



Universitat de les
Illes Balears

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REASONS TO COME TO THE UIB



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Enjoy learning SPANISH in Mallorca





Welcome,
The University of the Balearic Islands invites you to learn languages in a privileged backdrop, where the peace, tranquillity and wellbeing of Mediterranean living come together in perfect harmony with a work-oriented environment designed to educate, generate knowledge and innovate, while always aspiring to excellence in research and quality.

As you are captivated by the striking Serra de Tramuntana Mountains, which became a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2010, and the warm Mediterranean Sea, our university campus in Palma opens its doors to offer you its vast experience in language learning and to enable you to enjoy a multilingual environment in a culturally rich and diverse society. It is not by chance that more than 160 different languages from all around the world come together in the Balearic Islands, alongside the two official languages that are most widely spoken here: Catalan, our own language, and Spanish.

In this privileged environment that has been a point of attraction for distinguished public figures, artists and writers from all around Europe and the globe for centuries, the UIB is one of the country's leading universities in teaching, research, international cooperation and technological development and innovation. The UIB is a time-honoured member of prominent international university networks, it has attracted countless students from abroad and successfully joined the European Space for Higher Education. It is a university committed to building the European Union, and an institution that aspires to become a motor of economic growth and wellbeing for the people.

I am confident that your stay at the UIB will be an enriching experience, and as Vice Chancellor, I invite you to become a part of our university.

Llorenç Huguet
Rector of the Universitat de les Illes Balears



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10 Reasons

1/ Because of our prestige

As an institution committed to excellence and quality, the UIB is well positioned in all the university rankings. We are the number two university in Spain in terms of research quality; the sixth in terms of productivity, the eighth in teaching and the eighteenth in technological development and innovation⁽¹⁾. We are also the second most published university in the country in terms of international collaborations; and the published papers and books of our staff have positioned us as the sixth most highly ranked university in the country in terms of the frequency of international scholarly references to our publications⁽²⁾. We are among the top ten universities worldwide in tourism research⁽³⁾; and moreover, we are the coordinators of the Euro-Mediterranean Tourism and Water Campus.



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2/ Because we are well connected with the world

It will take you longer to pack your bags than it will to arrive at the UIB. The Palma international airport is just 15 minutes from the UIB campus. As to Minorca and Ibiza, the distances between their respective airports and university headquarters are similar. In a word, in little more than three hours, our university can connect with Europe's main capital cities.

3/ Because of our campus

The UIB has a university campus in Palma (Mallorca), as well as university headquarters on the islands of Minorca and Eivissa-Formentera. At our campus, you will have everything you need to ensure that your stay is a complete success: complementary Wi-Fi connection, libraries, sports facilities (including an indoor swimming pool), student housing, bars and restaurants, a pharmacy and a healthcare centre. For those who prefer to live off campus, the UIB will provide you with a list of housing offers, where you are sure to find your new home.

4/ Because we are multilingual

The Balearic Islands are known for their linguistic wealth. In addition to Catalan, the local language, and Spanish, more than 160 other languages from around the world are spoken here. This diversity has its place at the UIB, where teaching is encouraged in Catalan, Spanish and English. To promote foreign language learning, the UIB has a Linguistic Service that offers courses in different languages, with the finest quality. Classes are so dynamic, practical and effective, that with just a bit of effort, you are sure to learn the language that you have set out to learn.

- (1). U-Ranking by the BBVA Foundation and the Valencian Institute of Economic Research (IVIE).
- (2). I-UGR ranking of Spanish universities by field and discipline, drafted by the Science and Scientific Communication Evaluation Group (EC3) and the Soft Computing and Intelligent Information Systems Group (SCI2S) of the University of Granada.
- (3). Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Research.

5/ Because of our environment

The UIB campus is located at the foot of the Serra de Tramuntana Mountains (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), on the outskirts of our capital city, Palma, and just a few kilometres away from the Mediterranean's finest beaches. Moreover, Mallorca, Minorca, Eivissa and Formentera boast an average of 300 days of sunshine each year that enable us to enjoy diverse outdoor cultural activities all year round.



6/ Because we are accessible

The UIB also boasts ideal connections with every corner of the archipelago. In the case of Palma, the buses and the metro have very good timetables and frequencies and can connect the university with the city with a trajectory time of only 13 minutes. The campus is also connected with the city by means of a paved bike lane.

7/ Because we take good care of you throughout your stay

Your feeling of belonging at the UIB is our main goal, and we manage to make that a reality, thanks to our students and professors. That help is not limited to merely welcoming you. The International Relations Service is at your side throughout your entire stay, to give you support and guidance. You will never be alone.

8/ Because we want to share this experience with you

At the UIB, we have more than 1000 professors and researchers, as well as an administration and services staff of over 500 people. Each and every one of those people comes to work with your education in mind, to share with you an excellent learning experience.

9/ Because we are committed to Europe

The UIB commitment to building Europe is embodied by what we do best: education, quality research and innovation. We are sure that the generation of knowledge is an important motor for the economic growth and wellbeing of all the people of the European Union.



10/ Because WE ARE THE UIB

It is our nature, our closeness. As of the very moment you decide to study at the UIB, you are one of us. Here, WE ARE THE UIB, a great family that works each day to shape a good present and an even better future for everyone. And you are an essential part of that family.

Enjoy learning Spanish at the UIB

Let's talk about... Spanish courses for foreign students. With Professor Sebastià Roig

The Universitat de les Illes Balears has joined the list of institutions selected to teach Spanish to European Parliament members. Professor Sebastià Roig, of the Department of Spanish, Modern and Classical Philology, is the director of the Spanish foreign language courses at the UIB.



-- Sebastià, why should a member of the European Parliament choose the UIB to learn Spanish? What do we offer?

Bear in mind that there are many different reasons to come to the UIB. First of all, you have the academic reasons. We have 18 years of experience teaching Spanish as a foreign language, and another 14 years as an examination centre for the Cervantes Institute Diploma. And I must say that absolutely all the students who have come through our classrooms have passed the certification tests at their corresponding language study levels.

The environment is also a very important reason: the mountains, the sea...the mere fact of coming to Mallorca for a Spanish course and getting to enjoy an incredible landscape, a rich cultural environment and wonderful leisure and recreation. That is no doubt an attraction to be enjoyed.

-- What are the classes like?

Our groups are small, never exceeding 15 students in the classroom. Moreover, we carry out an initial placement test, so that each student can make the very most of the course. Classes are always given at Sa Riera, at many different times of the day, including mornings, midday and evenings, to adapt to the needs of our students. Our programmes have been approved by both, the Academic Commission and the Department of Spanish, Modern and Classical Philology of the UIB, which means that our students earn university credits for taking our courses.

I must point out that our classes cover all the registers of the language, ranging from the most colloquial spoken Spanish to the most refined verbal and written language. In a word, these courses are very complete.

-- On average, how many students do you receive each year, and what countries do they come from?

Each year, on average, we receive some 350 students, from many different countries in Europe and the Americas; and increasingly more students are now coming over from Russia and the Eastern countries. These students come to us through the exchange programmes that the UIB has established with different universities around the world. The exchange programme covers the first part of the course, which is 60 hours. Those who wish to do the second part, meaning the other 60 hours, must simply pay the difference. Yet we also have students who are interested in improving their

Reasons to study in Mallorca|UIB this year

(What does this course offer that similar courses at other Spanish universities do not offer?) Why is this course important?

The Universitat de les Illes Balears is the Official Examination Centre for the D.E.L.E (Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language), which is issued by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports and by the Cervantes Institute (May and November). We were also among the institutions selected to teach Spanish to the members of the European Parliament.

The UIB has 20 years of experience teaching Spanish as a foreign language, making us a benchmark in this field. Our students learn Spanish in all of its registers, and based on our experience, we guarantee that you will pass the examinations that you need to pass, whatever your level may be.

Spanish, residents in Mallorca and people of all ages.

And this is what we offer them: winter courses, which are the ones the ERASMUS programme exchange students usually take. They are 120-hour courses that last four months. And we offer 60-hour intensive summer courses. We also offer more specific courses for exchange students from North American universities.

On another note, we are now negotiating with the Eivissa City Council to see if we can offer courses on that island.

-- Where can we find all the information on the courses and registration?

You will find all the information you need at this website:
http://dfemc.uib.es/cursos_sp/



What do I need to do to sign up for this course

All registrations will be processed through the UIB Fundación Universidad-Empresa. To do so, you will need to print, fill in and send in the following form, along with the required documentation.

Once your registration has been accepted, the Fundación Universidad-Empresa will issue a payment slip, indicating the possible methods of payment and the corresponding due date.

The price of the registration includes the actual course instruction, as well as the materials used in class.

The registration price must be paid in full prior to the start of each course.

The pre-registration fee will guarantee the student's reservation of a seat in the course.

The students will be given a student ID card as soon as they register.

For further information and registration, please contact the director of Spanish Language and Culture Courses for Foreign Students (<http://spanishcourses.uib.es/>)

Campus and university headquarters

At the UIB, we have more than 1000 professors and researchers, as well as an administration and services staff of over 500 people. Each and every one of those people comes to work with your education in mind, to share with you an excellent learning experience.

The Spanish classes are given on the island of Mallorca.

Mallorca

Located on the outskirts of Palma, the UIB campus sits on nearly 100 hectares of land in a privileged landscape at the foot of the striking Serra de Tramuntana Mountains.

These facilities, which are only 15 minutes from both the city centre and some of the best beaches on the island, include all the necessary services and infrastructures for university life: bars and restaurants, banks, a pharmacy, sports facilities, a healthcare centre, libraries, student housing and more.

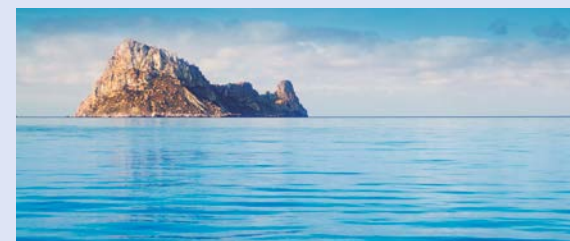
Also in Mallorca is the Sa Riera building. Located in the very heart of Palma, this building is the nerve centre of all cultural activity scheduling for our university.



Minorca

The Can Salort and Santa Rita buildings, which were originally constructed in the late 18th century, have been refurbished to house our Minorcan headquarters. Both of these buildings are located in the town of Alaior, in the very centre of the island.

In addition to the classes offered, these headquarters include computer and videoconference rooms, a nursing laboratory and a library.



Eivissa-Formentera

The former barracks for infantry and artillery officers and non-commissioned officers, which was built in 1944, now houses the university's Eivissa-Formentera headquarters. The Comandancia Militar [Military Command] building, which has been catalogued as an Asset of Cultural Interest, offers undergraduate and graduate degree courses and includes the Senior Citizens' University. The facilities include a library, a computer room and a nursing laboratory.

Map and details of the islands

Parc Bit

This innovation technology park houses some thirty businesses, in addition to a project incubator.

Cathedral

The cathedral with the biggest gothic rose window in the world, in 2007 a project was created in one of its chapels by contemporary artist Miquel Barceló.

A World Heritage Site

In 1999, the UNESCO declared Dalt Vila (the old quarter of the city of Ibiza) a World Heritage Site in its capacity as the Mediterranean's best conserved coastal fortress.

Serra de Tramuntana

Declared a World Heritage Site in its capacity as a combination of a cultural and natural landscape, 20 centuries of history are summarized in the Tramuntana mountains' 100 kilometres.

The Saint John (Sant Joan) festivities in Ciutadella

These traditional festivities are famous throughout a large part of the world, thanks to the 'jaleos' (dances) and 'caragols' (parades) of Minorca's horses.

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A Biosphere Reserve

Declared a Biosphere Reserve by the UNESCO in 1993 due to its magnificent scenery, sustainable development and diversity of Mediterranean habitats.

Pollentia

This Roman city is Mallorca's most important archaeological site.

Music

The world centre of electronic dance music.

The Church Route

Ibiza's churches are the only ones of their kind in the world thanks to their fortress design, aimed at protecting the population from pirate attacks.

Gastronomy

Due to the quality of its produce and skill of its chefs, Mallorca has been awarded up to 5 Michelin stars.

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FORMENTERA

Lighthouses

Standing on the southernmost tip of the archipelago is the impressive Barbaria lighthouse.

White villages

The whitewashed walls and Mediterranean flavour of its villages are one of Formentera's most widely recognized hallmarks.

The Balearic Islands experience

The Balearic Islands

As the privileged destination they are, the Balearic Islands have received countless public figures throughout the centuries. Artists, writers and painters from all around the world have made our islands their home. Hence, the archipelago is far more than merely one of the foremost tourism centres in the Mediterranean. It is an environment that generates creativity, art, music and gastronomy. A paradise with a captivating landscape.

The Balearic Islands are pure diversity. An archipelago in which each island has its own distinct character and features. Islands full of history, with a cultural and monumental heritage that embodies the footsteps and the testimony of all the cultures that have sailed into their harbours.

FACTS

- **COMPOSITION:**
Mallorca, Minorca,
Eivissa and Formentera

- **POPULATION:**
1.11 million (2013)

- **CAPITAL:** Palma
(population 407,648)

- **OFFICIAL
LANGUAGES:**
Spanish and Catalan

- **EXTENSION:**
4492 km²



The UIB, the 16TH town

The UIB has a population of nearly 18,200 students, 1000 professors and researchers and 500 administrative and services professionals. If the UIB were a municipality, it would be the 16th largest town in the Balearic Islands, out of a total of 67.

Proximity to Europe

Time to Palma



Breathtaking beaches

With crystal-clear waters, the nearly 300 beaches of the Balearics offer an unrivalled variety for the visitor, ranging from virgin coves to strands that feature every service imaginable.



The Tramuntana Mountains and hiking

One of the best ways to get to know and enjoy the landscape of our islands is by setting out along some of its hiking trails.



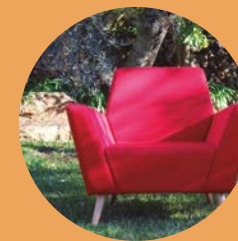
The Serra de Tramuntana Mountains—the main exponent of this activity—were declared World Heritage in 2010 and are now the second most sought-after mountain destination in Spain by international travellers.

Water sports

Water sports are one of the fortes of this community surrounded by the sea. Our waters are the privileged backdrop of countless regattas of international prestige. Moreover, the islands boast a very complete network of nautical companies and facilities that offer their services.

*High-end furniture
production is yet
another source of
wealth in our islands.*

Photo: OVNI, piece from the
SOLID collection, designed by UIB
lecturer Joan Muñoz, for Llevant
Mobiliari (Manacor).



Balearic cuisine

The Balearic cuisine is original and exquisite. With its clear base in the Mediterranean, the food of the Balearic Islands is similar to the cuisines of Catalonia and Valencia. By virtue of their location, the Balearics are a cultural crossroads that have received the culinary influences of the Arabic, Jewish and Italian peoples. In the case of Minorca, the legacy left behind by the French and English rule is also patent.

Today, the archipelago is proud to have five Michelin-star chefs, who have often rescued the traditional recipes of the past and adapted them to today's more modern haute cuisine. Their mastery and the quality of their dishes have made a name for the Balearic cuisine around the world.

Hotel and catering school

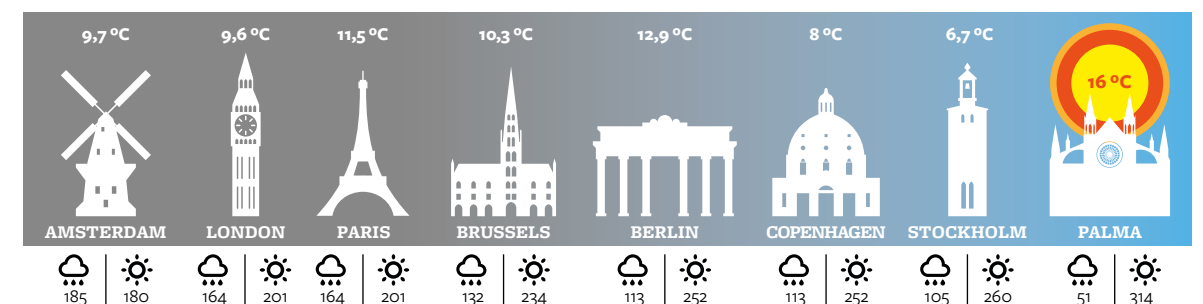
Since its founding by the Balearic Islands Government and the UIB in 1995, the Hotel and Catering School has become an indispensable institution for the recovery, conservation and spread of the Balearic cuisine. This school has brought to the world such fine chefs as Macarena de Castro, who received a Michelin Star for her restaurant El Jardín, and teachers such as Tomeu Caldentey who similarly earned a Michelin Star for his restaurant, Es Molí d'en Bou.

Through its programmes which generate specialists in kitchen and restaurant services, restaurant and bar management and administration, and fine food, this school trains its students using an interactive system that aims to improve the scientific and technological skills of hotel and catering staff. Practicums are an essential part of this education and are incorporated into the curricula at the midpoint in the educational process, affording students first-hand insight to the reality of some of the best establishments in the Balearic Islands.

Yet in addition to its programmes for professionals, the Hotel and Catering School also reaches out to cooking aficionados and fine food lovers. For those who enjoy cooking, the school offers a wide range of workshops and classes, where students work alongside Mallorca's top chefs. And for those who love to eat, the school hosts an entire schedule of theme cooking conferences, in addition to offering a daily menu and its special Friday banquet buffet, all at very affordable prices.

Days of sunshine

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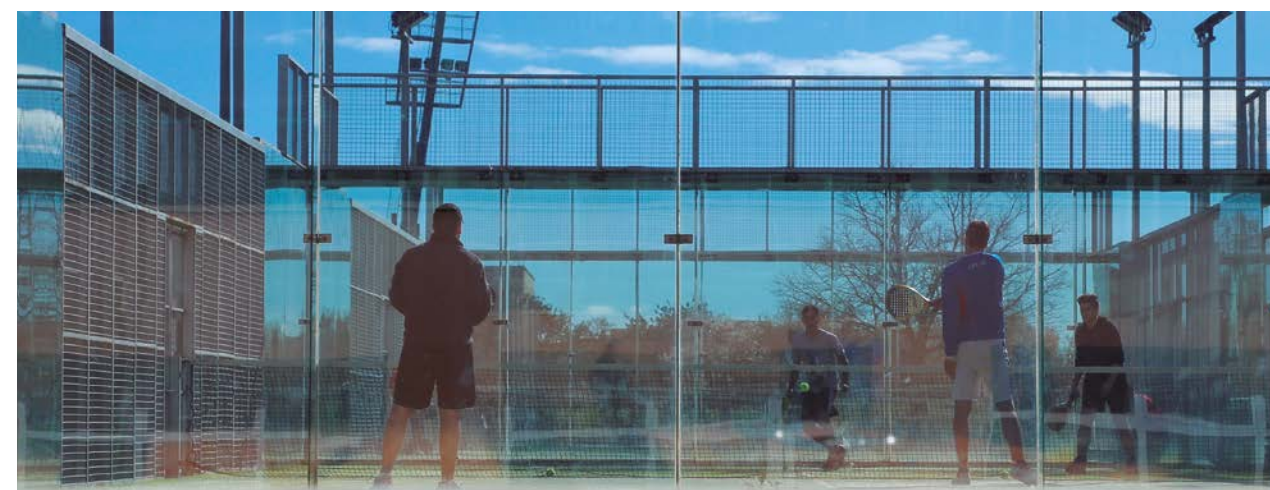
Family services

If you decide to come with your family, the UIB will provide you with all the services you need. You may stay in our housing on campus, or you may select one of the flats in our vacant housing offers. More over, a wide range of activities are available for your children, including a complete programme at our sports centre, with classes, summer camp and miniature golf.

What's more, you are welcome to enjoy our facilities whenever you wish to do so.

Sports facilities

- 8 outdoor paddle tennis courts: 4 glass courts and 4 wall courts.
- Green Set tennis court.
- Indoor swimming pool with 14 lanes, and an electrolysis water treatment system.
- Football field with artificial turf, over a shock absorbent field base that improves the quality of the game.
- Indoor sports facility with four basketball, volleyball, badminton and five-a-side football courts, all with natural and artificial lighting.
- A 300m² fitness room with three areas and a virtual trainer.
- Two activity rooms measuring 125 m² and 175m² respectively, for zumba, step aerobics, Pilates, glutes abs and leg workouts, and yoga.
- Complete changing rooms.





The University of the Balearic Islands: firmly rooted in an archipelago but open to the world.

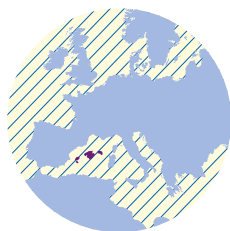
It has a philosophy based on the provision of services, collaboration with social and business stakeholders, sustainability and an environmental commitment.

A key institution in the future and structure of the Balearic Islands, given its role as a driving force in social, cultural and economic progress.

With four main objectives: ongoing improvements to its classroom-based and virtual teaching activities; remaining at the forefront of research excellence; making its presence felt culturally and socially in all the Balearic Islands; and, through exchanges, promoting the internationalization of its university activities in the fields of teaching, research, innovation and administrative work.

The UIB offers students all-round training resources to ensure the acquisition of knowledge, values and skills in an educational setting in which the university works with and for people, because WE ARE ALL THE UIB.

University of the Balearic Islands



Research

The UIB is one of Spain's top five universities in innovation and technological development. It is also among the top five in scientific output and animal and plant biology and among the world top ten in tourism research. It also stands out for projects in fields like chemistry, psychology, geography and urban planning.

Teaching

Our teaching philosophy not only includes close relations between students and lecturers, but also an education founded on research, with innovative teaching projects that

incorporate resources from different disciplines. These include the 4.0 learning system applied to architecture or theatre as a tool in legal clinics.

Transfers

The UIB also actively pursues its goal to generate and disseminate knowledge and know how through the promotion and creation of business initiatives. In recent years, four spin offs have been founded and another ten are in the pipeline, some fifty patents have been registered, and projects are currently being run in collaboration

with Telefónica, Puleva and Mallorca Cathedral.

Mobility

We are a receptive university, connected to the world through agreements with international institutions and centres. Agreements are currently in force with universities in China, the United States and Colombia, in addition to centres throughout the whole of Europe. We also run exchange programmes for undergraduate and postgraduate students, volunteer stays, and grants for placement training in undeveloped countries.



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