



INSTITUT
BARCELONA
ESTUDIS
INTERNACIONALS



RESEARCH MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Dates: From September 2024
to September 2026*

Duration: 24 months, full-time

Credits: 120 ECTS

Language: English

Applications: 1 September 2024

*The 2-year Research Master's in International Studies will be offered biennially, starting in the academic year 2024-2025. However, if you already hold (or are finishing) an MA degree and you are interested in applying directly into the second year, you are welcome to do so for the academic year 2025-2026.

The Research Master's in International Studies is an interdisciplinary 120 ECTS credit programme that combines the study of complex problems in international politics and related areas, with a strong focus on research methods in social sciences.

This two-year Master's programme intends to prepare policy analysts and researchers in different areas of international studies, providing them with advanced methods training and research skills that will enable them to develop or consolidate their professional and academic careers. This Master's offers excellent preparation for a professional future in any competitive research-related environment (e.g. public and private research agencies or think-tanks). It also provides a solid ground for successfully pursuing a PhD programme in International Relations, Public Policy, or Political Science or similar.

During the first year of the programme, the Research Master's in International Studies combines theory and practice, providing students with extensive knowledge of the different fields of international studies, including academic and professional perspectives. In the second year of the programme, students are trained in advanced research methods, including innovative analytical techniques and sophisticated software tools, culminating with a 30-ECTS credit final research project (TFM).

RESEARCH MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Master's degree is fully accredited and is jointly awarded by two internationally renowned Spanish universities: the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

The Master's curriculum offers an innovative structure, totalling 120 ECTS credits. It is made up of a combination of core courses and a wide range of electives that reflect the students' individual research interests:

- ▶ Core courses in theory and practice of international studies (24 ECTS)
- ▶ Core courses in research methods in international studies (22 ECTS)
- ▶ Electives in advanced research methods and techniques (8-24 ECTS)
- ▶ Other electives: Up to 36 ECTS in lieu of advanced research methods and techniques elective courses
- ▶ Final Research Project/Thesis (30 ECTS)

IBEI

The INSTITUT BARCELONA D'ESTUDIS INTERNACIONALS (IBEI) was established in 2004 as a postgraduate research and teaching institute. The Institute is an associate member of APSIA, the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs. IBEI is a centre of academic excellence specialising in the field of international studies. It combines outstanding research with high-quality teaching and student-oriented services.

BARCELONA

Studying at IBEI gives you the opportunity to experience life in one of the most vibrant, attractive and cosmopolitan cities in Southern Europe. Its Mediterranean climate, with mild winters and warm summers, allows you to make the most of the unique cultural and historical identity found in its architecture, art, language and cuisine. Barcelona's comparatively low cost of living is combined with a stimulating academic environment to offer an exceptional educational experience. The city boasts an internationally renowned academic community consisting of eight universities and a network of research centres and scientific parks that provide a thriving environment for study and research.

5 REASONS TO CHOOSE IBEI

- ▶ Pursue an advanced Research Master's degree taught in English in a truly international environment and tailored to your own personal research interest and/or to future career needs
- ▶ Immerse yourself into ongoing vibrant discussions on the latest trends or problems in international studies, whether through the IBEI's permanent research clusters, IBEI Research Seminars or IBEI Practitioners Series.
- ▶ Join IBEI's diverse student body and alumni-network spanning over 40 countries all around the world.
- ▶ Receive individualised attention from our highly qualified international faculty, thanks to the low staff-student ratio.
- ▶ Select from over 80 electives focusing on different geographical and thematic issue-specific areas.

ADMISSIONS

Applicants are required to have completed an undergraduate degree (or its international equivalent) in the social sciences from an accredited institution of higher education. All students must be proficient in English. Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis and all applications must be submitted by **1 July 2024**.

TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

The tuition fee for the Research Master's in International Studies is **€204/ECTS credit**. IBEI offers merit-based scholarships that partially waive tuition fees.

MORE INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

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