

# Thinking Globally in Barcelona

# Master's in International Development


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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 Development

The Master's in International Development is a one-year, interdisciplinary degree intended to educate future professionals in the area of development from a global perspective. It aims to provide students with a comprehensive set of analytical skills, robust training in research methods, and a thorough understanding of key issues such as the global governance of development, economic growth and sustainability, conflict over limited resources, newly emerging powers and social movements, and ongoing trends in inequalities in living standards.

This advanced full-time programme, taught in English, is tailored for individuals considering a high level career in government, private sector or non-governmental international organisations, or those wishing to pursue 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 syllabus presents an innovative structure, totalling 60 ECTS credits and offering a combination of core subjects and a wide range of electives catering to the students' individual interests. The Master's in International Development includes three different sets of courses and a final research project:

#### Core courses (22 ECTS)

Growth Models and Development Strategies, Governance, National and Global Institutions, Global Trends and Sustainability, Research Methods in International Development, Research Seminar in International Development.

#### Other electives (Up to 16 ECTS in lieu of International Development elective courses)



#### International Development elective courses (A minimum of 12 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 Development 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.

