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Information Guide for International Students



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Welcome

Dear student,

Firstly, we enjoy the fact that you want to study at IQS and we hope you will have a lovely stay at our University and in the city of Barcelona.

Going abroad for a long period will possibly be a new experience for you. Without a doubt, you must have a lot of questions about Barcelona and IQS.

In order to help you, IQS has prepared this guide, which we hope could be useful.

However, all this information and more recent updates can also be found on www.iqs.edu.

Please, once you arrive at IQS for the first time, go to the International Relations Office. It is situated next to the library on the 3rd floor. You can find us from 8am to 7pm from Monday to Thursday and Friday from 8am to 5.30pm.

IQS wishes you a nice stay!

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Barcelona



→ About Barcelona

Origins of Barcelona come from I B.C. when Romans settled on a small colony around the mountain Taber. Since IV B.C. to XII A.C., Barcelona was consolidating as an urban nucleus. Furthermore, Barcelona began its process of expansion getting stronger politically, religiously and commercially.

During the XXth century, Barcelona became the capital of cultural avanguards and also the capital of new technological and scientific techniques. Moreover, in 1992, Barcelona received the Olympic Games and the city could show around the world that it was a modern and advanced city with a solidary, hospitable and welcoming spirit.

Nowadays, Barcelona has become a multicultural and cosmopolitan city, which one is eager to receive new people, whose ideas reflects even more on the city.

→ Cost of living

The cost of living in Barcelona is similar to other European cities. If you compare Barcelona to other cities such as Paris, London or any northern European city, Barcelona is cheaper than those cities. However, it is more expensive than Lisbon or Athens. The cost of living in Barcelona is similar to Rome.

Monthly expenditure ranges from 650 € to 1300 €, mostly depending on which type of accommodation you are looking for. For the first few days, you will need pocket money mainly to cover accommodation costs (including deposits), transport tickets, etc.



→ How to get to Barcelona

Barcelona Aeroport (El Prat)
16 km / 30 min approximately

• AEROBÚS

- Daily service between Plaça de Catalunya and the airport.
- **Frequency:** every 10 minutes.
- **Approximate journey time:** 30 minutes.
- **Times:** Departures from Pl. de Catalunya, from 5.30 am to 12.30 am.
Departures from the airport, from 6 am to 1 am.
- **For further information about the Barcelona Aerobús:** Tel. +34 934 156 020.

• Train (RENFE)

- Daily connections with the airport from the Renfe (Spanish Rail) stations at Sants, Passeig de Gràcia and the Estació de França.
- **Frequency:** every 30 minutes.
- **Approximate Journey time:** 20 minutes (from Sants), 25 minutes (from Passeig de Gràcia) and 33 minutes (from Estació de França)
- **Times:** Departures from Estació de França, from 5.00 am to 10.51 pm.
Departures from Passeig de Gràcia, from 5.08 am to 11.07 pm.
Departures from Sants, from 5.13 am to 11.14 pm.
Departures from the airport, from 5.42 am to 11.38 pm.
- **For further information about the train to Barcelona Airport:** www.renfe.com.

• BUS (TMB)

- The 46 bus runs from Pl. d'Espanya to the airport.
- **Frequency:** every 25-35 minutes.
- **Times:** Departures from Pl. d'Espanya, from 5 am to 12.15 am.
Departures from the airport, from 4.54 am to 1.10 am.
- **For further information:** www.tmb.cat.

• Night bus (NITBUS)

- The N17 night bus operates from Pl. Catalunya to the airport, stopping at Pl. d'Espanya.
- **Frequency:** every 20 minutes.
- **Times:** Departures from Pl. Catalunya, from 11 pm to 5 am.
Departures from Pl. d'Espanya, from 11.10 pm to 5.10 am.
Departures from the airport, from 9.50 pm to 5.01 am.
- **Further information about the night bus service to Barcelona Airport:** www.emt-amb.com.

Girona Airport (Costa Brava)
95 km / 1h 10 min approximately

• COACH

- Direct transport by Coach: "Barcelona Bus".
- **Departure point:** Barcelona Nord Bus Station - Address: C/ Ali-Bei, 80.
- **For further information:** Tel. +34 932 320 459 | www.barcelonabus.com.

Reus Airport (Costa Daurada)
96 km / 1h 20 min approximately

• COACH

- Direct transport by Coach: "Hispano Igualadina".
- **Departure point:** Sants Station – Address: C/ Viriat, s/n.
- **For further information:** Tel. +34 933 396 364 | www.igualadina.com.

Studying at IQS

→ Why IQS?

IQS is a century-old university center, founded by the Jesuits, with great tradition and prestige in the industrial and business world. It is also a founding member of the Universitat Ramon Llull and enrolls 1400 students.

IQS is engaged in the personal, academic and professional education of people, both ethically and comprehensively, on the basis of social commitment.

Owing to its scientific tradition, IQS provides a practical and rigorous education.

IQS has a strong relationship and association with science and business/industry. It provides great flexibility, dynamism and constant evolution through innovation and adaptation to academic, business and social reality.

Being an IQS student means much more than following a syllabus, because the driving force of IQS is Excellence. This is inseparable from the effort, discipline and scientific rigor that will enable you to grow as a Person.



→ Undergraduate Programs

IQS is composed of two Schools:

IQS School of Engineering

IQS School of Management

In the IQS School of Engineering you can study: Degree in Industrial Engineering, Degree in Chemical Engineering (which has the label of ABET: Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) and Degree in Chemistry. In the IQS School of Management you can study a Degree in Business Administration and Management.

The IQS School of Management has the accreditation of AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) as the Degree in Business Administration and Management. The aim of this Degree is to develop the knowledge and abilities needed by the students to become competitive and honest solicitors, businessmen or managing directors.

All these programs are designed for a complete and interdisciplinary education in which sciences, experimental work and research are highlighted.



→ Postgraduates

Nowadays IQS offers these MASTERS:

Bioengineering (and PhD), teach in English,
Global Entrepreneurship and Management, teach in English,
Investigation in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering (and PhD),
Research in Economics and Business (and PhD),
Management in Industrial Companies,
and Prevention of Occupational Risks.

→ Study Abroad

IQS organizes Short Programs after several years of experience receiving different groups of students from foreign universities displaced to Barcelona to attend customized courses.

These programs are held in Christmas, Holly week and Summer. Normally, these short programs (1 or 2 weeks) are taught in English and they allow students:

- to learn and improve their Spanish
- to study about International Business and Industrial Technology
- to combine university study with intercultural and tourist opportunities
- to expand their curriculum

Example of courses:

- Spain and the EU: History, Present and Main Challenges
- Sustainable Industrial Development
- Cross Cultural Management
- Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Spanish language

→ How to get to IQS?

You can arrive at IQS using the subway of Barcelona. You only have to take it at the nearest station to your accommodation and connect with one of these Ferrocarril lines: S1, S2, S5, S55, and L6. Afterward, you will have to stop at Sarrià.

At the end of this guide you will find a map of Barcelona's subway.

It is not necessary to buy different tickets if you use different lines. There are single tickets and also cards with 10 and 50 travel tickets. Those are cheaper but you have to calculate which one is more useful depending on the number of tickets you need. Tickets can all be used indistinctly for all metropolitan transport.

You can also arrive to IQS with the bus numbers: 22, 30, 60, 64, 66, and 75.

To find the easiest way for you to arrive at IQS, you may also check the web page of the Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona (Metropolitan Transports of Barcelona).
<http://www.tmb.cat/en/home>



Facilities at IQS

→ *Mentor & Social Activities*

The International Relations Office assigns a mentor for all foreign students. The mentor is an IQS' student who offers his/her support to the newcomer. All foreign students can ask their mentor all doubts and questions they have before coming and once they are in Barcelona. Usually, Mentors receive new students at the airport and go with the international students to their new accommodations.

Mentors are the guiders for new students. They will help their foreign mates with their own knowledges about IQS, public transport in Barcelona, nice places to visit, etc.

The International Relations Office offers a "Welcome dinner" and a "Closing dinner" for all foreign students. The first one is useful for meeting all foreign students and the last one for saying good bye to everybody.

During the course, there are also different activities offered for the Foreign Students.

→ *Library*

IQS has the Centre of Documentation Ernest Solvay. This is the library and centre of documentation of IQS.

The main issue of our library is to give the necessary services to contribute to the development of students, researchers and professors. This library was built in 1970. It was renewed in 1995 (first phase) and in 1996 (second phase). It has 775 m² and 1800 meters of bookshelves for 55000 books. Furthermore, IQS' students have free access to the library's computers and they can also use their own laptops.

→ *Computer Facilities*

At IQS, students go to class with their own laptops. For that reason, students have free access to internet, through Wi-Fi, around the university. In order to use this system, students only need a password, which will be given once they are registered. However, for those who do not want to bring their own laptops, the library has several computers connected to internet.

→ *Restaurant / Cafeteria*

IQS has a Restaurant / Cafeteria which is open from 7am to 8pm. There, you can have breakfast, lunch or afternoon snack. For lunch, student may bring their own meal or can purchase some. The cafeteria has a space with tables and microwaves.

→ *Sports*

IQS believes in the necessity of cultivating sport practice between their students. Students can choose between diverse sport disciplines and the sport can be carried out under advantageous conditions in IQS facilities or in Nou Can Caralleu Sport Complex with whom IQS has an agreement.

The IQS teams participate in National and European competitions.

For more information of any sport activity you can send an e-mail to esports@iqs.edu.

→ *Chair of Ethics*

The Chair of Ethics and Christian Thought is an IQS space:

- To prompt reflection on the ethical scope of professions associated with Business, Economics, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Industrial Engineering and General Science, and on important social matters.
- To encourage awareness of the Christian faith, and to prompt personal and community religious experience.
- To provide voluntary activities to keep in touch with the realities of today's society, particularly in the most underprivileged sectors.

For more information you can send an e-mail to catedra@iqs.edu.

Accommodation

Find a place called Home is really important, even more when you are in another country. The International Relations office is aware of this point and will help you in your finding process. Even though IQS does not have its own accommodation, there are different possibilities we can offer you.

We suggest you to stay in a youth hostel or a residence for the first week. It will be easier for you to visit flats once you are in Barcelona. You will also have plenty of time to take the greatest decision and find your definitive accommodation. We suggest you the following one.

MelonDistrict is a new concept of accommodation for national and international students who are looking for a place to live in Barcelona. The urban location, an international atmosphere and a wide range of services based on demanding quality standards are the key aspects that define the MelonDistrict model, giving it this distinct style that goes beyond a simple accommodation service. MelonDistrict's priority is to offer a flexible accommodation that is adapted to the students requirements who come with different purposes: to study, work or simply travel. This flexibility makes it the ideal option both for long stays as well as for medium or short stays.
<http://www.melondistrict.com/en/home>

You can also stay in one of these following youth hostels:

- **Alberg de Pere Tarrès**
http://www.peretarres.org/wps/wcm/connect/peretarres_en/hostel/home/
- **Alberg Mare de Déu de Montserrat**
<http://www.xanascat.cat/showhostel.tjc?id=237&index=1>
- **In-Out**
<http://www.inoutalberg.com/>

If you want to stay in a College Residence:

- **Residencia Emilie de Villeneuve (female)**
Calle Marquesa de Vilallonga 19, 08017 Barcelona
<http://www.residenciaemilie.com/>
- **Colegio Mayor Universitario La Salle – Barcelona (male)**
Calle Reus 20, 08022 Barcelona
<http://www.cmusalle.es/>
- **Colegio Universitario Sant Jordi (both)**
Calle Mestre Nicolau 13, 08021 Barcelona
<http://www.cmsantjordi.com/information.php>

If you want to live in a residence:

IQS has an agreement with **Àgora Residences**. Àgora BCN is an intercultural space for studying and living together, a new concept in accommodation for young university students, teachers and researchers. Its style can be defined as modern and functional, a warm welcoming atmosphere, full of color. Bright open spaces in the communal areas promote interaction.
<http://www.agorabcn.com/html/ang/index.html>

Do not forget that the **MelonDistrict** (see above) is also an option.

If you want to live in a shared or a rent flat:

We advise you to choose the **Barcelona Housing Services for Students (BHSS)**. Just because this web page is linked to the City Council, the autonomous Government and the Universities of Barcelona, IQS strongly recommend this service to find an accommodation. This is designated to students who come to Barcelona to study or to do practices and researches. The process to sign in is really easy as you can do it from your home country. You can select one or more flats to visit when you are in Barcelona. To have an eventful trip, we advise you to visit and compare different flats before booking one of them. To use this service, it is necessary having a letter which confirms you're belonging to IQS. This letter must also include the period of time of your studies in Barcelona. If you are interested in using this service, please let us know and we will give you the letter before or once you are in Barcelona.
<http://www.bcn-housing-students.com>

IQS also has an agreement of collaboration with the company **ShBarcelona**. This company has welcoming flats in the center of Barcelona. ShBarcelona offers a direct treatment with the staff, which one speaks several languages and moreover, also offers flexible rental contracts from two months on.
<http://www.shbarcelona.com>

Finally, do not forget that for the first few days in Barcelona, you will need pocket money mainly to cover accommodation costs (including deposits), transport passes, etc.

Registration Procedure

Foreign students do not follow regular registration procedure. Once students come to IQS for the first time, it is necessary that they go to the International Relations Office. Over there, students will receive a warm welcoming. Afterward, the student and a responsible of the Department will check the student's registration, schedule and subjects.

During the course, if the student wants to do any change to his registration, it will be necessary to get in touch with the International Relations so they can make these changes with the approval of the sending institution, if required.

Health Insurance

Every foreign student who comes to IQS must have an insurance which covers the following guarantees:

- Accidents.
- Medical, surgical, pharmaceutical hospitalization and ambulance expenses.
- Repatriation or medical transport in case of injury or illness.
- Repatriation or transport of the deceased.

Practical numbers and web pages

- **Ayuntamiento de Barcelona (City Council of Barcelona)**

Tlf: 010

<http://www.bcn.es/english/ihome.htm>

- **Generalitat de Catalunya (Autonomous Government)**

Tlf: +34 93 402 46 67

http://www.gencat.cat/index_eng.htm

- **CatSalut (Catalan Health Service)**

Tlf: Tel. +34 93 403 85 85

<http://www10.gencat.net/catsalut/eng/index.htm>

- **Information and Tourism of Barcelona**

Tlf: +34 932 853 834

<http://www.barcelonaturisme.com>

- **Barcelona Guide**

http://www.bcn.es/guia/guiabcn/english/guia_bcn.htm

- **Metropolitan Transports of Barcelona**

<http://www.tmb.cat/en/home>

- **Airport of Barcelona: El Prat**

Tlf: +34 902 404 704

- **Taxis of Barcelona**

In Barcelona there are several companies, some of their telephones are:

Tlf: +34 933 222 222

Tlf: +34 932 250 000

Tlf: +34 933 033 033

- **To cancel credit cards:**

4 B, VISA Electron, Master Card and VISA.

Tlf: +34 902114400 / +34 913626200

American Express

Tlf: +34 902375637

Emergency Numbers

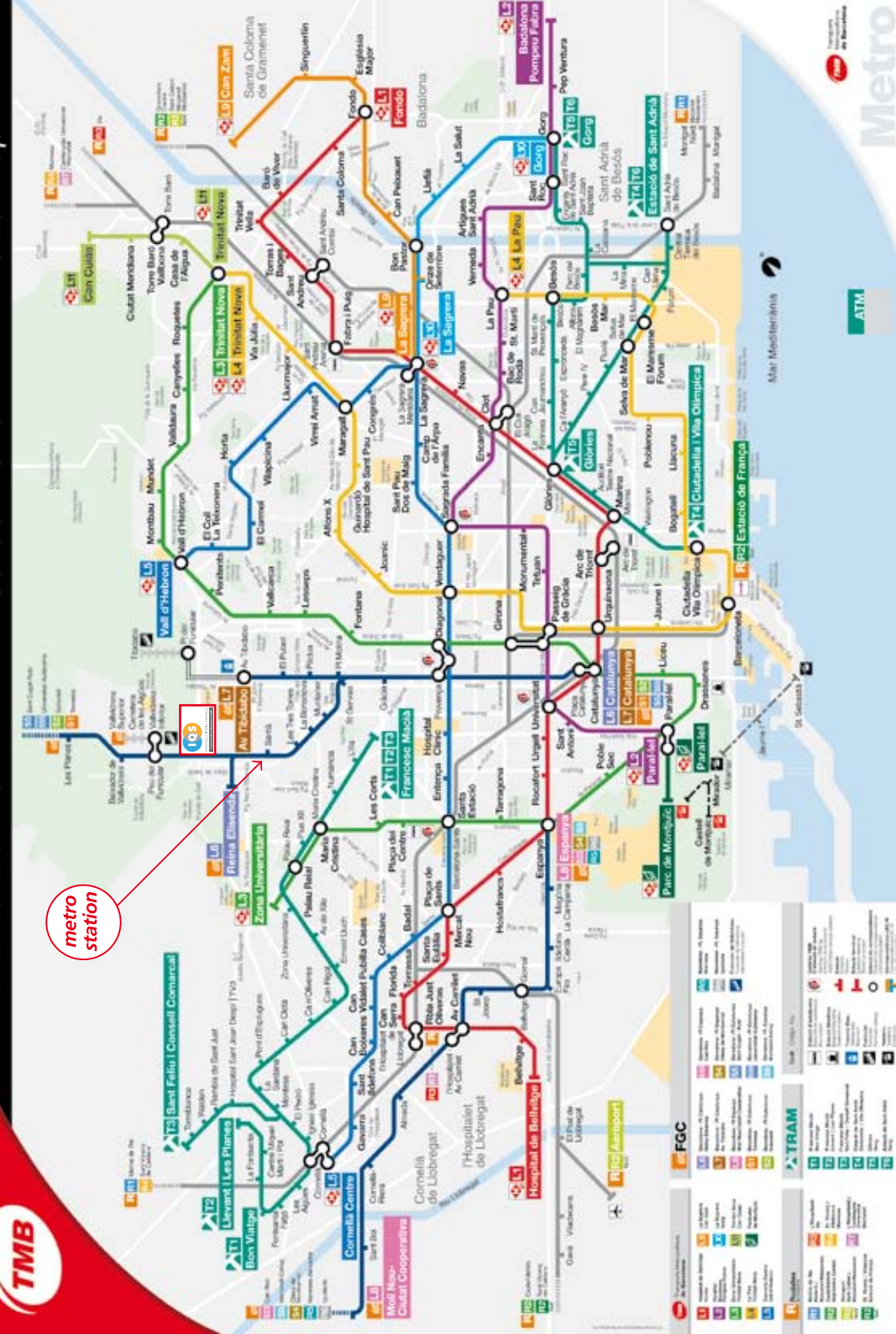
- Emergencies: 112
- Mossos d'Esquadra (Catalonia's Police): 088
- Policia Nacional (National Police): 091
- Guardia Urbana (City Police): 092
- Bombers (Firefighter): 080 or 112
- Ambulances: 061 or 112
- Cruz Roja (Red Cross) Emergencies: +34 901 22 22 22



Xarxa de Metro

Red de Metro

Metro Map



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