integrated Pass - Unlimited rides	< 12 rides/month

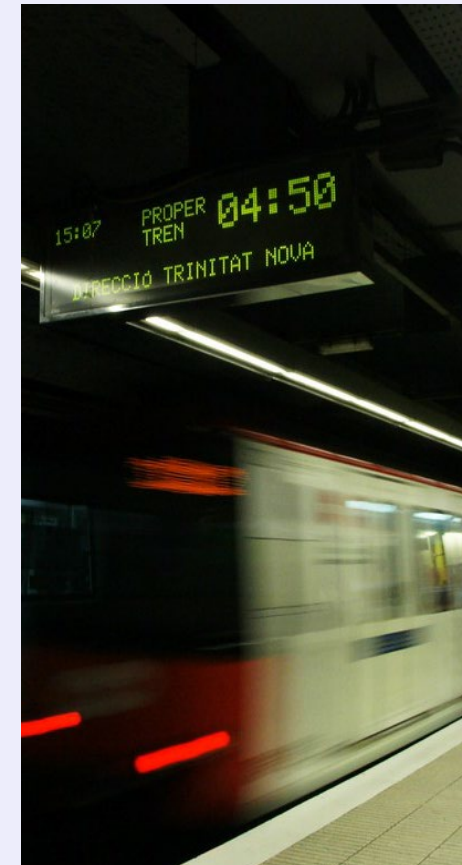
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Travel cards – How to Get Them

Type of Ticket		Fee	Number of Tickets	Fare Options	Registration	Point of Sale
	Personal Plastic Card	4.50€	Up to 2 tickets	All the fare options	✓	In person through the T-Mobilitat kiosks with an appointment (check here) OR order it online through the website OR through the T-Mobilitat App to be delivered at your address
	Mobile App Card	1 €	Up to 5 tickets	All the fare options	✓	T-Mobilitat App: Android App App Store
	T-Usual Paper Card	1 €	1 ticket	Only the T-Usual	You will need to add your passport/ID number	At the ticketing machines
	Anonymous Paper Card	1 €	1 ticket	Several fare options (T-Casual, Airport ticket, single ticket, etc.)	✗	At the ticketing machines

- Beware, **cardboard tickets cannot be replaced or refunded if lost or stolen.**
- In many FGC, Renfe or Airport stations, you must use your travel card again to leave the station at the end of your journey, so keep it on hand.
- You must have a valid travel card or ticket whenever using public transportation. If you are stopped by an inspector without having one, the minimum fine is €100.



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Spanish Paperwork once you arrive

Padró / Empadronamiento / Census Registration

The **empadronamiento** is Spain's official resident registry. All municipal residents, regardless of nationality or legal status, must register at the local Citizen Information Office (OAC). The registration certificate is required for TIE or NIE applications. The document is free of charge, and it will be issued on the spot.

NOTE: All documentation required by the Spanish authorities which has been issued abroad must be submitted in Spanish or translated by a sworn translator and apostilled or legalized by the Spanish Consulate which has jurisdiction.

Which documents are required?

- ✓ **Identity document:** DNI, Passport, official ID card from home country, NIE or TIE.
- ✓ **Proof of residence address:** Original rental contract (min. 3 months, not older than 5 years) or recent utility bill (water, gas, electricity) with requester's name and address.
- If you don't have a rental contract under your name, you will need to provide the following:
 - ✓ **Tenant's Original Rental Contract OR Proof of Ownership** (original documents, not photocopies)
 - ✓ **Photocopy of Tenant's OR Landlord's ID**

The owner/tenant will have to sign the authorization form:

- ✓ [Authorization Form Barcelona](#)
- ✓ [Authorization Form Sant Cugat](#)
- ✓ [Authorization Form Cerdanyola del Vallès](#)

Find the annotated copies of the Authorization forms in the [ISA website](#) > *Governmental Forms & Annotated Copies*

Where can I make an appointment?

You can register at any of the Citizen Information Offices (OAC) in the town where you live.

- [Barcelona](#)
- [Sant Cugat](#)
- [Cerdanyola del Vallès](#)

*In Barcelona, there's the option of applying for the *padró online*. Find the specific steps in the [ISA website](#) > *Spanish Paperwork After Arriving > EU & Non-EU Citizens – Empadronamiento Barcelona (pg. 6)*.



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EU Students

If you are staying in Spain for **more than 3 months**, you are required to apply for a **Certificado de Registro de Ciudadano de la Unión** which includes your NIE (*Número de Identificación de Extranjero*). In addition, a NIE may be required to open a bank account, sign a contract, buy/rent a motorcycle, join Bicing, etc

IMPORTANT: to be able to do an internship or to work in Spain, you must have a NIE!

Documentation

- ✓ Passport **OR** National Identity Document + copy
- ✓ Completed [EX-18](#) Application Form + copy
(Annotated Version at the [ISA Website](#) > *Governmental Forms and Annotated Copies*)
- ✓ ESADE Enrolment Letter (admission letter is not accepted)
(Route: > *MyEsade* > *eOffice* > *MyRequest* > *Certificates&Degrees* > *Certificate Request* > *Admission & Enrolment Certificate (NIE/TIE)*)
- ✓ Proof of Medical Insurance **OR** European Health Insurance Card
- ✓ Proof of Financial Means
(Find the affidavit form at the [ISA Website](#) > *Spanish Paperwork After Arriving* > *Proof of financial means affidavit model*)
- ✓ *Certificado de empadronamiento*
- ✓ Payment form [Modelo 790 Código 012](#).
(Print out the copies single-sided and check the box that says “*TIE de residencia temporal de familiares de personas con nacionalidad española, Certificado de registro de residente comunitario o TIE de familiar de un ciudadano de la Unión y TIE asociada al Acuerdo de Retirada de ciudadanos británicos y sus familiares (BREXIT)*”). The fee is currently €12.

The NIE certificate will be issued **immediately** if you have submitted all the necessary documents. **By law, everyone in Spain is required to carry identification on them. In the case of EU citizens, this means your passport, as well as the Certificate of Registration as a resident of the EU or your NIE.**

Making an Appointment at the National Police

You will need to submit the documents at the National Police, but you will need to make an appointment [here](#). Please, note that obtaining an appointment will likely require many attempts. You can accept any appointment offered in the province of Barcelona.

- Select **Barcelona** from the list of provinces in the drop-down menu and click on **Aceptar**.
- Ignore the section “Cualquier Oficina”.
- Where it says “Trámites Policía Nacional”, need select the option: **Certificado de Registro de Ciudadano de la UE**.
- Click on **Presentación sin Cl@ve**.
- Select **Pasaporte / Documento de identidad** and type in the number of your passport or national ID card; click on **Aceptar**.
- Click on **Solicitar Cita** (you can also consult appointments already made and cancel appointments already made).
- If there are appointments available, select the police station in any of the towns offered that suit you and then a day and time. You will need to provide an **email address** and a **Spanish phone number** as they will send you a code to confirm the appointment.

NOTE: While it may not be strictly compliant with legal regulations, we strongly recommend carrying photocopies of your passport and NIE with you rather than the original documents, unless you are traveling outside the Barcelona area.

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Non-EU Students

- **If your stay is less than 6 months:** the visa covers your stay, and you do not need to do any further paperwork once you arrive.
- **If your stay is longer than 6 months:** upon arrival in Spain, you must apply for a TIE (Foreigner's Identity Card). The TIE is valid for the entire period of your studies. This card contains your NIE (*Número de Identificación de Extranjero*). Applications are required within 30 days of arrival, but due to limited appointments, authorities usually allow applications much later.

Documentation

- ✓ Passport with long-term type-D student visa and entry stamp + copy
- ✓ Completed [EX-17](#) Application Form + copy
(Annotated Version at the [ISA Website](#) > *Governmental Forms and Annotated Copies*)
- ✓ 1 color DNI size photos
- ✓ ESADE Enrolment Letter (admission letter is not accepted)
(Route: > MyEsade > eOffice > MyRequest > Certificates&Degrees > Certificate Request > Admission & Enrolment Certificate (NIE/TIE))
- ✓ *Certificado de empadronamiento*
- ✓ Payment form [Modelo 790 Código 012](#).
(Print out the copies single-sided and check the box that says “TIE que documenta la primera concesión de la autorización de residencia temporal, de estancia o para trabajadores transfronterizos”). The fee is currently €16.08.

The TIE will be issued **3-4 weeks after fingerprinting**. **By law, everyone in Spain is required to carry identification on them. For non-EU citizens, this means your TIE or passport.**

Making an Appointment at the National Police

You will need to submit the documents at the National Police, but you will need to make an appointment [here](#). Please, note that obtaining an appointment will likely require many attempts. You can accept any appointment offered in the province of Barcelona.

- Select **Barcelona** from the list of provinces in the drop-down menu and click on **Aceptar**.
- Ignore the section “Cualquier Oficina”.
- Where it says “Trámites Policía Nacional”, need select the option: **POLICIA – TOMA DE HUELLAS (EXPEDICIÓN DE TARJETA) Y RENOVACIÓN DE TARJETA DE LARGA DURACIÓN**.
- Click on **Presentación sin Cl@ve**.
- Select **Pasaporte / Documento de identidad** and type in the number of your passport or national ID card; click on **Aceptar**.
- Click on **Solicitar Cita** (you can also consult appointments already made and cancel appointments already made).
- If there are appointments available, select the police station in any of the towns offered that suit you and then a day and time. You will need to provide an **email address** and a **Spanish phone number** as they will send you a code to confirm the appointment.

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Non-EU Partner and Children

Visas

If you are relocating to Barcelona with your family, it is advisable to apply for visas together at the consulate, as submitting separate applications can complicate the process. Non-EU family members may apply for a visa to stay in Spain for the same duration as the student visa holder, provided they meet the necessary eligibility requirements. They will be required to provide much of the same documentation as the student. These include:

- A spouse, registered partner, or stable partner with duly proven relationship.
- Minor children (biological or of the partner) who are not married and have not created their own family unit.
- Adult children (biological or of the partner) who are not married that have not created their own family unit, and who require specific and personalized support due to disability or illness.
- Children born in Spain to the student visa holder, provided the application is submitted within 6 months of birth.
- A support person assisting the student visa holder who has a disability or medical condition requiring personal care.

- Family members may also apply from within Spain at the Barcelona Foreigners' Office, provided that the student already holds a valid residence permit. The student's permit must have at least 3 months of validity remaining at the time of application.

NOTE: Family members of non-EU citizens are not allowed to work.

TIEs

- Family members staying for more than 6 months will have to apply for the NIE within 30 days of their arrival in Spain at the Immigration Office in Barcelona.
- An appointment can be requested through [this form](#).
 - **Asunto:** *Grabar familiar estudiante*
 - **Oficinas:** *Consultas Extranjería Barcelona*
 - **Consultas:** *Consultas sobre cita previa*
 - **Comentario:** *Student's full name, passport and NIE number, full name/s and passport number/s of the family member/s and the address in Spain*

Documents

- ✓ Completed [EX-17](#) Application Form + 2 copies
- ✓ Family member's original passport and photocopies of the pages with his or her personal data, the visa stamp and the stamp showing entry into Spain or the Schengen area.
- ✓ Photocopy of your passport and the pages with your personal data, your visa stamp and the stamp showing when you entered Spain or the Schengen area.

The NIE will be issued, and a date will be given from which s/he can apply for the TIE. The receipt with NIE will have to be submitted with the other required documents.

The procedure and documentation for your family member's TIE application are essentially the same as for your own. You will need to make a separate appointment for each family member and then take the required documents to the appointment.

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Consulates in Barcelona

Embassies are located in Madrid, and most countries have consulates in Barcelona. Some of the consulates in Barcelona are listed below, but you can find a complete list in the [ISA Website](#) > Consulates. Visas are often only issued by the embassies in Madrid or even abroad.

Country	Address	Telephone Number & Email
Argentina	Passeig de Gràcia, 11, 2nd floor, stairs B	34 93 304 1200 cbarc@mrecic.gov.ar
Australia	Avinguda Diagonal, 433 bis, 2 floor 1st door	34 93 362 3792
Austria	Carrer de María Cubí, 7, 1st floor, 2nd door	34 93 368 6003 barcelona@consuladodeaustria.com
Belgium	Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 680, attic, 2nd door	34 93 467 7080 barcelona@diplobel.fed.be
Bolivia	Avinguda de Josep Tarradellas, 38, 5th floor, 1st door	34 93 300 9289 info@conbolbar.es OR martinbazarco@gmail.com
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Carrer de Colom, 408, 3rd floor (Terrassa)	34 93 731 7855 j.simo@adigrupo.com
Brazil	Avinguda Diagonal, 468, 2nd floor	34 93 488 2288 info.barcelona@itamaraty.gov.br
Bulgaria	Avinguda de Riera de Cassoles, 54	34 93 796 9950 consulate.barcelona@mfa.bg
Canada	Plaça de Catalunya, 9, 1st floor, 2nd door	34 93 270 3614 bclna@international.gc.ca
Chile	Carrer de Consell de Cent, 357-359, 1st floor B	34 93 318 8586 info@consuladochilebarcelona.com
China	Avinguda del Tibidabo, 34	34 93 434 2958 consuladodechina.protocolo@gmail.com
Colombia	Carrer de Pau Claris, 102 1st floor 1st door	34 93 412 7828 cbarcelona@cancilleria.gov.co
Croatia	Carrer de Muntaner, 374, 6th floor, 2nd door	34 900 751 071 barcelona@consulcroacia.com
Denmark	Rambla Catalunya, 45, 4th floor, 2nd door	34 93 488 0222 info@dk-konsulat.es
Ecuador	Carrer de Nàpols, 187, 5th floor	34 93 246 2490 cecubar@cancilleria.gob.ec
Finland	Plaza Urquinaona, 6, 13th floor, door C	34 93 443 1598 sanomat.bar@gov.fi
France	Ronda Universitat, 22 bis, 4th Floor	34 93 317 8150
Georgia	Passeig de Gràcia, 7, 3rd floor, right door	34 93 836 3307 barcelona.con@mfa.gov.ge
Germany	Carrer de Marina 16-18 (Mapfre Tower)	34 93 292 1000 l-vz1@barc.auswaertiges-amt.de
Greece	Carrer de Beethoven, 14, 1st floor	34 93 200 2036
Guatemala	Carrer de Vista Bella, 17, 1st floor, 1st floor, stairs B	34 64 544 5174
Hungary	Avinguda Diagonal, 477, 8th floor, door B	34 93 405 1950 mission.bcn@mfa.gov.hu
Iceland	Carrer de Canaries, 21	34 93 232 5810 barcelona@consuladoislandia.com
India	Avinguda Rius i Taulet, 1-3 (Hotel Intercontinental)	34 63 253 3638 admin.barcelona@mea.gob.in
Ireland	Avinguda Diagonal, 640, 8th floor, door D	34 93 255 3383 barcelona@honoraryconsul.ie

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Italy	Carrer d'Aribau, 185, 4th floor	34 90 205 0141 segreteria.barcelona@esteri.it
Japan	Avinguda Diagonal, 640, 2 ^a , floor D	34 93 280 3433 teresa.prats@bc.mofa.go.jp
Kazakhstan	Passeig de Gràcia, 49, 2nd floor, 1st floor	34 93 142 4225 barcelona@kazesp.org
Malaysia	Carrer de Munner, 10	34 93 512 3794 secretaria@consuladomalasia.es
Mexico	Paseo de la Bonanova, 55	34 93 201 1822 infobar@sre.gob.mx
Morocco	Carrer de Diputació, 68	34 93 289 2530 consulado.protocolo.barcelona@maec.gov.ma
Netherlands	Avinguda Diagonal, 611-613, 6th floor	34 93 419 9580 barcelona@nlconsul.es
Nicaragua	Carrer de Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 566, entlo. 1	34 60 935 5210
Norway	Carrer de Diputació, 238-244, attic, 4th door	34 93 218 4983 info@norconsbcn.com
Peru	Avinguda de Roma, 10, ground floor	34 93 415 4999 consulado@consulperubarcelona.com
Philippines	Rambla de Catalunya, 33, principal, 1st door	34 93 828 8312 barcelona.pcg@dfa.gov.ph barcelonapcg.consular@dfa.gov.ph
Poland	Avinguda Diagonal, 593-595, 6th Floor, 1-2 doors	34 93 026 0700 barcelona@msz.gov.pl
Portugal	Ronda Sant Pere, 7, 1st floor	34 93 318 8150 consulado.barcelona@mne.pt
Romania	Carrer de Munner, 10	34 93 418 1535 barcelona@mae.ro
Russia	Avinguda Pearson, 34	34 93 280 5432 consulado_general@retemail.es
Singapore	Carrer del Comte Salvatierra, 10, 2nd floor, 2nd door	34 93 118 6156 sgbcnconsul@auna.com
South Africa	Parc Empresarial Mas Blau II, El Prat de Llobregat	34 93 506 9100
South Korea	Passeig de Gràcia, 103, 3rd floor	34 93 487 3153 barcelona@mofa.go.kr
Sweden	Carrer de Mallorca, 279, 4th floor, 3rd door	34 93 488 2501
Switzerland	Gran Via de Carles III, 94, 7th floor (Trade Building)	34 93 409 0650 barcelona@eda.admin.ch
Turkey	Passeig de Gràcia, 7, 1st floor	34 93 317 1051
Ukraine	Carrer de Numancia, 185, ground floor, 2nd door	34 93 402 8956 gc_esb@mfa.gov.ua
United Arab Emirates	Carrer de Balmes, 7, 7th floor	34 93 240 8550
United Kingdom	Avinguda Diagonal, 477, 13th floor (Barcelona Tower)	34 93 366 6200 britishconsulategeneralbarcelona@fcdo.gov.uk
United States	Passeig Reina Elisenda de Montcada, 23	34 93 280 2227
Uruguay	Avinguda Diagonal, 453, 4th floor, left door	34 93 528 5566 cgbarcelona@mrree.gub.uy
Venezuela	Plaza Urquinaona, 6, 6th Floor, door A	34 93 215 0112 conve.barcelona@mppre.gob.ve
Vietnam	Plaza Urquinaona, 6, 8th floor	34 93 310 4363

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Banking in Barcelona and Sant Cugat

✓ Using your bank account at home

If you are on exchange, using ATMs (*cajeros automáticos*) is probably the most convenient.

- ✓ Most banks have ATMs, but they normally charge a commission if you are not a client.
- ✓ Check with your bank before you leave to know how to use your card in Spain, and under what conditions. Cirrus and PLUS are the networks linked to Master Card/Maestro and VISA. Some machines do not accept PINs of more than 4 digits, for example, and the keypads may not have letters on them, so learn your numeric code before coming.
- ✓ Use your credit/debit card to get the best exchange rate for purchases. Visa and MasterCard are accepted almost everywhere; American Express runs a close second in usability.
- ✓ Foreign currency exchange booths can be found in the center of Barcelona but may charge high commissions as well as give a poor exchange rate, so you are better off using ATMs.

*Students from certain nationalities (the list is ever shifting but some of them include Russia, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan & Venezuela) will likely experience greater obstacles to open a bank account. If you are from one of these countries contact us at isa@esade.edu.

✓ Opening a bank account

Opening a bank account in Spain is simple*

- ✓ You will need to show your passport, and banks are required by law to ask for your NIE to open an account. However, you can find banks which temporarily forego this requirement until you have a Spanish ID.
- ✓ You may also be required to show your **passport** to carry out transactions by teller.
- ✓ It is a good idea to check with your home bank about the possibility of opening an account with a corresponding bank in Barcelona. Many foreign banks such as BNP Paribas and Deutsche Bank have local branches in Barcelona.
- ✓ Banking hours in Spain are extremely inconvenient. Most banks open 8:15 AM until 2PM, Monday–Friday; some savings banks are open Thursday afternoon, October–March; very few are open on Saturdays.
- ✓ It is very important to **change your account from non-resident to resident** status as soon as you receive your **NIE** to save on service charges and to avoid inconveniences when receiving a money transfer.
- ✓ Most banks only accept larger money transfers from your own bank account abroad or from a family member. The amount of the deposits should be in relation to your expenses.
- ✓ Non-EU nationals who stay for longer than one year will have to renew their TIE, in which case they will have to provide proof of financial means on a Spanish bank.

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Banking in Barcelona and Sant Cugat

International Fund Transfers

Transferring funds to Spain from another country presents no problem; however, it is important to have the bank code information (IBAN/SWIFT) for both banks to facilitate the transaction.

IBAN (International Bank Account Numbers) in Spain begin with ES and are followed by 22 digits. Be sure to ask about the fees involved on both sides of the transaction, the originating foreign bank and the receiving Spanish bank, especially when converting currency.

Students have sometimes been surprised by the fact that even though they paid the transaction fees in their home country, they had to pay additional fees to the Spanish bank to receive the transfer.

Credit Cards

All major credit cards are accepted in stores and restaurants in Spain, often indicated by a sticker on the window. If you are here for only a few months, no bank will issue you a credit card, although you can get a debit card when you open an account. You can, of course, use your existing foreign credit cards such as VISA, MasterCard and American Express.

The phone numbers to cancel credit cards (in English) are:

- ✓ **VISA International: +34 900 991 216**
- ✓ **MasterCard: +34 900 971 231**
- ✓ **American Express: +34 900 814 500**

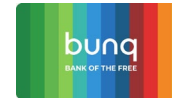
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 Sant Cugat
 Tel. +34 935 891 178

0053@bancsabadell.com
 Capitán Arenas, 26
 Barcelona
 Tel: +34 932 042 404

Once admitted, you can apply for a Sabadell-Atlántico bank account before arriving.

- ✓ You do not have to present a NIE at this point (**only** at these 2 branches).
- ✓ During the first year, no commissions are charged for students under 30.



Open a bank account [here](#) in 5 minutes. The **bunq Pro plan** is **free** for students upon presenting their admission or enrolment letter. bunq offers competitive exchange rates and interests on savings. With your bunq Pro plan enjoy no fees on foreign currency payments and send or receive money with 6 monthly free international transfers. You can open accounts in 22 different currencies.

N26 The Mobile Bank

For Esade Students:

- **free N26 Go account for 6 months** (after 6 months it will be €9,90/month)
- **free N26 Metal account for 3 months** (after 3 months it will be €16,90/month)
- **N26 Standard account without any fees**

Open a bank account from your phone in 8 minutes [here](#). Free ATM withdrawals in Euro zone from any bank. Commission free payments worldwide in any currency and real time exchange rate. International transfers through the partner "Wise". Free national and international transfers reception. Customer service in 5 languages, 7 days a week from 7AM to 11PM.

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Telephoning

The rate of change and the level of new competition in mobile phones make it difficult to say anything apart from: **shop around once you get here.**

- ✓ **Connectivity** offers competitive plans for prepaid cards, which can be purchased directly through their [website](#) before arriving. Esade students can obtain a 10% discount for eSIMs by following [this link](#) and using the promo code '**ESADE10**'. This discount also applies to a second line for [another country](#) (e.g. exchange destination).
- ✓ **Movistar, Orange, and Vodafone** are the biggest mobile phone companies.
- ✓ Lower cost operators such as **Pepephone, Masmovil, Jazztel, Yoigo, Simyo, O2** and **Lowi** are popular too.
- ✓ Many companies have their own retail outlets where you can buy their SIM cards, but you can also purchase the cards at other retailers such as El Corte Inglés, FNAC or Phone House.

- ✓ Choose whether you prefer a contract or prepaid card when buying a SIM card for a mobile phone. If you choose a contract, make sure you understand all the conditions before committing to it. Check the duration of the contract, the total price (including tax) per month, and what it includes.
- ✓ You may check this [website](#) set up by a consumers' organization to compare different plans. You need to indicate your state (Cataluña), whether you prefer a prepaid card or a contract, and what kind of use you would be making of the card in terms of voice and data.
- ✓ Cell phones are easily lost or stolen. While Barcelona is relatively safe, it is all too easy to be pickpocketed. If you have an expensive phone, consider buying or bringing a smartphone that would be less attractive to pickpockets. Make sure you know your phone's **IMEI number** by typing ***#06#** into your phone's keypad, and then upload the number to a cloud drive so you can access it from anywhere.

THE BASICS

- ✓ Country code for Spain: **+34**
- ✓ All landline phone numbers in the Barcelona area begin with **93**.
- ✓ Landline phone numbers in Spain have **9 digits**.
- ✓ Mobile Phone numbers in Spain begin with **6**.
- ✓ To call abroad, dial 00 + country code + area code + phone number.
- ✓ Numbers beginning with 800 and 900 are toll free.
- ✓ Numbers beginning with 803, 806, 807 and 905 are premium rate numbers.
- ✓ Numbers beginning with 901 are shared-cost numbers.
- ✓ Numbers beginning with 902 are fixed cost numbers.

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Postal Service



As most postal services, the Spanish Post Office has its pros and its cons and for anyone having more than a letter sent from outside the EU:

- ✓ One of the biggest disadvantages is paying duties, handling fees and possibly VAT on whatever is shipped, whether personal effects or merchandise. Since students have had to pay more than the value of what was in the package, and the paperwork required to clear customs can sometimes be an insurmountable obstacle, it will almost certainly be less expensive to pay for extra luggage and bring what you need with you. Buying from Spanish retailers will ultimately be cheaper than ordering from outside the EU.
- ✓ If you do have a package sent from outside the EU, make sure to double check the address, including the name of the street, the number, the floor, and the door, all in the correct order. Having it sent through a private courier (e.g. DHL, UPS or FedEx) might simplify the process somewhat: it will still have to clear customs in Madrid and so you will also have to pay duty, handling fees and possibly VAT, but the company will likely have their own agent to handle the paperwork. However, you should confirm this with the company before having the package sent.

- ✓ If your package is sent using the public postal system, once you are notified of its arrival you will have to register your NIE with the tax office and then create an account on the *ADT Postales* website, uploading various documents, including the arrival notice, a list of contents and value as well as purchase receipts for new merchandise. Whether sending through a private courier or the post office order to avoid problems, include a list of contents in the package and keep a duplicate list yourself.

NOTE: you can find some answers to frequent questions about duty and tax on goods shipped to Spain from outside the EU at this [link](#).

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Recycling in Barcelona & Sant Cugat

Whether recycling is a regular habit for you or something new, we aim to raise awareness about the waste we produce and how recycling can help the planet and the city. The recycling system here may differ from what you are used to in your home country.

In Spain, recycling is usually done by using the designated colour-bins found on the streets. Waste is collected daily and managed by local services.

If you live in Barcelona, you can request a **free recycling kit** that includes an **organic waste bin** and **special bags for collecting plastic, glass, and paper**. You can pick up your kit at any nearby **Green Point**.



TIP: for those who love to read, you can occasionally find free second-hand books available for pickup at the Green Points, or you can also leave your books.



Sant Cugat: drop-offs are in front of the building from **20h** on the assigned a day.

- **Sant Cugat Centre:** Thursday & Sunday
- **Valldoreix:** Monday
- **Mira-sol & Can Barata:** Tuesday
- **Les Planes & La Floresta:** Wednesday

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Recycling in Barcelona & Sant Cugat

Green Point Network - Barcelona

Neighbourhood or Mobile Green Points

Clothes and shoes, ink cartridges, toners, electrical and electronic devices, cooking oil, electric cables, small tyres, aerosols and sprays, car batteries, cosmetics, X-rays, batteries, engine oil, paints and varnishes, fluorescent tubes and light bulbs, single-use coffee capsules, etc.

Special industrial waste, toxic and hazardous waste, sanitary waste, organic waste, vegetable waste, rubble, wood waste, furniture and junk.

Zone Green Point

Glassware, large household appliances, pruning and gardening waste, rubble, old junk and furniture + all items that you can bring to the neighbourhood/mobile green points.

Special industrial waste, toxic and hazardous waste, sanitary and organic waste.

Find your nearest **Green Point** through [here](#).

Check [here](#) if you do not know where to bin a specific item.

Green Point Network – Sant Cugat

Green Point

Special waste: *toxic and hazardous waste, packaging of toxic products, ink cartridges, toners, fridges and appliances with CFCs, tyres, aerosols and sprays, cosmetics (lacquers and acetone), insecticides and pesticides, X-rays, batteries, engine oil, antifreeze, paints, varnishes and solvents, fluorescent tubes and light bulbs.*

Recoverable waste: *clothes and shoes, cooking oil, paper and cardboard, glassware, coloured glass, champagne bottles, pruning and gardening waste; iron and metal, rubble, electrical and electronic devices; small household appliances; electric cables; wood waste; old junk and furniture.*

Plastic and metal packaging: *cans; HPDE plastic containers (water bottles, cleaning and hygiene products); PET plastic containers (oil, water and soft drinks); plastic film (plastic bags and packaging); EPS polystyrene (packaging); bricks.*

Where?

[Avinguda de les Roquetes-s/n,
08173 Sant Cugat del Vallès](#)

Opening times

Tuesday to Saturday: 10h – 13h | 16h – 20h
Sunday: 10h – 14h
Monday: Closed

Sant Cugat also offers **Mobile Green Points** throughout the different neighbourhoods. Find your nearest one through [here](#).

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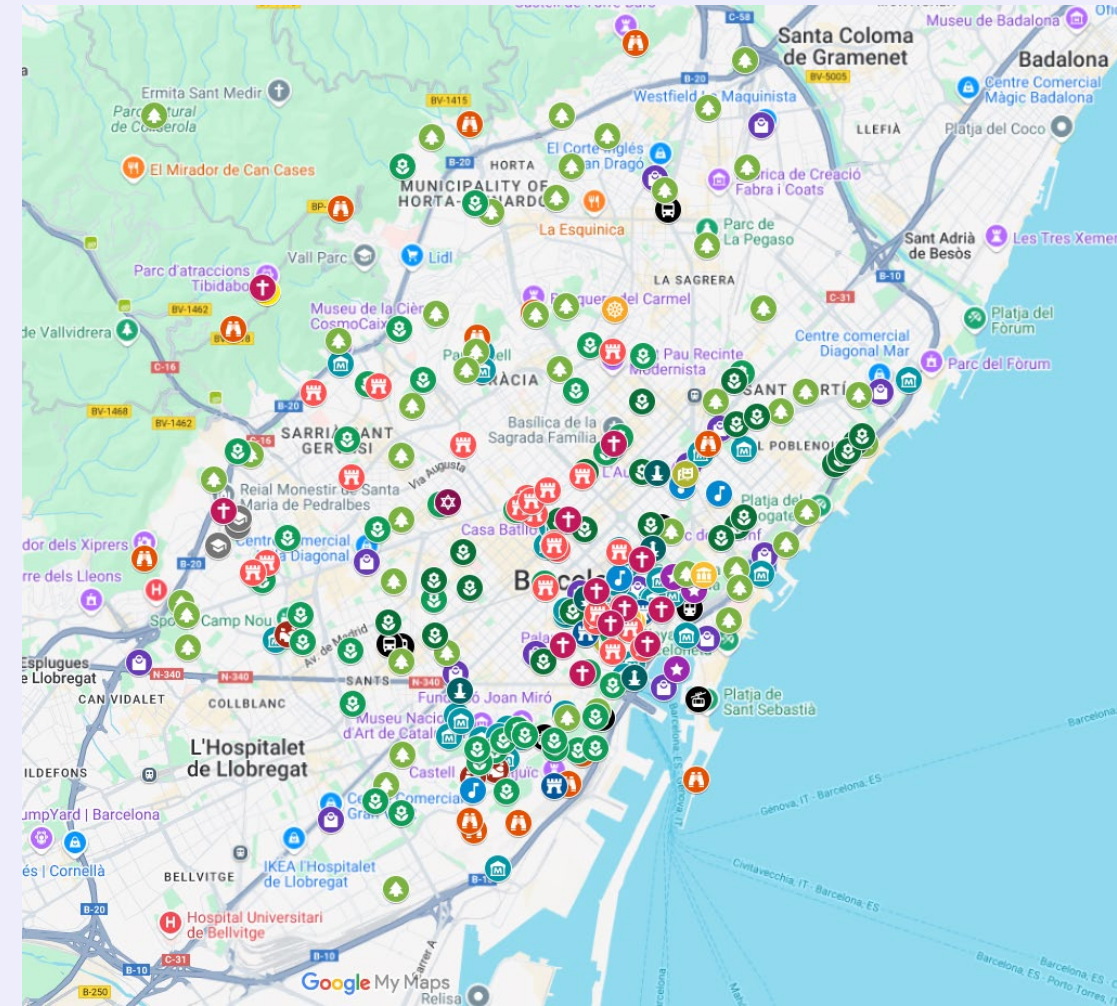
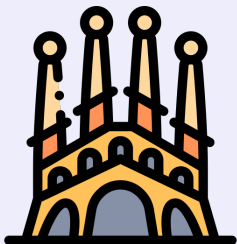
If you click [here](#), you will be taken to an interactive map of Barcelona and Sant Cugat that we have specially prepared for you.

On the map, you will find the Esade campuses, libraries where you can study across the city, mobility options, and a wide range of points of interest. From iconic architecture to shopping centres, markets, and cultural spaces such as museums, theatres, and cinemas. The map also highlights leisure and nightlife spots, including clubs and live music venues, stadiums, scenic viewpoints, gardens, parks and spiritual sites.

Once you have found your place, this map can help you discover what's nearby and get familiar with the area.

You can access this map on your phone by using the link above. It will also be saved in your **Google Maps** under:

> You > Maps > Barcelona & Sant Cugat.



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Esade Barcelona – Pedralbes Campus

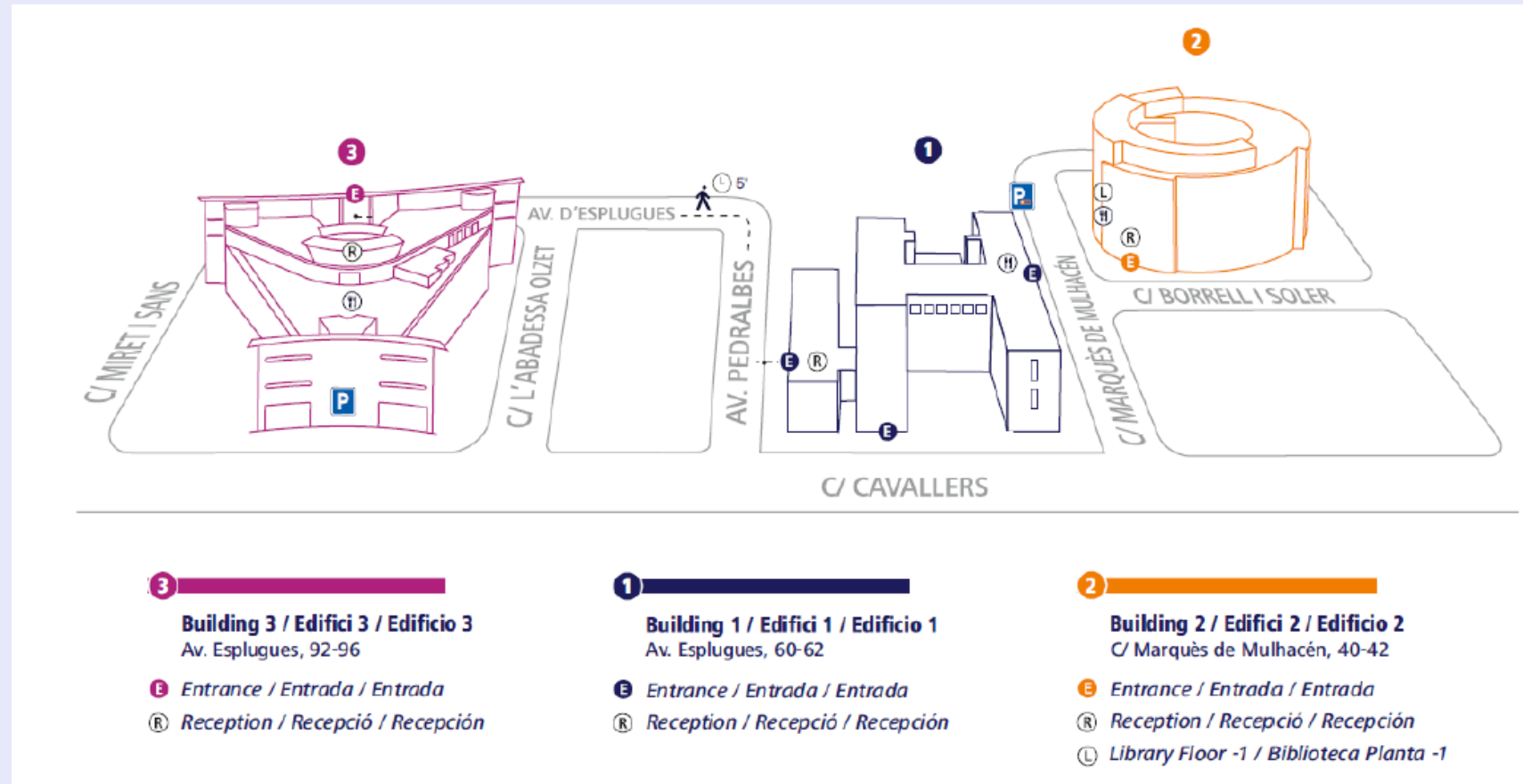
Esade Buildings 3, 1 & 2

Esade Barcelona-Pedralbes is in the residential neighborhood of Pedralbes in the *upper part of Barcelona. The main building (**Building 1**) is located at the top of **Avinguda Pedralbes** on the right-hand side of the street if you are coming up from downtown.

Building 2, where the library is located, is just behind Building 1; and **Building 3** is a short walk to **Avinguda d'Esplugues**.

The Law School is in Building 1, the Esade Library and Corporate Documentation Center is in Building 2 and Executive Education and the MBA are based in Building 3.

*Maps of Barcelona normally show the Mediterranean Sea “below” Barcelona, but clearly the city is not located to the north of the sea, so Pedralbes isn't really *north* of the city either.



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Esade Barcelona – Pedralbes Campus

Campus Hours | Services

Building 1	Building 2	Building 3	Buildings closed
<p>Av Pedralbes, 60-62, 08034, Barcelona +34 93 280 61 62</p> <p>Monday–Friday 8:00h – 21:30h</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reception (M-F 7h – 21:30h) ✓ Cafeteria (M-F 7:30h – 17:30h; Lunch: 12h – 21h) ✓ Career Services – Law School (9:30h – 18h) ✓ Central Services ✓ Director General’s Office ✓ Esade Forum ✓ Faculty Offices ✓ TIC Services (M-F 8:00h – 21:00h) ✓ International Relations Office ✓ Law Department & Offices ✓ Registrar’s Office ✓ Financial Management Office ✓ Chapel ✓ Free Bike & Scooter parking ✓ External Car Park (BSM C/Marqués de Mulhacén, 51B) 	<p>C/ Marques de Mulhacén, 40-42, 08034, Barcelona +34 93 280 61 62</p> <p>Monday–Friday 8:00h–21:30h, Saturday 8:00h–14:00h</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reception (M-F 7:30h – 21:30h; Sa 8:00h – 14:00h) ✓ Cafeteria (9:00h – 16:00h) ✓ Library, including the European Documentation Center and the Business Information Center (M-F 8:00h – 23:00h; Sa & Su 9:00h – 21:00h) ✓ TIC Service (Sa 8:00h – 14h) ✓ External Car Park (BSM C/Marqués de Mulhacén, 51B) 	<p>Av d’Esplugues, 92-96 08034, Barcelona +34 93 280 61 62</p> <p>Monday to Friday 08:00h–21:30h, Saturday 08:00h–14:00h</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reception (M-F 7:30h – 21:30h; Sa 7:30h – 14:30h) ✓ 2nd floor Cafeteria & Terrace (M-F 8h – 21h; Lunch: 12:30h – 15:30h; Sa 8:30h – 14h) ✓ Ground Cafeteria ✓ TIC Service (M-F 8:00h – 21:00h) ✓ Executive Education ✓ MBA ✓ Esade’s Car Park (M-F 7:30h – 21h). Special student rate of €5/day. + Free Bike & Scooter parking inside car park. Entrance behind building. 	<p>JUL 25 – AUG 23, 2026 (Building 2 & 3) AUG 1 - 23, 2026 (Building 1) SEPT 11 & 24, 2026 OCT 12, 2026 NOV 1, 2026 DEC 6 & 8, 2026 DEC 25 & 26, 2026 DEC (Christmas Break TBC) JAN 1 - 6, 2027 MARCH 22 - 29, 2027 (Easter Break) MAY 1, 2027 MAY 17, 2027 JUN 24, 2027 AUG 15, 2027</p>

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Esade Barcelona – Pedralbes Campus

Getting there



Metro

L3
Line 3

→ Maria Cristina **OR** Palau Reial Stop
+ 20-minute walk uphill



Buses

63	68
113	78
H4	V5

→ All within a 5-minute walk



FGC

L12 → Reina Elisenda Station
+ 15-minute walk

L6 → Sarrià Station
+ 20-minute walk

- L12
- S1
- S2



Taxi

→ Taxi fare from the city center, Plaça Catalunya to Pedralbes campus is between €14 and €18. You can use this [link](#) to check how much it would cost the trip.



Tram

T1 & T3 → Palau Reial Stop
+ 20-minute walk uphill



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C/ CAVALLERS, 67

→ Building 1 & 2

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C/ CAVALLERS, 41

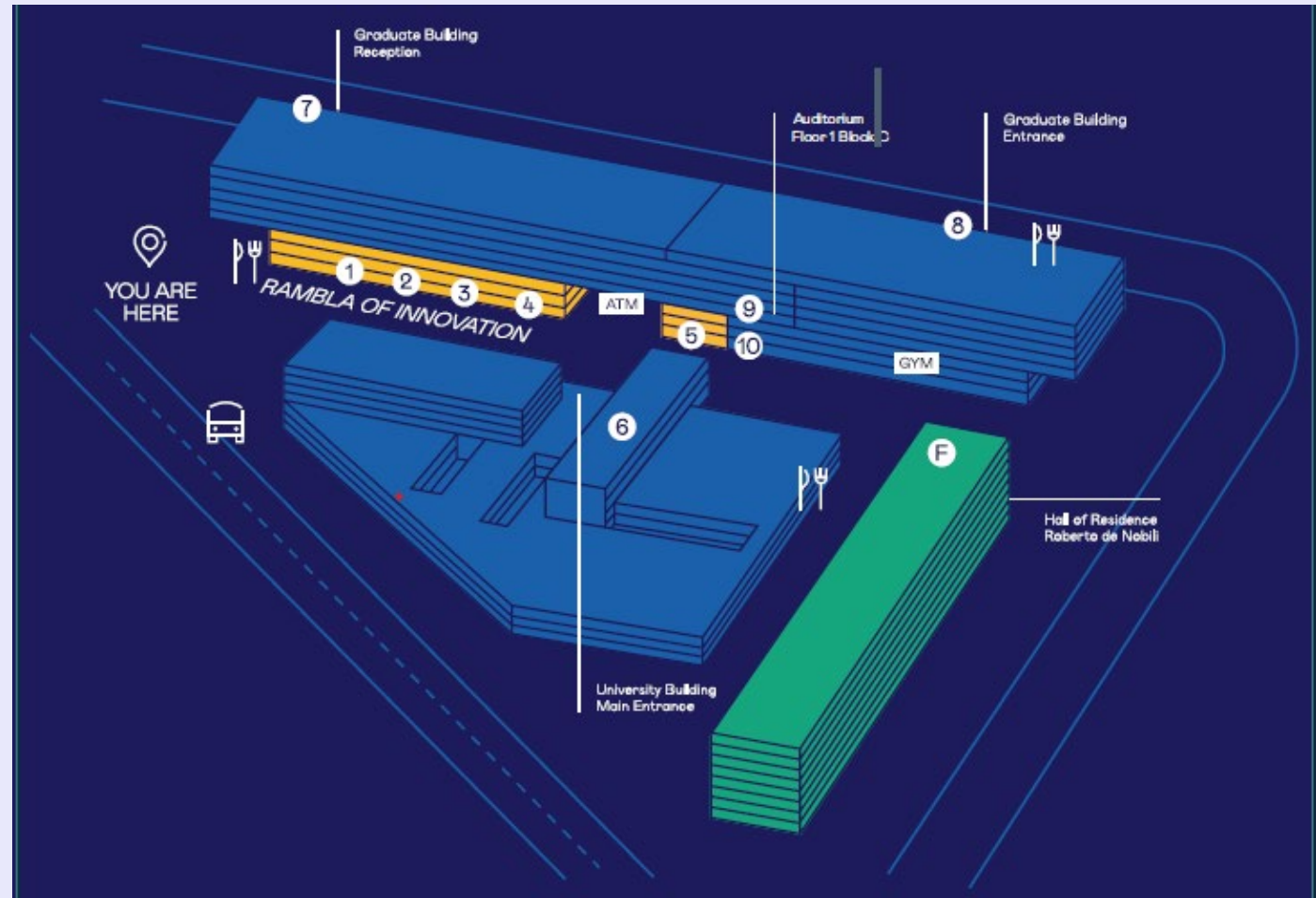
→ Building 3

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Esade Barcelona – Sant Cugat Campus

The Esade Sant Cugat campus incorporates the Undergraduate programs of the Business School as well as the Bachelor in Global Governance, Economics & Legal Order that belongs to the Law School. The Master of Science Programme and the [Roberto-de-Nobili](#) Student Residence are also located here. A campus map is available [here](#).

The Esade Barcelona-Sant Cugat Campus is well connected to Barcelona by **train (Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya FGC)** and by bus.



Rambla of Innovation	Esade	Residence Roberto de Nobili
1 Decision Lab	6 University Building (Reception)	F Reception
2 eGarage	7 Graduate Building (Reception)	
3 eWorks	8 Graduate Building (Entrance)	Services
4 Fusion Point	9 Graduate Building (Auditorium)	ATM Automated Teller Machine
5 Fab Lab	10 Esade Alumni	Ψ Restaurant - Cafeteria

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Esade Barcelona – Sant Cugat Campus

Campus Hours

Reception (ext 4024)

- **Main Building** (October – June)
M-F 07:00h – 21:30h
Sa 10:00h – 20:00h
- **Graduate Building** (October – June)
M-F 07:30h – 21:30h
Sa 10:00h – 20:00h
- **Admissions Office:**
M-F 9:00h – 18:00h
- **Program Management Undergraduate & MSc:**
M-F 09:00h – 13:30h & 14:30h – 17:30h
- **Career Services:**
M-F 10:00h – 18:00h
- **Library:**
M-F 8:00h - 23:00h
→ In December and May, open until 24:00
Sa & Su 9:00h - 21:00h

- **Research Programs Office:**
M-F 12:00h – 16:00h
- **TIC Services:**
M-F 8:00h – 21:00h
Sa 8:00h - 14:00h
- **Car Park:** 24/7; special student rate of €5/day. Monthly rate also available.
Free Bike & Scooter parking.

Building closed

JUL 25 – AUG 23, 2026

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OCT 12, 2026

NOV 1, 2026

DEC 6 & 8, 2026

DEC 25 & 26, 2026

DEC (Christmas Break TBC)

JAN 1 - 6, 2027

MARCH 22 - 29, 2027 (Easter Break)

MAY 1, 2027

MAY 17, 2027

JUN 24, 2027

AUG 15, 2027



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Services at Esade – Sant Cugat Campus

Eurest Cafeteria

- **Location:** Undergraduate Building (ground level)
- **Opening hours:** 07:30h – 21:00h
- **Kitchen hours:** 12:00h - 15:30h
→ Offers breakfast and lunch buffet service.

Bite Restaurant

- **Location:** Graduate Building (ground level)
- **Opening hours:** M–F 8:00h – 16:00h
- **Kitchen hours:** 12:00h - 15:30h
→ Offers breakfast and lunch buffet service.

Eurest Coffee Shop

- **Location:** Graduate Building (ground level)
- **Opening hours:** M–F 8:00h – 19:30h
- **Kitchen hours:** 12:00h - 15:30h
→ Offers hot & cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks

Esade Shop

- **Location:** Undergraduate Building (ground level)
- **Opening hours:** M–F 8:30–15:30

Corner 4 Gym

Location: Graduate Building (ground level)

Opening hours:
M–F 07:00h – 23:00h
Sat. 09:00h – 20:00h
Su 10:00h – 14:00h

- Discount on monthly fees with TUI card

SAR – Religious Guidance Service Matteo Ricci Oratory

- **Location:** Undergraduate Building, A floor (-1 floor)
- **Opening hours:** Same as University Building

At Esade, many people feel the need for global personal development which incorporates sensitivity to arts and culture, a world of values and spirituality. Some people look for these elements outside of a religious framework and others find answers in belonging to different religions or faiths. However, the common aspiration is to cultivate silence and serenity in a changing world, trying to learn different cultural traditions and finding a personal path which will enrich everyday life.

SAR offers a “service” to students, professors and administrative staff, creating encounter moments, dialogues and activities to share the path.

Contact:

- ✓ **Teresa Careta** – Office 124 (1st floor, Unioffice) teresa.careta@esade.edu
- ✓ **Pep Mària** – Office 413 (2nd floor, North Tower) pep.maria@esade.edu

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Esade Barcelona – Sant Cugat Campus

Getting there



This is a **commuter rail system** that runs underground within the city and out to the suburbs. It shares some stations with the metro. It's also known as the "ferros".

→ [FGC station map](#)

→ **Departure: Plaça Catalunya Station**

→ **Arrival: Sant Cugat Centre Station**

Frequency

- 7:30h - 9:30h → every **2.5 minutes**
- 9:30h – 17:00h → Monday - Thursday every **5 minutes**
- 17:00h – 20:00h → Monday - Thursday every **8.5 minutes**
- 9:30h – 15h → Fridays every **5 minutes**
- 15:00h – 20:00h → Fridays every **8.5 minutes**

Duration of journey: **29 minutes**

FGC Sant Cugat Station – Esade:

Whether you walk or take the bus, it takes **9–15 minutes** to get to Esade from the train station; the bus stop close to the train station as you leave and the L8 bus drops you off at the campus.

- The **L8** bus runs every 30 minutes, 6:34h – 21:44h from the station, and 7:23h - 22:03h from Esade.
- The **L2A/L2B** bus runs every 30 minutes, 6:45h – 21:45h from the train station and drops you off in front of the *Auditori*, a couple of blocks from Esade.
- The **L1** bus runs every 30 minutes, 6:35h – 21:35h from the train station and drops you off in front of the *Auditori*, a couple of blocks from Esade.
- The **L3** bus runs every 45 minutes, 7:15h – 21:30h from the train station drops you off in front of the *Auditori*, a couple of blocks from Esade.
- The **B7** and **A4** bus runs every 30 minutes, from the train station drops you close to Gabriel Ferrater Central Library, a couple of blocks from Esade.

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Esade Barcelona – Sant Cugat Campus

Getting there

B Intercity Buses

A4

The **A4 bus** stop is located 5 minutes from the Esade campus. It links Sant Cugat del Vallès, Cerdanyola del Vallès and Barcelona.
Frequency: 30 minutes.

From Sant Cugat:

Mon-Fri 5:35h – 22:05h
Sa 6:45h – 22:05
Sun 7:35h – 20:55h

From Barcelona

(Fabra i Puig Bus Station):
Mon-Fri 6:10h – 22:10h
Sa 7:05h – 22:25h
Sun 7:35h – 21:45h

A6

The **A6 bus** stop is located 10 minutes from the Esade Campus. It links Barcelona and Sant Cugat del Vallès through the *Arrabassada*. The ride is approximately 35 minutes.
Frequency: 30 minutes.

From Sant Cugat:

Mon-Fri 8:00h – 9:45h & 16:00h

From Barcelona (Lesseps):

Mon-Fri 7:10h – 9:00h & 12:00h

B7

The **B7 bus** stop is located 5 minutes from the Esade campus. It links Rubí, Sant Cugat del Vallès and Cerdanyola del Vallès.
Frequency: 30 minutes.

From Sant Cugat to Cerdanyola:

Mon-Fri 5:30h – 23:00h
Sa 07:05h – 23:05h
Sun 7:55h – 22:05h

From Cerdanyola to Sant Cugat:

Mon-Fri 05:40h – 22:40h
Sa 7:05h – 22:25h
Sun 7:35h – 21:45h

B8

The **B8 bus** stop is located 10 minutes from the Esade campus. It links Rubí, Sant Cugat del Vallès and Terrassa.
Frequency: 30 minutes.

From Sant Cugat:

Mon-Fri 5:00h – 23:00h
Sa 07:00h – 22h
Sun 8:00h – 22:00h



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Esade Barcelona – Sant Cugat Campus

Getting there

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Intercity Buses | Night Buses

N61

The **N61 bus** stop is located at the Sant Cugat FGC station. It links Barcelona, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Rubí and Terrassa.

Only take it from Barcelona to Sant Cugat, otherwise you will be doing a big loop.

Frequency: 1 hour.

From Sant Cugat:

Fri-Sat 02:00h – 05:10h
Sun-Thu 01:00h – 04:00h

From Barcelona (Plaça Catalunya):

Fri-Sat 01:30h – 05:40h
Sun-Thu 00:30h – 04:30h

N64

The **N64 bus** stop is located at the Sant Cugat FGC station. It links Sant Cugat del Vallès, Barcelona, Cerdanyola del Vallès, Barberà del Vallès, Sabadell, Sant Quirze, Terrassa and Rubí.

Only take it from Sant Cugat to Barcelona, otherwise you will be doing a big loop.

Frequency: 1 hour.

From Sant Cugat:

Fri-Sat 00:17h – 04:22h
Sun-Thu 00:17h – 04:17h

From Barcelona (Plaça Catalunya):

Fri-Sat 00:00h – 04:15h
Sun-Thu 00:00h – 04:00

N62

The **N62 bus** stop is located at the Sant Cugat FGC station. It links Barcelona, Ripollet, Cerdanyola del Vallès and Sant Cugat del Vallès.

Frequency: 1 hour.

From Sant Cugat:

Mon-Sun 23:40h – 04:25h

From Barcelona (Plaça Catalunya):

Mon – Sun 00:55h – 04:30h

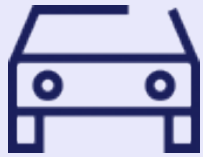


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Esade Barcelona – Sant Cugat Campus

Getting there

By Car



The Esade campus is located in *Sant Cugat del Vallés*, close to the AP-7 motorway. The campus can be reached from Barcelona through the following routes:

1. E-15/AP-7 (North of Barcelona). Exit 22. Follow Sant Cugat sign
2. E-90/AP-2 (South-West Barcelona). Exit 24. Follow Sant Cugat sign
3. B-10 > C-58 > B-30 (South-East Barcelona). Follow Sant Cugat sign
4. Vallvidrera Tunnels. C-16. Exit 10 – Sant Cugat – Valldoreix | It includes tolls, check [here](#).
5. *Arrabassada* route (BP-1417)

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Rambla of Innovation

The [Rambla of Innovation](#) is a space for experimentation and creation. It is a vibrant startup ecosystem bringing together Esade learning and research, the business community, public administrations and social enterprises to respond to the real challenges that companies and society face.

The Rambla connects companies looking for new solutions and students who have brilliant ideas, providing them the facilities and services they need to launch innovative projects in a multicultural setting focused on making an impact.



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Esade Communication Sources

INTRANET / E-MAIL

Esade's Intranet (MyEsade) and e-mail account can be accessed through www.esade.edu or the MyEsade app. The Programme Management will send you your **username** and **password**, which will allow you to access [MyEsade](#), a space you will use while studying at Esade and which contains information about the academic program, such as:

- Course syllabuses and schedules
- Spanish course dates
- Introductory Week information
- Campus bulletin board
- Certificate requests, exam dates and grades

It is important that you check MyEsade daily, since that's where announcements are made.

From now on you will be receiving correspondence **at your Esade email account**, including all communication from program management. Once you receive your username and login code, be sure to redirect the Esade email account to your preferred email address, which you check regularly, so that you do not miss important information.

NOTE: Your username is: xxx@esade.edu; your e-mail address is: xxx@alumni.esade.edu

eCAMPUS

You will receive information and class readings for the courses you are taking through your class Moodle at the eCampus, the online educational platform used at ESADE.



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Esade Student ID Card (TUI)

After uploading your photo, you will receive your **TUI** (*Tarjeta Universitaria Inteligente*), your Esade ID card, during your first weeks on campus. This card is **personal** and **non-transferable**. It offers multiple benefits:

- **Cashless payments:** Use it as a cash card on both campuses. You can recharge it at Eurest and BITE restaurants or at the parking facilities.
- **Convenient services:** Pay for meals, parking at Sant Cugat, make photocopies, borrow books from the library, and access other campus services.
- **Discounts:** Enjoy special offers at local businesses. You can activate or deactivate your card and check your balance and transaction history anytime through the Intranet.



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International Student Cards



[Studentfy](#) provides a large variety of services to students:

- **Student card:** discounts and other benefits in Barcelona and Madrid.
- **Events:** football tournaments, trips and business networking activities in Barcelona & Madrid.
- **Landing Services:** guides, housing, banking, legal help, internships, medical insurance.

Studentfy also is available at [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#).



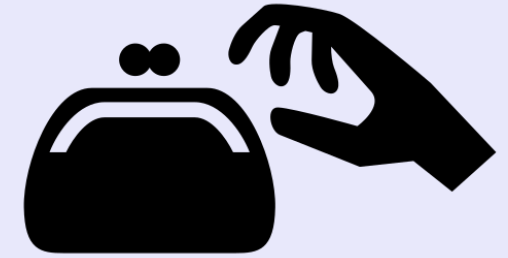
The [ISIC Student Card](#) offers many discounts all over the world. It also gives you access to contract their own insurance policy.

ISIC also is available at [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#).

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Safety and Security



Spain, in general, and Barcelona in particular, are relatively safe, but you should of course take precautions to protect yourself and your possessions.

- ✓ Although violent crime is rare, Barcelona is an attractive destination for tourists, which makes it attractive to petty thieves and notoriously expert pickpockets.
- ✓ [Barcelona Yellow](#) and other guidebooks offer useful safety advice for visitors to Barcelona. You can also find recommendations from the Catalan government [here](#).
- ✓ Bear in mind that thieves and pickpockets often work in groups and create or take advantage of distractions. Be aware of who is around and keep a close eye on your belongings when using public transport or on the street and in other public places, such as the beach or restaurants, bars and cafés, and shops, especially in crowded situations.
- ✓ Limit the amount of cash and credit cards you carry on you, and don't carry your keys and your NIE or TIE in the same place. We also recommend you double-lock your doors (even when at home) and exercise caution when using automatic cash machines.
- ✓ In any emergency, call **112** (free 24-hour hotline) and they will notify the appropriate service (police, fire department, ambulance, etc.).
- ✓ In case of robbery, always file a report with the local police as soon as possible and notify Program Management. If you need to replace your TIE, you will need a copy of the police report.

Security on campus

Students are asked to follow these security measures:

- ✓ Lock classrooms and meeting rooms with your TUI card when you leave.
- ✓ Should you or another student need urgent medical attention, contact Reception immediately.
- ✓ Never leave laptops or other electronic devices, bags, helmets, coats or any other personal belongings unattended in the corridors, library, cafeteria, classrooms or other public areas. You can use the lockers.
- ✓ Always close the windows and lock the doors of your car if you park on the street; remove valuables from sight.
- ✓ Always lock parked motorcycles and bicycles and secure helmets to the motorcycle or carry them with you.
- ✓ If you see someone on campus acting suspiciously, notify Reception.

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The Esade Library

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

The [Esade library](#) offers its services in Barcelona–Pedralbes and Barcelona–Sant Cugat. It houses an extensive collection of literature on Management Science, Law and other related subjects, including books, journals, yearbooks, student theses and final projects, working papers and other documents.

The Digital Library also provides access to over 40 electronic information resources containing journal articles, international statistical and financial data, market research, company directories, annual reports, legislation and jurisprudence. Most of these information resources can be accessed from any device or computer connected to the Internet.

The Esade library receives all the official publications of the European Union (in the Esade European Documentation Center), the OECD (in electronic format since 1998), the ILO and the World Bank (in electronic format).

Information sessions are held at the beginning of each term to inform new students of the possibilities the library has to offer.



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EUROPEAN DOCUMENTATION CENTER (CDE)

Building 2, Floor -1 (inside the library)
+34 934 953 807

Created in 1969, and located in the main library, the CDE is one of Spain's official depositories for all documents and publications produced by the EC and is linked to EU databases. The CDE is open to the public and free of charge.

Services:

- Internet access to computerized catalogues
- Reference service and user assistance
- Bibliographic references
- Information on scholarships, grants and competitive examinations for positions with EU agencies.
- Press clippings of EU affairs
- Photocopying

ESADE INSIGHTS & KNOWLEDGE HUB

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dobetter@esade.edu

[Do Better | Esade Insights & Knowledge hub](#)

Esade Insights & Knowledge Hub provides all Esade faculty and research community access to studies across a wide range of topics, formats and centres of excellence, all in accordance with the highest scientific & academics standards.

TOPICS: Management and Law topics, ranging from Entrepreneurship, Corporate Social Responsibility, Innovation, Strategy, Economics & Finance, to Law.

PUBLICATIONS: One click access to the latest Esade research articles, books, conference papers, monographs, working papers, PhD theses, etc.

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Bank Holidays 2026–2027

2026

- **September 11**, Friday, *Diada Nacional de Catalunya* (C)
- **September 24**, Thursday, *La Mercè* (B)
- **October 12**, Monday, *Día Nacional de España* (S)
- **November 1**, Sunday, *Todos los Santos* (S)
- **December 6**, Sunday, *Día de la Constitución Española* (S)
- **December 8**, Tuesday, the Immaculate Conception (S)
- **December 25**, Friday, Christmas (S)
- **December 26**, Saturday, St Stephen's (C)

2027

- **January 1**, Friday, New Year's Day (S)
- **January 6**, Wednesday, Epiphany/Three Kings (S)
- **March 26**, Good Friday (S)
- **March 28**, Easter Sunday (S)
- **March 29**, Easter Monday (C)
- **May 1**, Saturday, International Workers Day (S)
- **May 17**, Whit Monday (B)
- **June 24**, Thursday, St John's (C)
- **August 15**, Sunday, the Assumption (S)

C – Catalan holiday; B – Barcelona holiday; S – Spanish holiday



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Esade Student Associations

The Esade student community is lively, active and plural. Students in our programs can participate in various activities through student associations. You can find detailed information about undergraduate, master and MBA Student Associations and their contact details [here](#).



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Esade Alumni

[Esade Alumni](#) (EA) with a network of over 83,000 members worldwide, encourages students to join one of the more than 73 [International Chapters](#), which give international students access to most of what EA has to offer, like networking in a local, national and international context, forums, lectures and training programs. It helps you connect with Esade alumni abroad as a student and keep in contact with Esade once you graduate. More than 25% are living outside of Spain representing 115 nationalities from 100 countries offer unparalleled diversity.



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Sports Facilities

Barcelona

There are no sports facilities on the Esade-Pedralbes campus, but there are several health clubs and gyms in the area and throughout Barcelona.

Claror Can Caralleu

This sports centre in Barcelona offers Esade students and staff sports facilities at reduced rates.

It is close to the “Residencia Universitària Sarrià” and **15-minute walk** from Esade Barcelona-Pedralbes.

Carrer dels Esports, 2-8
08017, Barcelona
+34 932 037 874
noucanaralleu@teleline.es
(only in Catalan or Spanish)

Diagonal Sports & Fitness Club

This gym is one of the closest gyms to Esade Pedralbes, only **10-minute walk**. They offer different activities around two campuses *nord* and *sud*.

UPC Sports Center

Another possibility for taking part in sports activities is at the *Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya* gym, located just a few blocks down from Esade Barcelona-Pedralbes and open to all university students in Barcelona. The fees for the gym depend on the activities you sign up for.

Carrer de Jordi Girona, 1-3,
Building PE, Campus
Diagonal Nord, 08034
Barcelona
+34 934 016 887
info.esports@upc.edu

DiR

DiR is a chain of health clubs with several centres that offer a wide variety of activities. It has a total of 24 centres in Barcelona.

Anytime Fitness

It is a 24/7 gym with nearly 5.000 gyms across the globe. There are a total of 6 gyms in Barcelona. The closest one to Esade is **10 minutes** by public transport or **20-minute walk**, check [here](#).

Basic Fit

Basic Fit is one of the 24/7 lowcost gym chain scattered throughout the city with a total of 7 gyms in Barcelona. The closest gym to Esade is only **20 minutes** by public transport, check [here](#).

Sant Cugat

Corner 4

The Esade-Sant Cugat Campus has Corner 4, a gym facility to help students and staff keep in shape.

It offers several classes at a discounted price for Esade students.

Eurofitness

Ptge. del Baró de Coubertin, 1
08172 Sant Cugat del Vallès
+34 935 830 345
atencioclients.santcugat@eurofitness.com

Orangetheory Fitness

Avinguda Lluís Companys, 13
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Befit

Pg. de Francesc Macià, 28,
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santcugat@be24fit.eu



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Useful Apps

The logo for the myesade app, featuring the word "myesade" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The "my" is in a light blue color, and "esade" is in a dark blue color. The logo is centered within a white rounded square that has a subtle drop shadow.

Myesade is an app designed especially for Esade students needing access to essential information on the go:

- ✓ Registered courses – Access the Moodle page for your courses from your mobile phone.
- ✓ Scheduled classes – Have your daily timetable at hand and get notifications about rescheduled classes.
- ✓ Final grades – See your grades as soon as they're published!
- ✓ TUI card balance – You'll always know when you need to top up

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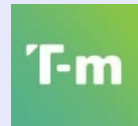
Useful Apps



My 112 allows you to communicate with the 112 Emergency Center in Spain by sending your current geolocation. In addition, the app receives emergency alerts about incidents near your location and updated information about those incidents in real-time. Available at [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#).



TMB App is another useful app with information about public transport with information about bus and subway routes, departure times, stops, delays, etc. Available at [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#).



T-Mobilitat is the new digital ticketing system for public transport in the Barcelona area, offering contactless travel and improvements in terms of use, service, and information. You can also recharge your ticket by scanning your plastic card. Available at [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#).



moovit is a useful public transport information app which helps you plan trips and receive alerts about changes in service. It also offers real time service of buses and metro. Available at [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#).



Smou is an app to find and compare all mobility options near you. Explore motosharing (Cooltra, Yego and Acciona), carsharing (Getaround, Som Mobilitat, Virtuo), bikesharing (Bicing, AMBici, Cooltra, Bolt, Donkey Republic, RideMovi, Bird, Lime, Voi), public transport, parking meters, taxis, bike lanes, traffic-calmed areas and car parks with real-time availability, all in one map. Available at [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#).

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