The University of Barcelona
More than 5 centuries of history

The UB is the oldest university in Catalonia and the institution from which the Catalan university system has grown

- **1450**: King Alphonse the Magnanimous granted a charter for the establishment of the *Estudi General* of Barcelona.
- **1717**: The University was transferred to Cervera, not to return to its permanent home until 1842.
- **1863**: The University left the confines of the medieval city with the beginning of construction work on the Historic Building by the architect Elies Rogent.
- **1933**: The Statute of Autonomy of the University of Barcelona was passed, under the stewardship of the rector Pere Bosch i Gimpera.
- **1977**: The University ratified its status as a democratic and independent institution.
- **2003**: The current UB Statute was approved.
The balance between tradition and modernity, past and future, forms the character of the UB

It can be said that

• for several centuries the UB has been always able to remain at the forefront of research and higher education at international level,
• internationally respected,
• held in esteem by the society it serves,
• proactive in its support for economic and social development in Catalonia,
• public, modern, independent and committed to the life of the country.
Higher education and university research are global activities that face growing international competition.

Within a demanding global context, the UB must:

- educate current and future global citizens
- provide UB students with an international perspective on the major problems facing humanity
- contribute solutions to the world’s major scientific and social problems
- contribute to the prosperity of Catalonia
International Policy (cont.)

What is required: stepping out of “comfort zones”, accept new challenges, difference, complexity.

Strategic cornerstones:

- **partnerships** with prestigious universities around the world
- multidisciplinary research, socially **relevant** topics
- educational and research content in line with international **demand**
- contribution to the financial **stability** of the UB
- **flexible**, lightweight organizational structure to operate internationally
UB Positioning

✓ higher education ➔ UB has global activity in a global market
✓ universities ➔ UB “among premium brands”
✓ research ➔ UB in a select group
✓ teaching ➔ good general image, with room for improvement in the international scene

✓ research partners: developed countries (EU and US)
✓ teaching partners: demanders of higher education: high-growth emerging countries
Make it simple: UB three areas

1. expanding the reach and breadth of international activity
2. providing UB students with international experience and perspectives and attracting international students and teachers
3. incorporating an international perspective in the UB’s day-to-day operations: simple, lightweight management structures
Cultural, historical and architectural heritage for the whole of society
The UB in Barcelona

A University firmly rooted in the urban fabric
The UB in Barcelona

Distribution of the University community across UB campuses and buildings

- Sant Joan de Déu University School of Nursing
- Barcelona Knowledge Campus (BKC)
- North Diagonal Campus
- South Diagonal Campus
- Diagonal Campus Portal del Conexement
- Pedro Pons Estate
- UB-Sants Building
- Bellvitge Health Sciences Campus
- Health Universitat de Barcelona Campus (HUBC)
- Mundet Campus
- Torrribra Campus
- L’Hospitalet de Llobregat
- Santander Campus
- Medicina Campus-Clinic August Pi i Sunyer
- Humanities Campus
- Universitat de Barcelona Campus

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<td>Total number of students</td>
<td>74,630</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s degree students (EHEA and non-EHEA)</td>
<td>46,449</td>
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<td>University master's degree students</td>
<td>4,878</td>
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<td>Doctoral students (trainee researchers)</td>
<td>5,139</td>
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<td>7,199</td>
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<td>Teaching and research staff</td>
<td>5,312</td>
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<td>3,886.9</td>
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<td>Administrative and service staff</td>
<td>2,412</td>
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<td>Budget 2012 (thousands of euros)</td>
<td>362,708</td>
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<td>Income from research and technology transfer (thousands of euros)</td>
<td>58,213</td>
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<td>Scientific publications (collated by the ISI)</td>
<td>4,606</td>
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<td>Constructed area (sq m)</td>
<td>609,016</td>
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* 2011-12
Centres and structures

- 18 faculties
- 1 university school
- 5 affiliated centres
- 17 libraries
- 106 departments

- 25 UB research institutes and centres
- 8 research institutes in which the UB participates
- 2 inter-university institutes
- 3 documentation centres
- 10 observatories (and 2 more in which the UB participates)
A broad selection of course offerings

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<td>Postgraduate courses</td>
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Experimental Sciences and Engineering
Health Sciences
Arts and Humanities
Social and Legal Sciences
Education Sciences
Health Sciences
Experimental Sciences and Engineering
International mobility
2012-13

1,322 UB students abroad
1,929 Visiting students at the UB
44 UB teaching and research staff abroad
8 Visiting teaching and research staff at the UB
24 UB admin. and service staff abroad
33 Visiting admin. and service staff at the UB

Erasmus programmes*:
- UB students abroad 1,180
- Visiting students at the UB 1,272
- UB teaching and research staff abroad 43
- Visiting teaching and research staff at the UB 7
- UB admin. and service staff abroad 24
- Visiting admin. and service staff at the UB 33

The UB also participate in mobility flows with the USA, Canada, Latin America and countries in other regions

* Includes all types of Erasmus mobility programmes.
The University of Barcelona is home to students from 126 nations

Visiting students in exchange programmes by geographical area

- United States and Canada: 309
- Europe (UE): 1218
- Europe (non-EU): 82
- The Magreb, Arab countries, the Mediterranean and Subsaharian Africa: 6
- Latin America and Caribbean countries: 290
- Asia and Oceania: 24

International students at the UB

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<th>Year</th>
<th>2008-09</th>
<th>2009-10</th>
<th>2010-11</th>
<th>2011-12</th>
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<td>Students</td>
<td>6,145</td>
<td>7,034</td>
<td>7,373</td>
<td>7,833</td>
<td>9,163</td>
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The UB is the leading national producer of scientific output and the highest-ranking research institution in Spain and Latin America.

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<td>Consolidated research groups (government recognition)</td>
<td>243</td>
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<td>Active research projects</td>
<td>677</td>
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<td>Patent applications</td>
<td>52</td>
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<td>Scientific publications**</td>
<td>4,606</td>
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<td>TRS in R&amp;D projects (%)</td>
<td>70,9</td>
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<td>Contracted research doctors</td>
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<td>Research grantholders</td>
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<td>Research-support administrative and service staff</td>
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* As recognized by the Government of Catalonia.

** Collected by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI).
Doctoral theses read by knowledge area
2011-2012

- Experimental sciences and engineering: 38%
- Arts and humanities: 17%
- Education sciences: 6%
- Health sciences: 32%
- Social and legal sciences: 7%

Total UB: 566