



UNIVERSITAT DE
BARCELONA

Report on the academic year 2017-2018

University of Barcelona

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This latest edition of the Report on the academic year presents our institution's main activities over the course of the academic year 2017-2018 and its most noteworthy initiatives, figures and results.

The Report will take you through the most relevant information on the areas of teaching, research, knowledge transfer, the core activities of student life, and details of our projection in society and throughout the world.

The University of Barcelona remains in the upper part of the most renowned global rankings thanks to its scientific rigour, its quality teaching and its well-merited prestige, forged across more than 500 years of history.

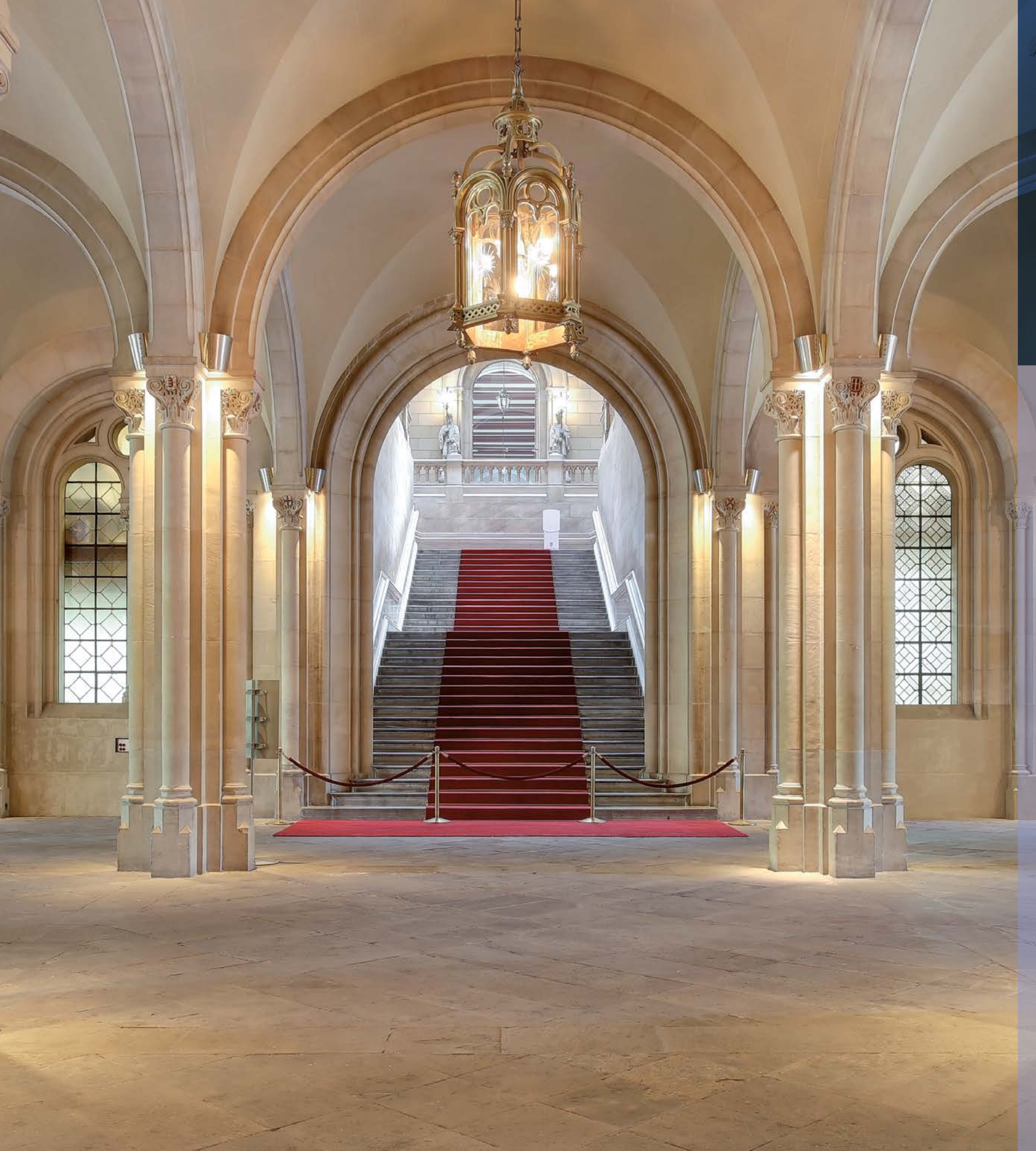
The Report reflects our university's commitment to continuous improvement, excellence, transparency, equality and social responsibility, the core values that enable us to address the challenges posed by society.

I invite you, then, to read this Report and to explore the results achieved through the hard work and rigour of each member of our university community.

Joan Elias
Rector



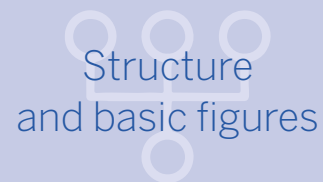
UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA



THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA TODAY



UB identity



Structure
and basic figures



Geographical distribution:
campuses and centres

UB identity



Public

The University of Barcelona is the foremost public university in Catalonia. Its results are conveyed to the general public through teaching, research and knowledge transfer, contributing to social and scientific progress.

Historic and urban

Founded in 1450, the UB is woven into the urban fabric of Barcelona. Its six campuses spread across the city are poles for activity in the surrounding areas. The Historic Building, designed by the architect Elias Rogent, was given historical and artistic heritage status in 1970.

Universally renowned

The University of Barcelona is renowned throughout Spain and across the world as a leader in education, research and thought, as reflected by its position in the foremost international rankings. Its dynamic, critical, constructive and human spirit is placed at the service of society, where it strives to defend values of freedom, democracy, justice, equality and solidarity.

Anchored by good governance and transparency

The UB implements a comprehensive, efficient management model for the allocation of resources which bolsters its accountability and underpins its institutional and social leadership.

Generalist and multidisciplinary

The University offers a broad selection of bachelor's and master's degrees covering the many disciplines that make up the principal branches of knowledge: arts and humanities, social sciences, health sciences, experimental sciences and engineering. Traditional and modern disciplines are combined in the UB's daily activities.

Socially engaged

The University of Barcelona has adopted the seventeen UN Sustainable Development Goals and works towards materializing this broad-reaching effort to eradicate poverty, protect the planet and achieve worldwide respect for human rights.

Committed to quality teaching

The UB's community of 5,000 lecturers pursue the shared goals of improvement and innovation. Each year, the demand for places exceeds availability by 30%, and student performance rates are currently 84% for bachelor's degrees and 95% for master's degrees.

Research-intensive

The UB is the only Spanish university in the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and its researchers are cited in the most prestigious publications. Through the Barcelona Science Park and the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation, the research generated at the UB and its affiliated centres is carried out in close collaboration with the most innovative sectors of the science, business and technology communities.

International

The University of Barcelona promotes international activity among students and staff alike, offering mobility options to all members of the university community, building strategic alliances with international institutions and participating in leading international and multidisciplinary consortia. It is the highest-ranking Spanish public university in the international arena.

Entrepreneurial and innovative

The University of Barcelona actively promotes entrepreneurship, advising on and supporting business creation and providing financial and training resources for entrepreneurs. The UB's innovative activities and projects in this area create value for society.

Structure and basic figures



STRUCTURE

16 faculties
9 affiliated centres
60 departments
34 UB research structures
18 research structures with UB participation
662,774 sq m of constructed area



COURSE OFFERINGS

73 bachelor's degrees
10 dual study pathways
153 university master's degrees
48 doctoral programmes
918 postgraduate courses
597 lifelong learning courses



STUDENTS

42,377 bachelor's degree students
5,662 university master's degree students
10,583 postgraduate students
7,035 bachelor's degree graduates
3,273 university master's degree graduates
13,992 external placements completed



RESEARCH

€88,325,905 research funding secured
878 active research projects
34 projects awarded by the European Research Council
611 trainee pre-doctoral researchers
191 junior, senior and post-doctoral researchers
617 research technicians and assistants



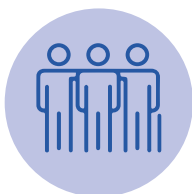
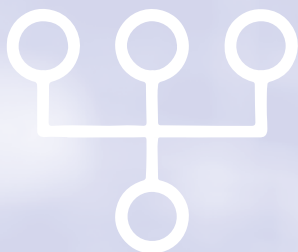
TRANSFER ACTIVITIES

729 Bosch i Gimpera Foundation contracts
75 patent applications
1 new technology-based company
330 Bosch i Gimpera Foundation researchers
130 Bosch i Gimpera Foundation research technicians and assistants



INTERNATIONALIZATION

1,287 UB students abroad as part of mobility programmes
1,895 international students at the UB as part of mobility programmes
3,478 agreements with foreign universities and other institutions
40 active Erasmus+ programmes



PEOPLE

5,696 teaching and research staff
3,905 full-time-equivalent teaching and research staff
2,288 administrative and service staff
768 grant holders in UB services and faculties



BUDGET

€370,669,900 total budget
64% total income from public transfers
36% total income from self-finance
94% current costs



SERVICES

16 libraries
1,696,322 monograph collections
4,353 UB Sports users
6,318 UB Alumni members
2,745 job offers registered in the Job Bank



DOCTORAL STUDIES

4,715 trainee researchers
461 doctoral theses read
12 industrial doctorate programmes
21 joint supervision agreements signed



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1,911 volunteering participants
40% reduction in water consumption (2013–2017)
14 graduates of the UB's transition course for young learners from refugee families and conflict areas
6 international cooperation projects
13 University of Experience programmes



CULTURE

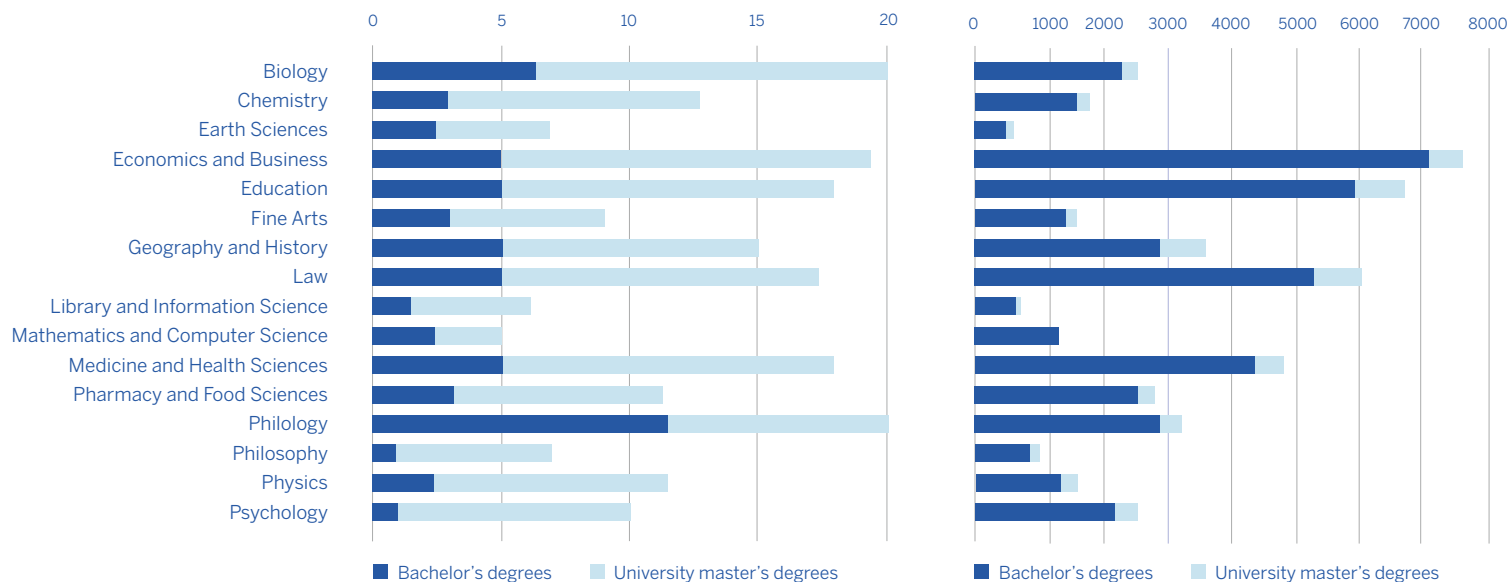
4,448 visitors attending guided tours of the Historic Building
18 Concerts in the Season of Music at the UB
18 Temporary exhibitions in the Virtual Museum
8th Season of Contemporary Dance



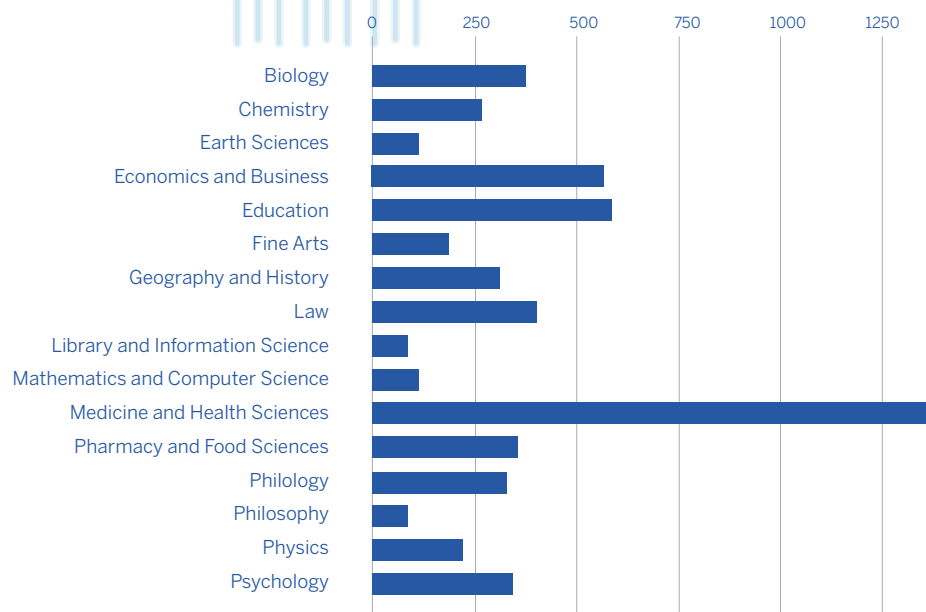
Course offering



Students



Teaching and research staff



FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL NETWORKS



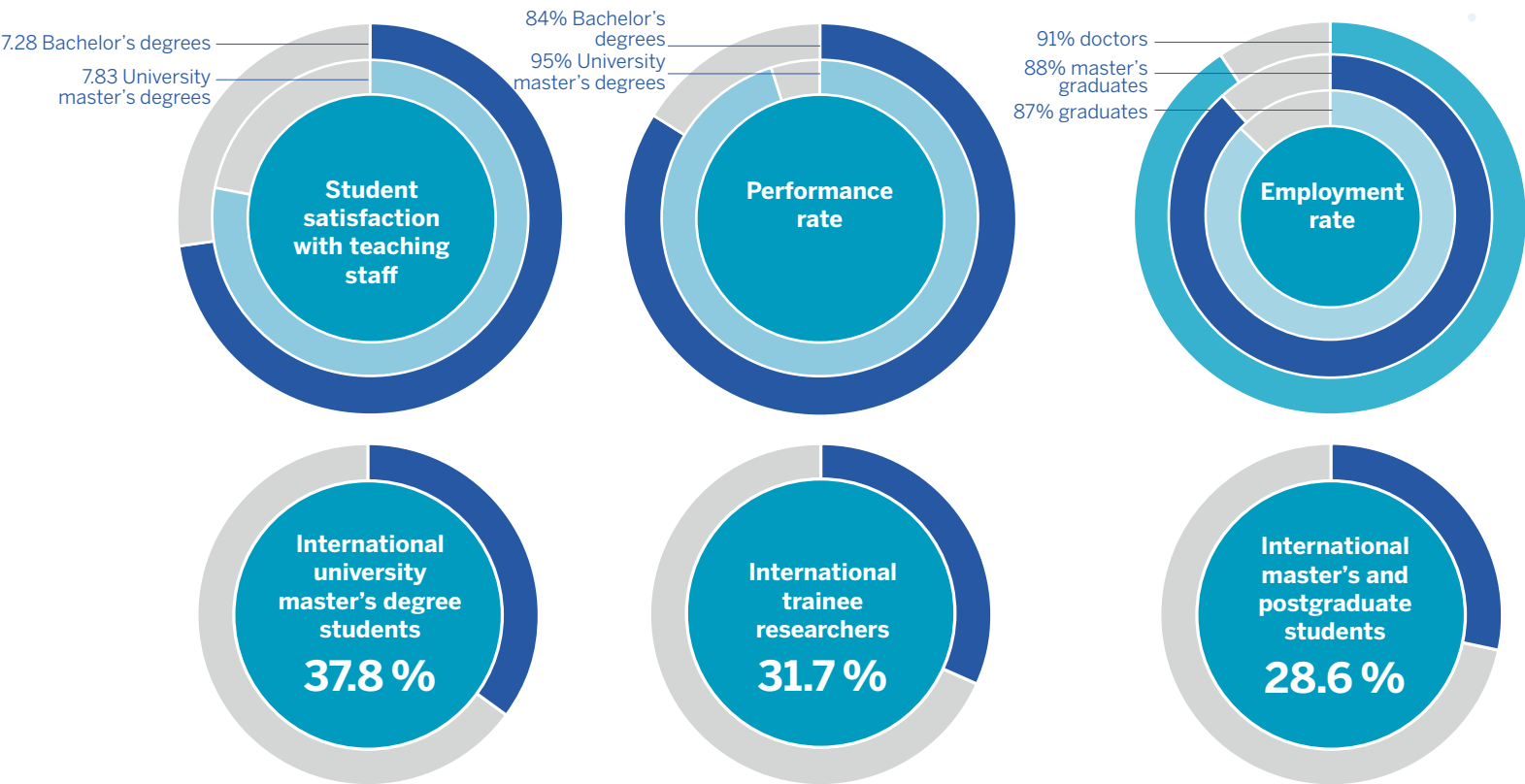
48,000
on Twitter



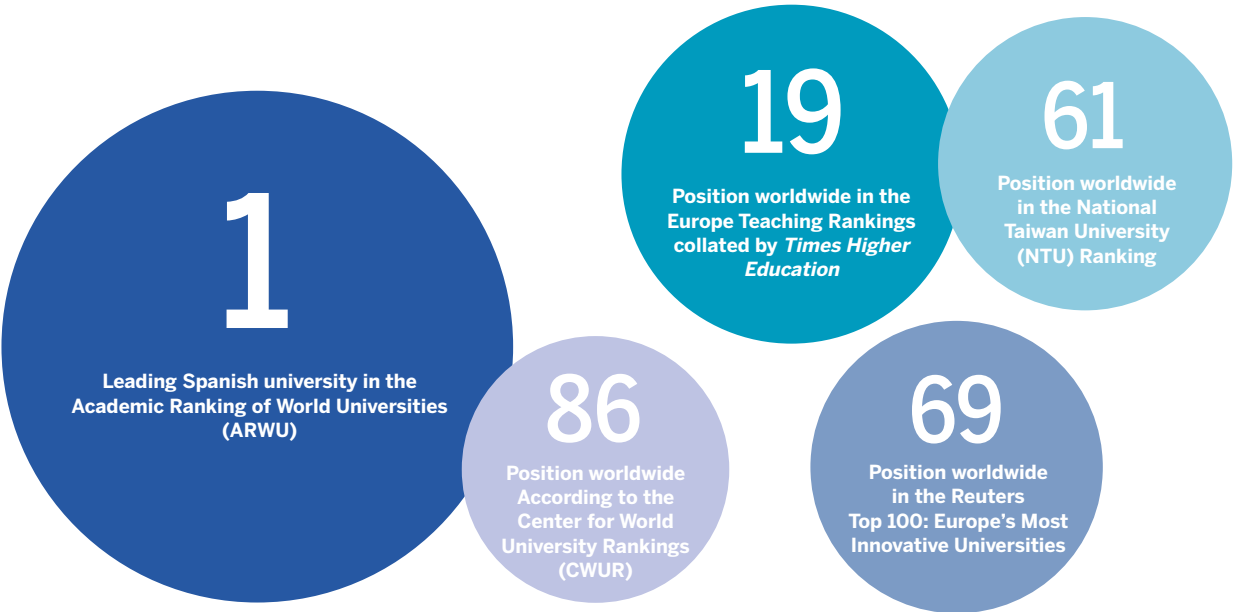
183,000
on Facebook



18,600
on Instagram



Position in major international rankings



Geographical distribution: campuses and centres





The rector of the UB, Joan Elias, attended the inauguration of the new Faculty of Law building, a construction of 16,024 square metres that cost €40 million and meets the Faculty's long-standing demand for additional space.

ABC, 16 February 2018



Expansión, 23 February 2018

A UNIVERSITY ENGAGED WITH SOCIETY

Transparency, ethics, sustainability
and good governance

Institutional and cultural activities

Culture and society

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Transparency, ethics, sustainability and good governance



Constitution of the Ethics Committee of the University of Barcelona.

On 4 May 2018, the University of Barcelona approved new regulations on transparency, access to public information and good governance. Together with the UB's new code of conduct and best practices, the new regulations have served to drive forward a new model of university governance that promotes comprehensive and efficient management in the allocation of resources, bolsters accountability and enables the UB to take on the role of institutional and social leader.

More specifically, the UB has adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations in order to build a better future. At present, the UB is preparing a sustainable development plan

that includes some of the goals on which the institution will focus its efforts: gender equality, good health and well-being, quality education, innovation, sustainable cities, reduced inequality, peace and justice, strong institutions, and partnerships to achieve goals.

The UB's **Ethics Committee** has prepared the abovementioned code of conduct and best practices, which received the approval of the Governing Council on 9 October 2018. The aim of the code is to provide guidance and support on the rights and duties of members of the university community in the exercise of their freedoms and responsibilities.

Under the new code, "best practices" are understood to be a set of rules, recommendations and commitments that members of the UB's groups agree to take into account in order to promote excellence in the different areas of the University and to prevent issues with integrity in the individual pursuit of their activities. The code covers the areas of research, teaching, learning, publications, communication and management, to name only a few.

Academic freedom, professional responsibility, scientific and academic integrity, honesty, equal rights, respect, privacy and confidentiality, sustainability and relationships built on solidarity, and the identification of potential risk behaviour are all essential elements in the UB's code of conduct, which the Ethics Committee is responsible for interpreting. Along the same lines, the UB has issued a declara-

A COMMITMENT
TO THE COMMUNITY

1,450

students involved in service-learning projects



tion on ethics and university teaching, which was published by the Bioethics and Law Observatory.

The University of Barcelona pursues its commitment to society in a range of areas. In the area of **social responsibility**, the UB took part in the University Meets Social Responsibility project in the period 2015-2017 and has submitted its eighth Report on Social Responsibility, which lays out the UB's social, economic and environmental impacts using the guidelines provided by the Global Reporting Initiative, following the path of previous editions.



In the area of **gender equality**, the UB created a new committee that is both diverse and representative. The committee has begun work on drafting the UB's Third Plan for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men and on updating the protocol for prevention, detection and action in situations of harassment on the grounds of sex or sexual orientation in order to adapt it better to the identified needs. Similarly, the UB has run an information and awareness campaign to reinforce its commitment to a zero-tolerance policy toward sexual harassment on the grounds of gender or toward any gender-based violence.

The UB's Equality Unit, together with all the equality committees in the UB's faculties, has continued to carry out training projects, including courses and lecture series. Every faculty has hosted an event to celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March and the International Day for the Elimination of



The first class of young students from refugee families and conflict areas graduated yesterday following completion of the preparatory course for access to the Catalan education system.

La Vanguardia, 19 May 2018

Violence against Women on 25 November, and the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences has awarded a prize for the best bachelor's degree final project to feature a clear gender perspective.

In order to foster the exchange of information and the pursuit of joint activities, the UB has also intensified participation in national and international networks, such as the Ibero-American Union of Universities (UIU), the Equality Committee of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and the Women in Science Committee of the Inter-university Council of Catalonia.

The **Ombuds Office** is an independent, autonomous body charged with defending the rights and freedoms of the student body, teaching and research staff, and administrative and service staff. This academic year it has dealt with 157 complaints and 231 queries.

In the area of **mediation**, the UB has continued its efforts to promote, sustain and cultivate a culture of respect and humanization among all personnel in the university community.