
Program types

Access requirements

According to what is established in the Spanish [Organic Law 6/2001](#), Spanish universities can issue official master's degrees, non-official master's degrees and other diplomas.

At UPF Barcelona School of Management and UPF-IDEC, programs are divided into **official master's degrees**, **other master's degrees**, **postgraduate programs** and **other studies** (short courses, conferences, seminars, workshops, etc.).

As for master programs, they are divided as follows: **official master's degrees** issued by the Pompeu Fabra University and recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education and **other master's degrees** issued by the Pompeu Fabra University. At UPF Barcelona School of Management and UPF-IDEC, both types of master programs are equally well considered in terms of quality, academic contents, teaching staff and professional reputation.

Official Master's Degrees (*masters universitarios*)

- **Credits and duration:** Programs leading to an official master's degree involve a minimum of 60 ECTS credits and lasts for at least 1 academic year.
- **Final qualification:** Official master programs entitle the holder to obtain an **Official Master's Degree** qualification issued by Pompeu Fabra University, with the IDEC School of Higher Education stated as the teaching centre. This type of master programs represents the usual way to access doctoral studies and they are recognized in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).
- **Access requirements:** Only students who fulfil the general access requirements laid out in the current legislation ([Royal Decree 861/2010](#), of 2 July, modifying Royal Decree 1393/2007, of 29 October), and the specific requirements of the corresponding master program may access an official master's degree.

Other Master's Degrees (*masters propios*) and Postgraduate Programs

- **Credits and duration:**
 - **Master:** Programs leading to a non-official master's degree involve a minimum of 60 ECTS credits and lasts for at least 1 academic year.
 - **Postgraduate Diploma:** Programs leading to a postgraduate diploma involve a minimum of 30 ECTS credits and lasts for no more than 1 academic year.
 - **Postgraduate Course:** Programs leading to a postgraduate course involve a minimum of 10 ECTS credits and lasts for no more than 1 academic year.

- **Final qualification:** Non-official master programs (*masters propios*) and postgraduate programs (postgraduate diplomas and postgraduate courses) entitle the student to obtain the qualification of **Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Course**, issued by Pompeu Fabra University accordingly.
- **Access requirements:** In order to access UPF Barcelona School of Management's and UPF-IDEC's master's degrees (*masters propios*) and postgraduate programs, candidates must hold any of the following university qualifications:
 - an official Bachelor's Degree
 - a 3-year-university qualification (degree, engineering, architecture or a UPF higher degree)
 - a 4-to-5-year-university qualification (diploma, technical engineering, technical architecture or a UPF degree).

In exceptional cases and on certain programs, candidates who do not possess the required university qualifications may be permitted to participate in the program following an evaluation of their professional experience and working position. In this event, the Board of Studies of the Institute of Continuing Education's Private Foundation, Pompeu Fabra University will evaluate the candidate's application and determine what qualification he/she will be awarded at the end of the program.