FACT SHEET
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RAMON LLULL UNIVERSITY
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EXCHANGE STUDENTS NOMINATIONS

All universities must NOMINATE their students before:

15th May for first semester **(Fall)** students

15th October for the second semester **(Spring)** students

HOW TO NOMINATE?
University coordinators have to email **martaes@blanquerna.url.edu** or **exchangefcri@blanquena.url.edu** with the following information of the nominated students: name, surname, email, nationality, degree, and semester (Fall-1st or Spring- 2nd or all year)

EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPLICATIONS (Deadlines)

15th June for first semester **(Fall)** students
15th November for second semester **(Spring)** students

ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY! Instructions are sent to the students once they have been properly nominated by their home institutions.

Applications are only accepted within the Deadline

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

After being nominated by their home university, exchange students will receive an email with instructions about the ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

They will have to prepare a:

1. A copy of a valid student's passport
2. A current student's academic transcript
3. A copy of an Insurance coverage (see health insurance)
4. An English certificate. See Language requirements below
5. A Spanish certificate. Recommended, see Language requirements below

Once the online application procedure has been correctly completed, we will send a letter of acceptance to the student by email.

Students who need a visa must complete their application as soon as possible in order to receive their acceptance letter and complete the visa application process without delay: the process can take time and it is mandatory to arrive at the School with a valid visa for Welcome Day.

Learning agreements will only be accepted between 15-30 June for first semester and all year students and between 15 to 30 November for second semester students. The list of courses available and schedules will be sent to students once they have completed the application.

LANGUAGE OF TEACHING

Courses in our Communication degrees:

Most of them are taught in **Catalan or Spanish.** The minimum level **RECOMMENDED** in order to take subjects in Spanish or Catalan is **B1** within the Common European Framework. Some courses are taught in English, see language requirements below*.

To take English (as a language course), students must take an English placement exam upon arrival in order to know their level and which course is best for them. English placement exams will take place ONLY on Welcome day. No second calls.

Courses in our International Relations or Global Communication Management degrees:

All of them are taught in **English**. The minimum English level **REQUIRED** in order to take subjects in these degree programs is **B2** within the Common European Framework. English certificate is COMPULSORY* (See language requirements below).

For subjects in our Official Masters: (not for Study Abroad Students)

Most of them are taught in **Catalan or Spanish.** The minimum level **RECOMMENDED** in order to take subjects in Spanish or Catalan is B1 within the Common European Framework. Students must already have a degree to be able to take master courses. Master courses available are only the ones from our Official masters.

FREE CATALAN AND SPANISH COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We offer free **Catalan and Spanish** courses for exchange students. These courses also offer ECTS credits: 2 ECTS for each course and each semester. These courses begin at the same time as regular courses.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students must be able to provide evidence of their **English** level if they want to take any course taught in English by sending, with their applications, a First Certificate document or equivalent (level: **B2 within the Common European Framework**). Here is the list of the certificates accepted:

Cambridge First
IELTS 5-6,5
TOEFL iBT 87-109
Michigan ECCE
PTE General level 3
PTE Academic 59-75
Trinity ISE II

Native English-speakers, students from English-speaking countries or those studying a degree totally in English do not need to submit certification of English level.

They do not need to do so, either, students from universities with an English waiver clause in the agreement with Blanquerna.

We also accept a certificate from your home university coordinator stating that you have the minimum level of English required to pursue courses in that language.

Students do not need to provide evidence of their **Spanish** or **Catalan** level by sending a certificate, but the recommended level of Spanish and/or Catalan is B1, minimum.

Please note that a student who does not have the required language skills may have difficulty participating in classes and may eventually fail the exams or not being accepted in class by the professors and, therefore, not obtain the corresponding credits.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall term classes: from 14th September- 22nd December + exams period

WELCOME DAY, FIRST SEMESTER: 8th September. It is COMPULSORY to join the School on Welcome Day.
Christmas Holidays: 23rd December -6th January

Exams period:
Exams: 7th January-18th January
Retaken exams for 1st semester: from 25th January to 4th February

Spring term classes : 8th February-20th May + exams period

WELCOME DAY, SECOND SEMESTER: 4th February. It is COMPULSORY to join the School on Welcome Day

Easter: 22nd to 29 March
Exams period:
Exams: 25th May-3rd June
Retaken exams for 2nd semester: 14th-23rd June
Subjects from our Official Masters will begin on October 13th

You will find more information on our website:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/14fgvHG53X0uEltRmpK3wUGflgP_mnuLd/view?usp=sharing

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS, GRADING SYSTEM and EXAMS

Transcripts of records will be available **5 weeks after the end of the examination** period of each semester. They will be sent by email to students and to partner Institutions. Hard copies will be sent only to those partners who explicitly request it.

Individual courses are graded on a scale of 10. The minimum passing grade is 5/10. Grades below 5 are fail. All courses (except Seminars) have two sittings. The exact examination dates for each subject will be defined in our website about 1 month before the beginning of the examination period. Exchange students will take their exams in the same conditions as regular students. All exams are on site!

DESCRIPTION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL GRADING SYSTEM :

- **NO PRESENTADO = NP.** The student did not sit the exam.
- **FAIL (FROM 0 TO 4,9)** Considerable further work is required. The student must resit the exam.
- **PASS (FROM 5 TO 6,9)** Satisfactory knowledge of the contents.
- **GOOD (FROM 7 TO 8,9)** Students who demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the course contents.
- **EXCELLENT (FROM 9 TO 10)** Outstanding performance.
- **HONORS (+ 9)** Exceptional performance.
- **APTO (PASS)** Satisfactory performance in extracurricular activities.

1 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) is equivalent to 10 hours of class attendance and 15 hours dedicated to coursework by the student outside the class time, so, 1 ECTS is equivalent to 25 hours.

INFORMATION REGARDING COURSES / SYLLABUS for EXCHANGE STUDENTS

PROVISIONAL List of courses available for FALL semester.
PROVISIONAL List of courses available for SPRING semester.

Some courses have limited spots. Spots will be assigned on a first come-first served basis. Selection of courses will be made AFTER the application period.

Master courses: students can only choose courses from our Official Masters, and ONLY if they already have a degree. IMPORTANT: the number of ECTS from master courses can only be the 30% of the student's learning agreement.

ACCOMMODATION

At Blanquerna-URL, we do not have our own accommodation, but we help our students and future students find shared or individual apartments, university residences, and hostels in Barcelona or Sant Cugat.

Through a collaboration agreement with All Roomies, a platform specializing in accommodation for students and young professionals, the Blanquerna community has priority access to apartments and rooms.

Ramon Llull University also has agreements with various platforms and accommodation agencies that offer specific services for students. You can check them out on their website.

We highly recommend exchange students to look for accommodation in advance, as finding accommodation in Barcelona might be difficult sometimes.

HEALTH INSURANCE

EU Students: The **European Card is mandatory**

All non-EU exchange students must have coverage as follows:

https://www.url.edu/en/international/insurance

We strongly recommend hiring the insurance with a Spanish company.
All costs related to obtaining any medical coverage shall be a responsibility of students

It is mandatory for all students to take out complementary private medical insurance to cover accidents, civil liability, repatriation or certain medical interventions.

VISA

Students from EU -member countries, from a European Higher Education Area (EHEA) country of from Switzerland who want to live in Spain for a period of over three months are required to register in the Central Registry of Foreign Nationals:

https://www.url.edu/en/international/international-students-procedure/non-eu-community-students

Students from Non-Schengen countries: as soon as they receive the letter of acceptance from Blanquerna School, they should go to the Spanish Diplomatic Offices (consulate or embassy) and apply for a **Study Visa**. You can find your consulate on the website of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

http://www.exteriores.gob.es/portal/es/serviciosalciudadano/paginas/embajadasconsulados.aspx

Consult through the following tabs the steps you must take if you are a non EU Community Student and you want to access the Ramon Llull University.

https://www.url.edu/en/international/international-students-procedure/non-eu-commu-

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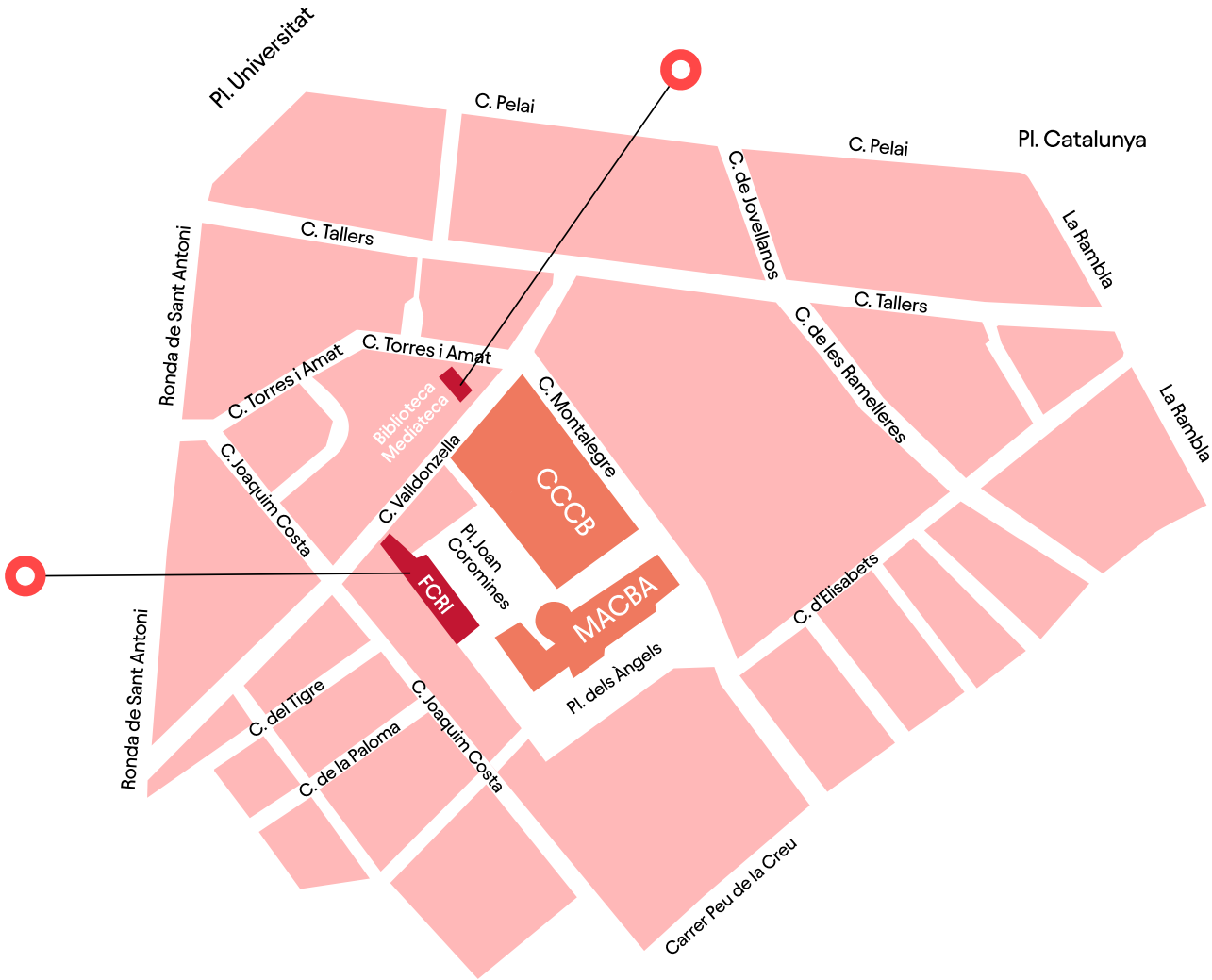
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