

Thinking Globally in Barcelona

Master's in International Security

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Dates:
September 2025 - September 2026

Duration:
12 months, full-time

Credits:
60 ECTS

Language:
English

Applications:
1 July 2025





IBEI

INSTITUT BARCELONA D'ESTUDIS INTERNACIONALS

IBEI was established in 2004 as a postgraduate research and teaching institute. The Institute is an associate member of APSIA, the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs. IBEI is a centre of academic excellence specialising in the field of international studies. It combines outstanding research with high-quality teaching and student-oriented services.

Master's in International Security

The Master's in International Security is a one-year, interdisciplinary programme that aims to educate future professionals in the area of security and peace studies.

It provides students with a comprehensive set of analytical skills and robust training in research methods to help them understand the complex security challenges of the 21st century and the role of state and non-state actors in global and local conflict dynamics.

This advanced full-time programme, taught in English, is tailored for students considering a high-level career in government, international institutions, non-governmental organisations, and the private sector, as well as those interested in pursuing an academic career.



The Master's degree is fully accredited and is jointly awarded by three renowned Barcelona universities: the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, the Universitat de Barcelona, and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona.

The Master's syllabus offers an innovative structure, totalling 60 ECTS credits. It combines a number of core subjects providing students with a solid background in theory and research methods and a wide range of electives reflecting the students' diverse interests. The Master's in International Security programme includes three different types of courses and a final research project:

Core courses (22 ECTS)

Theories of International Security; Issues, Actors and Policy in International Security; Research Methods in International Security; Research Seminar in International Security

Other electives (Up to 20 ECTS in lieu of International Security elective courses)



International Security elective courses covering both traditional and non-traditional security issues: (A minimum of 8 ECTS and a maximum of 28 ECTS)

Final Research Project (10 ECTS)

Live and study in Barcelona

Studying at IBEI gives you the opportunity to experience life in one of the most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities in Southern Europe.

Its Mediterranean climate, with mild winters and warm summers, allows you to make the most of the unique cultural and historical identity found in its architecture, art, language and cuisine. Barcelona's comparatively low cost of living is combined with a stimulating academic environment to offer an exceptional educational experience. The city boasts an internationally renowned academic community consisting of eight universities and a network of research centres and scientific parks that provide a thriving environment for study and research.

ADMISSIONS

Applicants are required to have completed an undergraduate degree (or its international equivalent) in the social sciences from an accredited institution of higher education. All students must be proficient in English. Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis.

All applications must be submitted by
1 July 2025

TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

The tuition fee for the Master's in International Security is €12,540 (60 ECTS)

IBEI offers merit-based scholarships that partially waive tuition fees, as well as a number of grants sponsored by supporting institutions.

6 reasons to choose IBEI



Rigour and relevance

Join an advanced Master's degree taught in English by a faculty of international scholars which combines theory and practice and provides students with both academic rigour and policy relevance.



Deep insights

Take advantage of this Master degree's combination of economics and political science, which provides graduates with deep insights into all relevant aspects of public policy-making.



Rich diversity

Be part of IBEI's diverse student community coming from over 40 countries all over the world.



Extensive experience

Be taught by a group of scholars with extensive experience in national and international policy-making as well as in advanced academic research.



Low staff-student ratio

Receive personalised attention from our highly qualified international faculty thanks to the low staff-student ratio.



Wide-ranging offer

Select from over 50 electives on different geographic areas and substantive topics.

