Graduate Program in Economics
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

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**Overview**

IDEA is a joint project between the Department of Economics at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the Institut d’Anàlisi Econòmica. Our graduate program includes a Master’s degree in Economics as well as a PhD.

Degrees from IDEA are awarded by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. The language of instruction is English.

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**Master’s Program**

The Master’s Program has a two-year structure (120 ECTS), conforming to the Bologna Declaration directives. The Program provides students with a solid training in Economics that emphasizes rigorous analytical thinking and advanced quantitative and computational methods.

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**PhD Program**

The PhD Program is jointly organized with the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. After the completion of the Master's Program, students can request admission to the PhD Program to pursue research in their field of study. Our PhD students enjoy active interaction between students and faculty and a stimulating research environment with regular seminars and internal workshops. The PhD Program is part of the European Network ENTER.

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**Faculty**

Faculty members are internationally-recognized researchers with an outstanding record of publications in top international journals.
Economics in Barcelona

The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica are both members of the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. Membership in the Barcelona GSE brings many advantages: it hosts regular joint events where leading researchers both from Barcelona and around the world present their work, and it facilitates research collaboration among its members. The Barcelona GSE is also the only economics institution in Spain to have received the Severo Ochoa Research Excellence Program.

Careers

Our Master's and PhD students acquire a rigorous set of tools that make them competitive in the job market, taking on careers in academia, the private sector, and governmental and non-governmental institutions.

Recent Placements

Master’s Program: Competition and Markets Authority (UK), Deloitte (Spain), Inter-American Development Bank (Washington DC), Office of Health Economics (UK), PhD student at MIT, PhD student at NYU.

PhD Program: Bank of Canada, Cardiff University, McMaster University, Goethe University, University of Edinburgh, University of Southampton, University of St. Andrews.

To Apply

Applications are accepted from November until the end of June. To apply, please visit idea.uab.es.
The IDEA program gave me the guides and tools to find a way to successful research in Development Economics. The program is committed delivering high levels of technical guidance and advising in various topics in Economics, strengthening in this way the critical and theoretical skills of its students and researchers. Highly prepared faculty from top universities make the program an excellent place to start or continue a successful career as a researcher in Economics.

David Jiménez-Gómez, MSc 2010
PhD Student at MIT

IDEA offers both academic excellence and life quality. The faculty is knowledgeable and accessible, and the coursework is designed to bring the student to the frontier of research. Barcelona hosts one of the leading communities of economists in Europe and the world, in addition to being a city with vibrant life and a cultural hub by the Mediterranean sea. Studying at the UAB was an incredibly enriching experience for me!

Jan Grobavsek, PhD 2012
University of Edinburgh

IDEA’s philosophy –borrowed from the US– rests on two pillars. First, a rigorous training that yields well-rounded economists. Second, a truly dedicated faculty that, as a group, encourages and supports the students towards success. The program’s value-added to the students is enormous, which is why IDEA is very well-respected in the academic community.

Tatjana Dahlhaus, PhD 2013
Bank of Canada

Doing my PhD at IDEA was one of the best decisions of my life. From a professional point of view, IDEA provided me with high quality courses and an ideal environment to perform research. From a more personal point of view, I have experienced great support throughout my years at IDEA, both from professors and fellow students. Last but not least, Barcelona is the most amazing city in the world. It's a win-win situation!