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INTERNATIONALISATION

ACCREDITATION OF MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMMES:

- Master’s in International Relations
- Master’s in International Security

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1. Academic programmes

IBEI submits for assessment two master's programmes: the Master in International Relations (MIR) and the Master in International Security (MIS), both taught in English, although there is also a bilingual (English and Spanish) programme in International Relations. Thus, the large majority of courses offered by IBEI are in English (MIR and MIS). All the compulsory courses are taught in English, as well as 43 electives courses as of 2016-2017, making up over 77% of the Institute’s academic offer (76.47% (MIR) and 83.93% (MIS)). IBEI also runs an Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Public Policy, as a joint degree from the three public universities in Barcelona, the University of York, the Central European University and the Erasmus University Rotterdam, fully taught in English.

The study programme is strongly international by the very nature of its field – international studies. From the syllabus (MIR and MIS), focused on international relations and international security, to the internship opportunities offered in international organizations, as well as in most master dissertations (MIR; MIS), which discuss international policy and security issues, the skills developed in both Master degrees help prospective graduates to fully understand the processes of internationalization and play a significant role in such dynamics.

IBEI is an affiliate member school of the Association of Professional Schools in International Affairs (APSIA) – a membership that allows us to share ideas and best practices in the study of international affairs with established centres in the field. Participation in the network also enhances the visibility of IBEI’s Master’s programmes internationally, especially for prospective students. Besides, IBEI holds the mention of the “International Master’s Programme” bestowed by AGAUR (Agència de Gestió d’Ajuts Universitaris i Recerca) in the resolution of May 29 2014, awarded to the most internationalised Master’s programmes taught in Catalonia.

2. Internationalisation initiatives

IBEI operates in a completely internationalised environment, not only because of the composition of its permanent and visiting teaching staff and the diversity of origin of its students, but also because of its collaboration with foreign institutions and faculties and its involvement in international networks. English has gradually become the working language even in teaching. In this respect, it should be noted that almost 64% of IBEI’s students are foreign nationals (33% from outside the European Union), and over 50% of IBEI’s researchers are also foreigners.

a) Admissions

IBEI seeks to attract students internationally. In the admissions form, students are asked to list the other universities to which they are applying in order to gauge with which institutions IBEI is competing. Among those often listed are SciencesPo, the Graduate Institute in Geneva, CEU, King’s College, University College London, LSE, Georgetown University, University of Kent, or Leiden University. This list shows that IBEI’s competition comes primarily from high-ranking universities in Europe – an indication of IBEI’s international orientation.
IBEI’s admissions criteria require that students are fluent in English in order to follow the courses, most of which are taught in this language. Students can be admitted in the English language programmes only with a minimum score that ensures proficiency (TOEFL 90 iBT, 560 paper-based; IELTS 6.5; Cambridge Advanced Certificate or Proficiency A-C), or if they are native speakers or have done their previous studies in English. The minimum scores for the bilingual programme are slightly lower - TOEFL 80 iBT, 550 paper-based; IELTS 6.0; Cambridge First Certificate A or B; Cambridge Advanced Certificate or Proficiency A-C.

IBEI strives to facilitate the process of moving to Barcelona for all students, and especially international students. To this end, admitted students are provided in advance with the IBEI Welcome Guide which contains information about the process of obtaining a visa, finding accommodation and living in Barcelona (information about the different neighbourhoods of the city, transportation, opening a bank account, living costs, etc.), as well as about life on campus. In particular, IBEI seeks to provide timely assistance to students who need to be issued a visa as the process is lengthy and complicated. Before coming to Barcelona, students also receive information about the academic calendar and the course schedule as well as the pre-sessional courses in case they are recommended to take one of these preparatory courses. On the first day of the academic year, IBEI provides students with a folder containing all the necessary information for the academic year and an academic guide.

IBEI also offers an assistance programme for incoming students enabling them to connect with former international students who volunteer to serve as mentors to incoming students and share with them their knowledge and experience with studying at IBEI and living in Barcelona. All IBEI students are assigned a personal tutor whom they can address with doubts not only regarding academic matters but also concerning practical issues related to their life in Barcelona.

IBEI’s international profile is demonstrated by the number of international students in our programmes. Over time, the percentage of international students in IBEI’s student body has fluctuated around 60-65%, while the number of their countries of origin and their regional distribution has been steadily growing since the launch of the IR programme in 2004. In particular, over the past three years IBEI has managed to attract more students from the USA and Canada while retaining its appeal for Latin American students. Thus, for example, there were over 1,500 applications for the two scholarships for the MIR offered by the Carolina Foundation in collaboration with Banco Santander (MIR and MIS). IBEI received more than 470 applications submitted by candidates from almost 80 countries all over the world for the MIR 2016-2017, whereas the application profile of the MIS is even more international: more than 178 applications were submitted from candidates from 53 countries.

In 2012-2013, there were 47% international students that came from 32 countries in Europe and Latin America. In 2013-14, there were 78% international students in the two master programmes and Mundus MAPP (the highest percentage so far) from 34 countries. In 2014-15, the percentage of international students returned to the average figures (61%), but they came from 35 countries spanning five continents (Europe, North America, South America, Asia, and Australia). In 2015-16 there were 72, 8% international MIR and MIS students that came from 27 countries and 63, 8% international students from 28 different countries as of 2016-17. IBEI is striving to increase the numbers of students from Asia and Africa in order to diversify the student body furthermore.
\textbf{b) Student Exchange Programmes}

Over the past years, IBEI has launched a student exchange program that has drawn significant interest among students. As part of it, IBEI has signed a number of exchange programmes with a number of international universities in order to offer students of the Master’s programmes the opportunity to spend a semester at one of these partner universities. Six of these exchange agreements are within the Erasmus+ framework, whereas the rest are bilateral agreements. IBEI is currently working towards extending include universities from Asia and North America in its exchange network. Students participating in the exchange programme have to extend the master’s programme to 18 months in order to accommodate their semester abroad in the curriculum.

Currently, students wishing to study abroad for a semester can choose one of the following partner universities:

Erasmus+
- Aarhus University (Denmark)
- Charles University (Czech Republic)
- Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
- Sabanci University (Turkey)
- Universität Konstanz (Germany)
- University of Sheffield (UK)

Bilateral agreements
- American University in Cairo (Egypt)
- Hertie School of Governance (Germany)
- Instituto Mora (Mexico)
- KIMEP University (Kazakhstan)
- Pontificia Universidad Católica do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Perú)
- Université de Montreal (Canada)

Incoming students from the partner universities tend to come during the first semester, which in their case tends to be their third semester, as most of the master’s programmes at the partner universities are two-year master’s programmes. Hitherto, \textit{IBEI has received students from} Aarhus University, Hertie School of Governance, Freie Universität Berlin, Charles University, American University in Cairo, Université de Montreal, whereas IBEI students have gone to spend their second or third semester at the Hertie School of Governance, Freie Universität Berlin, Sabanci University or the American University in Cairo

See also the following documentation:

- IBEI International Exchange Programme
Apart from the exchange programmes, there has been a number of visiting students who have studied at IBEI as free-movers as their home universities had not signed an exchange agreement with IBEI so far. Free-movers included students from Denmark and from Germany in the past.

c) Mundus MAPP

IBEI is one of the partner institutions in the Erasmus Mundus Master's Programme in Public Policy (Mundus MAPP) together with the Central European University in Budapest (Hungary), the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam, and the University of York (UK). Mundus MAPP is a 2-year trans-European Master course funded by the European Commission, which provides scholarships for outstanding students from within and without the European Union.

The first student cohort was admitted to the programme in the 2007-08 school year, after a highly competitive selection process. Between 2007 and 2012, the programme was implemented as a coordinated system (including admissions), in which students registered in the Master’s programmes offered by each participant institution (the MIR in the case of IBEI). The Mundus MAPP consortium successfully reapplied to continue with the (reformed) programme for another five years and was among only 11 programmes to be chosen to continue to operate within the framework of the Erasmus Mundus programme, counting with the funding of the European Commission.

The programme is unique in the flexibility with which students can tailor their learning experiences to their individual needs through the selection of mobility tracks. Mobility tracks in the new joint degree, which started in the academic year 2012-13, allow for a different focus on Political Economy and Development, Governance and Development, Global Public Policy, or European Public Policy, while maintaining a uniform core of policy studies subjects (http://www.mundusmapp.org/ma-program/program-structure-and-mobility-tracks).

d) Study Abroad Programme and IBEI Summer Schools

IBEI’s international orientation is further enhanced by its participation in a Study Abroad Programme and organization of Summer schools. Since 2006, IBEI has been organizing a Summer School in International Politics and since 2010 a Summer School of the Mediterranean. The overall number of attending students in the two schools in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 was 67, 93, 101, 60, 35, 23 and 21 respectively. Of those, between a half (2010 and 2014) and two-thirds (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016) were international students coming from institutions in five different continents.

IBEI has partnered with the UPF to offer a Study Abroad Programme in International Relations. The programme has been specially designed to fit the needs of the increasing number of international students who want to spend a semester or a full academic year in Barcelona. IBEI offered courses such as ‘España en el mundo: política exterior y diplomacia pública’; ‘International Politics of Humanitarian Action’; ‘International Business and Globalization’; ‘Politics, Society and International Relations of the Mediterranean and the Middle East’; and ‘Latin American Politics and Society’.
3. The international nature of our staff

A large number of IBEI faculty members have pursued their doctoral studies abroad. In 2016, 17 out of 32 IBEI-based professors, researchers, or postdoctoral research fellows (about 53%) hold PhD degrees in political science and sociology from top foreign universities, such as Brown University, Cornell, European University Institute, London School of Economics, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, and Oxford. Also, 21 of these 32 (nearly 66%) are not Spanish, but from 13 different countries. Professors teaching in IBEI’s Master programmes have wide-ranging international experience in research and publish in established international journals.

Between 2008 and 2015, IBEI teaching staff and researchers have published 46 papers in the first quartile (ISI/Scopus). Over the same period, the total number of papers in the second quartile was 14. The remaining 65 papers were in the third or fourth quartiles or were published in non-indexed or non-academic journals. In the same period, IBEI-based professors and researchers also published 33 monographs, with some of the most prestigious international publishing companies. In 2016 (scientific record not published yet), IBEI teaching staff and researchers published 12 papers in the first quartile (ISI/Scopus), and 5 in the second and third quartile.

See the following documentations:

- IBEI Scientific Report 2008-2011
- IBEI Scientific Report 2012-2013

Table 1. IBEI researchers

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See the following documentation:

- [Master IBEI foreigners' teaching staff](#)

### a) Visiting researchers and faculty stays abroad

IBEI has a [visiting scholars programme](#) that seeks to ensure the presence of Visiting Scholars in order to enhance IBEI’s intellectual community. Visiting Scholars are appointed by IBEI’s Scientific Council and can be hosted for time periods ranging from one to twelve months.

Additionally, IBEI has collaboration agreements with the [University of Denver](#), the [University of Montreal](#), the [Cornell Institute for Public Affairs](#), the [Freie Universität of Berlin](#), the [Hertie School of Governance](#) (Germany), the [Universität of Konstanz](#), the [Charles University in Prague](#) and the [University of Sheffield](#), that include the exchange of academic staff in the fields of research and teaching.

Visiting scholars can also be hosted at IBEI for up to three months as a part of the Mundus MAPP Consortium programme for visiting scholars, aimed at strengthening the academic programmes at the Consortium institutions to which selected academics contribute by teaching, research, or thesis supervision. Since 2008, 9 visiting scholars have stayed at IBEI thanks to this programme.

Since 2013, IBEI, in collaboration with the [Cátedra Telefónica de Política y Regulación de las Telecomunicaciones e Internet América Latina-Europa](#), has hosted professors and researchers for a period of around two months, to allow them to develop their research projects in our Institute and establish working links with IBEI researchers.

In 2008-2016, a total of 107 research visitors came to IBEI, while IBEI researchers made 37 research stays visiting other universities. It is notable that there has been an increase in the IBEI researchers’ visits abroad as half of those were in the last 5 years of the 9-year period. In 2015 and 2016, altogether, IBEI hosted 40 visiting researchers and professors and there were 12 visits abroad from IBEI researchers at Copenhagen Business School, Freie Universität Berlin, Universität Munich, Princeton University, Yale University, University of Manchester, Leiden University, among others.
In addition, each year numerous international scholars visit IBEI to give research seminar talks and public lectures or participate in workshops organized by IBEI. In 2011, for example, IBEI hosted the 18th International Conference of Europeanists of the Council for European Studies with the participation of over 870 scholars from all over the world. In 2014, IBEI also hosted the 5th ECPR Regulatory Governance Conference, with the participation of over 280 experts. In 2008-2016, altogether 350 seminars, lectures, or workshops took place at IBEI. In 2017, IBEI will host the yearly Pan-European Conference of the European International Studies Association (EISA), with an expected attendance of more than 1,400 participants, mostly professors and researchers in international relations from all over Europe. Also, in 2017, IBEI will host the International and Interdisciplinary conference “Development in the Face of Global Inequalities”, with an expected attendance of more than 120 participants.

b) Faculty participation in scientific activities and international research networks

IBEI faculty are members of numerous international associations, such as the International Studies Association, the American Political Science Association, the American Sociological Association, the European Consortium for Political Research, the European International Studies Association, or the Council for European Studies.

In 2008-2015, IBEI researchers participated in a total of 463 conferences, workshops, or seminars, the large majority of which had been held abroad. For example, in the period 2012-2015, 211 out of 263, or 80% of scientific activities by IBEI researchers, were international.

IBEI academic staff are currently involved in numerous international research networks. In this respect, it is worth mentioning, on the one hand, that researchers from foreign universities and research centres are engaged in international R&D projects funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness led by IBEI faculty members; and, on the other hand, that IBEI faculty members are also involved in international projects funded by the European Commission, either under its 6th or 7th Framework Programmes or under the Horizon 2020 research programme. Other collaborative efforts should also be mentioned, including papers published in high-impact journals and chapters of books or monographs.

IBEI faculty members and their most frequent collaborators:

* Jacint Jordana: Christoph Knill (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), David Levi-Faur (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Koen Verhoest (KU Leuven), Guillermo Rosas (Washington University in St. Louis), Anne Meuwese (Tilburg University), Colin Scott (University College Dublin), Martin Lodge (London School of Economics), Yezid Sayigh (Carnegie Middle East Center), Omar Ashour (University of Exeter), Meltem Müftüler-Baç (Sabanci University), Isik Ozel (Sabanci University), Ramin Jahanbegloo (York University), Alfred Tovias (Hebrew University of Jerusalem).

* Juan Diez Medrano: Michael Braun (GESIS-University Mannheim), John Bowen (Washington University in St. Louis), Thomas Risse (Freie Universität Berlin), Tanja Borzel (Freie Universität Berlin), Peter J. Katzenstein (Cornell University).
* Esther Barbé: Emanuel Adler (University of Toronto), Lisbeth Aggestam (University of Goteborg), Thomas Risse (Freie Universität Berlin), Knud Erik Jørgensen (Aarhus University), Ole Waever (University of Copenhagen), Sergio Carrera (CEPS), Christopher Hill (Cambridge University), Barry Buzan (London School of Economics), Andrew Hurrell (University of Oxford), Alfred Tovias (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Anna Herranz-Surrallès (Maastricht University), Benjamin Kienzle (King’s College London), Christian Kaunert (University of Dundee), Gemma Collantes (City University London)

* Laura Chaqués-Bonafont: Frank Baumgartner (UNC at Chapel Hill), Jan Beyers (University of Antwerp), Caelesta Braun (Vu University Amsterdam), Heike Klüver (University of Konstanz), William Malloney (University of Newcastle), Lisa L. Miller (Rutgers University), Anne Rasmussen (University of Leiden).

* Martin Shaw: Doug Stokes (University of Exeter), Jens Meierhenrich (London School of Economics), Dirk Moses (European University Institute), Laia Balcells (Duke University), Dan Stone (London School of Economics).

* Diego Muro: Richard English (University St. Andrews), Martijn Vlaskamp (Yale University); Guillem Vidal (European University Institute).

* Matthias vom Hau: Prerna Singh (Brown University), Guillermo Wilde (Universidad Nacional de San Martín), Hillel Soifer (Temple University), Samuel Hickey (University of Manchester), Andreas Wimmer (Princeton University), David Samuels (University of Minnesota).

* Yannis Karagiannis: Nikitas Konstantinidis (University of Cambridge), Mattia Guidi (LUISS University Guido Carli), Adrienne Heritier (European University Institute).

* Fulya Apaydin: Michael Braun (GESIS-University Mannheim), Adrian Favell (Aarhus University), Mike Savage (University of York), Dumitru Sandu (University of Bucharest), Ettore Recchi (University of Chieti-Pescara).

* Aina Gallego: Jonathan Rodden (Stanford University), Carles Boix (Princeton University), Patrik Öhberg (Gothenburg University), André Blais (Montreal University), Paul Marx (University of Southern Denmark), José Fernández Albertos (Centro Superior de Investigaciones Científicas), Patrick Sturgis (Southampton University).

* Oriol Costa: Knud Erik Jørgensen (Aarhus University), Alasdair R. Young (University of Glasgow), Jens L. Mortensen (University of Copenhagen), Tom Delreux (UC Louvain), Edith Drieskens (KU Leuven) Johanne Glavind (Aarhus University), Nina Graeger (NUPI), Lisanne Groen (VUB), Gjovalin Macaj (University of Oxford), Mataj Navratil (University of Bratislava), Omar Serrano (University of Geneva), Michal Natorski (University Liege).

* Elisabeth Johansson-Nogues: Sergio Carrera (CEPS), Carlos Reijnen (University of Amsterdam), Ann-Kristin Jonasson (University of Goteborg), Alfred Tovias (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Patrick Muller (University of Vienna), Mataj Navratil (University of Bratislava), Omar Serrano (University of Geneva).

* Robert Kissack: Niklas Bremberg (Stockholm University), Elisabetta Brighi (University of Cambridge), Tom Delreux (UC Louvain), Knud Erik Jørgensen (Aarhus University), Edith Drieskens (KU Leuven), David Galbreath (University of Bath), Jamal Shahin (University of Amsterdam), Ben Tonra (University College Dublin).
4. Results:

- **Number of foreign students MURI and MUSI: year-by-year nationality**
- **Internships abroad MURI and MUSI**
- **Number of graduates working abroad: countries, nationality, year:**
  - [Employment Report 2004-2012](#)
  - [Employment 2015](#)