

# Summer Sessions 2025 from UC Berkeley with UIC Barcelona



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## 1. Presentation and objectives

UIC Barcelona students selected for this programme will participate in the Summer Sessions organised by the University of California, Berkeley, and will also be able to:

1. **Apply for a grant** from UIC Barcelona.
2. **Transfer credits** to their UIC Barcelona degree programme.<sup>1</sup>

Upon completion of these summer sessions, students will receive an official Berkeley academic transcript and credits will be transferred to their UIC Barcelona degree programme.

UIC Barcelona will offer **three grants of 2,000 euros**, which will cover part of Berkeley's tuition, depending on the number of credits the student wishes to take. Students will bear all other expenses, including the rest of tuition, accommodation, travel, visa and food.

Learn more about Berkeley Summer Sessions [here](#).

### Important note:

Students can participate in the programme with or without a grant, and in both cases, credit transfer is possible (*see note 1*).

However, students **must** pass the selection process described in this call. The grants will be awarded to the top three candidates of the call.

## 2. Criteria and requirements for participation

All students enrolled in official studies at UIC Barcelona who have completed or are currently in the second year of their degree<sup>2</sup> and who comply with the faculty's rules for this programme.

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<sup>1</sup> Students studying Medicine, Nursing or Physiotherapy are not eligible for credit transfer. Students are not able to attend the Berkeley Summer Sessions following their final year of study.

<sup>2</sup> Master's degree students may apply for the grant, but priority will be given to undergraduate students. In general, there is no credit recognition for master's degree programmes.

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If the student is taking two degrees at the same time (for example, Business Administration and Law), they must apply as a student of one of them, depending on the degree for which they are requesting the transfer of credits.

Criteria and requirements to participate in the programme:

1. Good academic record
  - a. A minimum average of 7/10 is recommended.<sup>3</sup>
2. During the application process, the student must be at least in the second year of their degree, or at most in their final year of study.
3. Comply with faculty regulations for this programme.
4. A certified level of at least B2 in English, according to Berkeley requirements:
  - a. See [here](#).
5. A proactive profile, motivation and communication skills will have a positive impact.
6. Comply with the deadlines and procedures required by both IR at UIC Barcelona and UC Berkeley Summer Sessions.

### 3. Application process

1. Students must fill out the [application form](#).

Students must attach the following documents to the form:

- a. CV
- b. English language certificate<sup>4</sup>
- c. Academic transcript, with their average grade out of 10<sup>5</sup>
- d. Supporting documents of the following cases, if applicable:
  - i. Large family
  - ii. Single-parent families
  - iii. Disability of 33% or more
  - iv. Spanish Ministry of Education grant holder

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<sup>3</sup> If the student is studying a double degree, the highest average will be taken into account, provided they have completed at least 30 ECTS in that degree.

<sup>4</sup> Failure to submit a certificate that meets Berkeley's requirements is not a reason to refuse the application, but it will affect the assessment at the percentage indicated for the language certificate. However, before going to Berkeley, all students must meet Berkeley's English language certificate requirement.

<sup>5</sup> Document called "CAP", available from your faculty's secretariat, at no additional cost when requested for this application.

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## Deadline for completing the application

**28 November 2024**

The Department of International Relations is responsible for the final resolution of the call. It reserves the right to approve and deny applications and will inform the Grants Committee of the outcome.

## 4. Selection process

1. Each faculty will carry out the first selection process for applicants.
2. **The Department of International Relations will select and interview the top ten candidates for the grants, according to the following criteria:**
  - a. Academic transcript (60%)
  - b. Certified English level (30%)
  - c. Faculty recommendation (10%)

In case of a tie, the student's profile and their motivation indicated in the application form will be taken into account.

3. All candidates will receive a first official resolution informing them of the results of the selection process, according to the following categories:
  - a. Candidates selected for an interview<sup>6</sup>
  - b. Candidates who have not been selected for an interview, but have been accepted onto the programme without a grant
  - c. Unsuccessful candidates
  - d. Incomplete applications
4. **The interview for the top ten candidates and the decision to award the grants will be based on the following criteria:**
  - a. Academic transcript: 40%.
  - b. Profile and motivation: 20%.

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<sup>6</sup> The Department of International Relations reserves the right to also interview any of these applicants, if necessary, to assess their overall suitability for the programme.

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- c. English level (certificate + oral skills): 20%.
  - d. Faculty recommendation: 10%.
  - e. Financial need (official accreditation required): 10%.<sup>7</sup>
  - f. Candidates who have been interviewed will receive a second official decision informing them of whether they have been approved for a grant or if they have been accepted for the programme without a grant, along with the total score of their application.
5. **Waiting List:** Interviewed students who are not awarded the grant will be placed on the waiting list and will be informed if a grant becomes available.

## 5. Call dates

- **Interview invitations for successful applicants and offer letters for all other applicants:** During the week of 6 January 2025.
- **Interviews:** Week of 13 January 2025. The exact date and time will be confirmed by e-mail when invitations are sent out.
- **Publication of the results and sending the offer letters to the students who were interviewed:** Week of 20 January 2025.
- **Deadline to accept or reject offers (all applicants):** 28 January 2025.
- **Waiting list:** applicants on the waiting list will be informed in order of ranking if a grant is available.
- **Meeting with selected students:** 29 January 2025.
- **Enrolment period at Berkeley:** Beginning of February 2025.

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<sup>7</sup> Students may obtain points for the following circumstances: Spanish Ministry of Education grant, UIC Barcelona grant, large family, single-parent family, or a disability of 33% or higher

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## 6. Other regulations

Students can only receive the grant once. The grant refers only to the summer of 2025.

If an application is received after the deadline, it must be submitted to the International Relations Department and the candidate's acceptance to continue with the process will be subject to the approval of the relevant Faculty Board.

If accepted by the Board, IR will inform the student of the next steps to be taken. Students who apply after the deadline will not be eligible for the grant and will only be able to participate without one. IR reserves the right to reject late applications if they are no longer on time according to the deadlines set by UC Berkeley Summer Sessions.

## 7. Payment of the grant

UIC Barcelona will pay the grant in two instalments:

- The first instalment (70%) will be paid when the student starts classes in Berkeley and sends the certificate of confirmation of arrival to IR.
- The second instalment (30%) will be paid once UIC Barcelona receives the student's academic transcript and Berkeley's participation report.

## 8. Contact

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