

Thinking Globally in **Barcelona**

Master's in International Relations

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Dates:
September 2025 - September 2026

Duration:
12 months, full-time
24 months, part-time

Credits:
60 ECTS

Language:
English track or
English-Spanish bilingual track

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 Relations

The Master's in International Relations programme provides a wide range of courses in international relations, comparative politics and international political economy.

Specific issues addressed include the challenges of governance on an international scale, the management of peace and security, the environment, Mediterranean, European, Latin American and Asia area studies.

Building on the knowledge acquired in the first semester, in the second semester students take a pathway specialty allowing them to tailor their education according to their individual interests within the various subfields of international relations.



The 60 ECTS Master's degree is fully accredited and jointly awarded by three renowned Barcelona universities: the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, the Universitat de Barcelona and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona.

The degree can be studied exclusively in English or also in a bilingual option, which is offered either full-time (1 year) or part-time (2 years). The syllabus combines compulsory courses on the politics and economics of international relations with a wide range of electives that provides a personalized degree reflecting each student's individual interests. Internships are also available, as are semester exchanges to universities in over 20 countries:

Compulsory courses (24 ECTS)

International Relations Theory, Contemporary Issues in International Relations, International Trade and Economy, Comparative Politics and Democratization, and Advanced Social Research.

Elective courses (20 ECTS)

A broad choice of electives offering students the possibility to specialize by subject or by geographical area

Pathway core courses (6 ECTS)

Students are required to select a course according to their chosen pathway.

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, preferably in the social sciences, from an accredited institution of higher education. All students must be proficient in English, and those who choose the bilingual track will also have to submit proof of their proficiency in Spanish.

All applications must be submitted by
1 July 2025

TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

The tuition fee for the Master's in International Relations 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.

