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Information Guide for International Students



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Welcome

Dear student,

Firstly, we enjoy that you want to study in IQS and we hope that you have a lovely stay in our University and our city.

Going abroad for a long period will be a new experience for you. Surely, 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 come to IQS for the first time, come to the International Relations Office.

It is on the hall of the second floor (room 304). You can find us from 8 am to 5 pm from Monday to Thursday and Friday from 8 am to 2 pm.

We wish you a nice stay in IQS!

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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.

In XX century, Barcelona became the capital of cultural avanguards and also the capital of new technological and acientist 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 besides welcoming, supportive and warm.

Nowadays, Barcelona has become a multicultural and cosmopolitan city, which is eager to receive new people, the ideas of whom make shine 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 that of Rome.

Monthly expenditure ranges from 600 € to 900 €, mostly depending on the type of accommodation you choose. For the first few days, you will need pocket money mainly to cover accommodation costs (including deposits), transport tickets, etc.



→ How to get 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 12.15 am
Departures from the airport, from 6 am to 1am
- **For further information about the Barcelona Aerobús:** Tel. 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 5.20 am to 10.42 pm
Departures from Passeig de Gràcia, from 5.28 am to 10.50 pm
Departures from Sants, from 5.33 am to 10.55 pm
Departures from the airport, from 6 am to 11.44 pm
- **For further information about the train to Barcelona Airport:** www.renfe.es

● 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 5.30 am to 12.45 am
- **For further information:** www.tmb.net

● 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 10.05 pm to 5.05 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. 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. 933 396 364 | www.igualadina.com

Studying in IQS

→ Why IQS?

Over a hundred years' experience and a long track record and academic history have yielded a fully consolidated and proven educational method.

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. This 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 Faculties:

Escuela Técnica Superior IQS (IQS Higher Technical School)
and Facultad de Economía IQS (IQS Faculty of Economics).

In the Escuela Técnica Superior IQS you can study: Degree in Industrial Engineering, Degree in Chemical Engineering and Degree in Chemistry. And, in the Facultad de Economía IQS you can study the Degree in Business Administration and Management. From next 2009-10 academic year, Escuela Técnica Superior IQS is offering the new degrees adapted to ESHE (European Space for Higher Education): Degree in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Degree.

In the Facultad de Economía IQS is given the new ESHE Business Administration and Management Degree. This program has the quality 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 to turn the students into 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 different Postgraduate programs:

OFFICIAL MASTERS European Higher Education Area: Bioengineering (and PhD), Global Entrepreneurship and Management, Investigation in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering (and PhD), Investigation in Economics and Enterprise (and PhD), Management in Industrial Companies, and Prevention of Occupational Risks.

POSTGRADUATE URL'S OWN QUALIFICATION: Master in Packaging Engineering, Master in Environmental Engineering, Master in Food and Chemistry Engineering, Management International Purchasing, and Management Industrial Business.



→ How to get to IQS?

You can arrive to IQS using the subway of Barcelona. You only have to take this in the nearest station to your accommodation and connected this with one of those Ferrocarril lines: S1, S2, S5, S55, and L6. Afterwards, you have to stop in Sarrià. At the end of this guide you will find a map of Barcelona's subway. It is not necessary that you 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 be used indistinctly for all metropolitan transport.

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

You can check the easier way for you to arrive to IQS in the web page of the Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona (Metropolitan Transports of Barcelona). http://www.tmb.net/en_US/home.jsp



Facilities in IQS

→ *Mentor & Social Activities*

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

Mentors are the guiders for new students. They will help their foreign mates in everything they are able 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 different activities for the International Students. Information is posted in the International Relations noticeboard which is located in the hall of 2nd floor.

→ *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 metres of bookshelves for 55000 books. Furthermore, in the library students have free access to library's computers and also they can use their own laptops.

→ *Computer Facilities*

In IQS, students come 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 to them once they are registered. However, for those who do not want to bring with their own laptops, the library has several computers connected to internet too.

→ *Restaurant / Cafeteria*

IQS has a Restaurant / Cafeteria which is open from 7am to 8pm. There, you can have breakfast, lunch or afternoon snack. For having lunch students can buy the meal or they can bring it. The cafeteria has a space with tables and microwaves in which you can heat your meal up and then, to have lunch.

→ *Sports*

IQS believes in the necessity of cultivating sport practice between their students. The student 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 which there is 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

IQS does not have its own accommodation, but it is ascribed to BHSS, “**Barcelona Housing Services for Students**” (<http://www.bcu.cesca.es/castella/index.htm>). Just because this web page is linked to the Ajuntament de Barcelona (City Council), to the Generalitat de Catalunya (Autonomous Government) and to the Universities of Barcelona, IQS strongly recommend this to find accommodation.

This service is designated to students who come to Barcelona to study or to do practices or research. This service offers them all kind of accommodation: hostels, residences, shared flats, rooms, families, etc.

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

IQS advise students to choose either BHSS or ShBarcelona services because there is a link with IQS. For that reason if something happening with the students or with those services, IQS could mediate in the conflict.

To use it, it is necessary that you have a letter which confirms that you belong to IQS. Moreover, this letter also must include the period of time that you are going to study in Barcelona. If you want to use this service, let us know and we will give you. Once you are in Barcelona or before coming.

Barcelona Housing Services for Students

<http://www.bcn-housing-students.com>

ShBarcelona

<http://www.shbarcelona.com>

However, we suggest that your first or second week you stay in a youth hostel. During those days you can arrange your definitely accommodation.

We suggest you that because we think it is better that you visit different apartments once you are here. This is the best way to see whether accommodation is what you need or what you want or not.

For that reason, we suggest you those youth hostels:

- **Alberg de Pere Tarrès:**

<http://www.peretarres.org/alberg/alberg.asp>

c/Numància 149-151

08029 Barcelona

Tel. 00 34 93 410 23 09

alberg@peretarres.org

- **Alberg Mare de Déu de Montserrat:**

<http://www.xanascap.cat/showhostel.tjc?id=237&index=1>

Tel. 00 34 93 210 51 51

alberg_barcelona@tjuca.com

Information and booking: 93 483 83 63

- **In-Out:**

<http://www.xanascap.cat/showhostel.tjc?id=237&index=30>

Tel. 00 34 93 280 09 85

reserves@inoutalberg.com

Information and booking: 93 483 83 63

Registration Procedure

Foreign students do not follow regular registration procedure. Once students come to IQS for the first time, it is necessary that they come to the International Relations Office. There, students will receive a warm welcoming and then, student and a responsible of the Department will check the student's schedule and subjects. Once everything is correct, they will go together to do the formal registration on IQS Secretary.

During the course, if the student wants to do any change in the registration, it will be necessary that students talk with the International Relations Office. Then, this Department will make the changes and this will be confirmed to the student and to the sending institution, if it is required.

Health Insurance

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

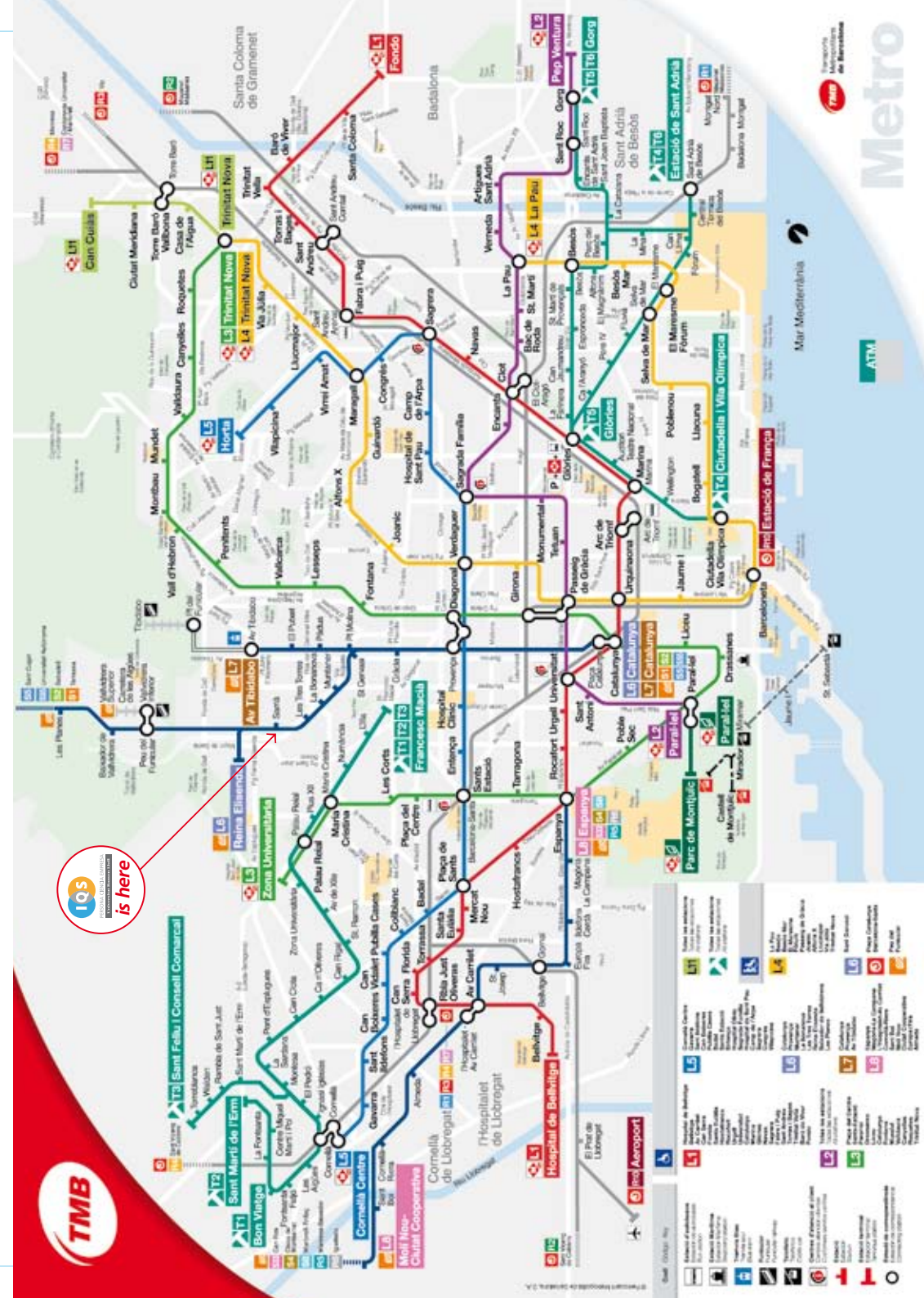
- Accidents
- Medical, surgical, pharmaceutical hospitalization and ambulance expenses.
- Repatriation or medical transport in case of injury or illness.
- Repatriation or transport of the deceased.
- Travel of a companion and expenses of his/her stay in case of hospitalization.
- Return of the insured person by death of a non-assured relative.
- Urgent shipment of non-existing medicines abroad.
- Transmission of messages.
- Assistance in the searching and shipping of lost luggage.
- Travel assistance.
- Shipment of forgotten objects difficult to be replaced.

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: 934024600
<http://www.gencat.cat/temes/eng/>
- **CatSalut (Catalan Health Service)**
Tlf: Tel. 93 403 85 85
<http://www10.gencat.net/catsalut/eng/index.htm>
- **Information and Tourism of Barcelona**
Tlf: 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.net/en_US/home.jsp
- **Airport of Barcelona: El Prat**
Tlf: 902 404 704
- **Taxis of Barcelona**
In Barcelona there are several companies, some of their telephones are:
Tlf: 933 222 222
Tlf: 932 250 000
Tlf: 933 033 033
- **To cancel cards:**
4 B, VISA Electron, Master Card and VISA.
Tlf: 902114400 / 913626200
American Express
Tlf: 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: 901 22 22 22



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