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# Living in Barcelona

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# About me

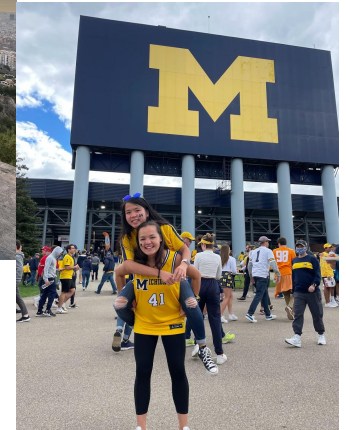
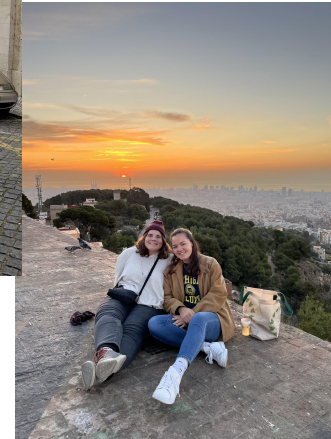
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**Philadelphia, PA, USA**

**BSE in Mechanical Engineering  
University of Michigan '22**

**Renewable Energy (RENE) Master's  
Program**

- Y1: UPC Barcelona
- Y2: KTH Royal Institute of Technology



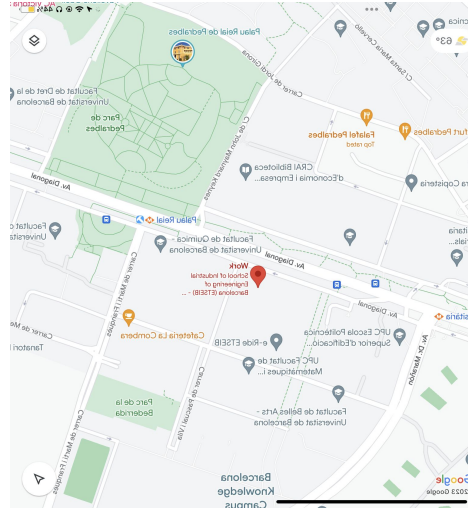
## Academics

### Class at ETSEIB – UPC Campus Sud

- InnoEnergy room in LS1
- Gyms available on campus & around city (membership costs)

### Classes

- Typically in the evening
  - 15-18, 18-21
- Part time jobs possible
  - Internship or normal



# Academics cont.

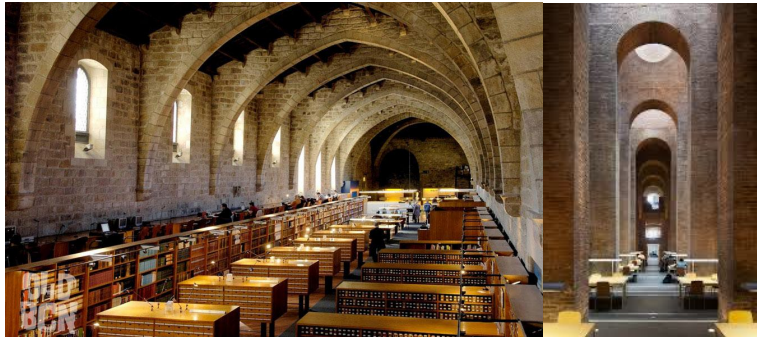
## 2022-2023 Calendar ☐

### Cafes

- Sandwiches, Buenasmigas

### Libraries

- UPC, UPFF Dipòsit de les Aigües, Library of Catalonia, UB Universitat



| CALENDARI ACADÈMIC CURS 2022-2023 (Màsters) |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |      |               |  |  |  |
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# Legal Tasks

## Non-EU

- Student Visa (different for each country)
- NIE Number ☐ start early! Spain phone #
  - Empadronamiento
  - TIE Appt

## EU

- >6 months need to register & do the empadronamiento

## OMI Office @ ETSEB

- [https://www.upc.edu/sri/en/mobility\\_office/students-mobility-office/incomings](https://www.upc.edu/sri/en/mobility_office/students-mobility-office/incomings)

## Banking

- Sabadell (open account w passport) or can use during non-member hours
- Other banks require NIE first

### When you arrive

Upon your arrival at the UPC, please **contact with the International Students Office (OMI)** or attend **the corresponding session of the Orientation Weeks** (according to your profile).

There you will be informed about the compulsory procedures you need to follow to legally stay in Spain. You will also be given application forms and further information on the process.



Registration  
in your Consulate



EU+ Swiss students



UK students



Non-EU students

# Accommodation

## Large variety of areas to live around the city

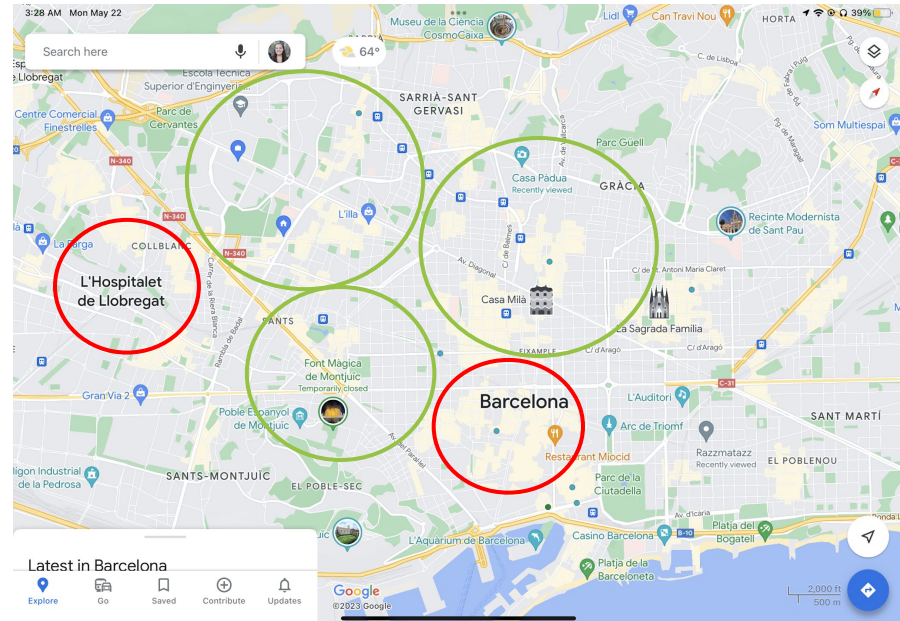
- L'Eixample, Les Corts, Gracia, Poble Sec, etc.
- Careful: Hospitalet, Gothic Quarter, Raval
- Typical price range: 350-900€ (w/ & w/o utilities)

## Finding Housing

- Websites:
  - HousingAnywhere, Uniplaces, Resa, etc.
- Online:
  - Whatsapp groups, facebook, other misc. posts

## Groceries

- Mercadona, Carrefour, Lidl, BonPreu, etc.



# Transportation

## City-wide transportation system

- Metro, bus, tram, ferrocarril
  - Prices (1<sup>st</sup> half off 2023 at least)
    - T-jove: all 6 zones – 40 € / 3 months \*\* tmb card | <30 years
    - T-usual: 1 zone - 20 € monthly unlimited
    - T-casual: 1 zone - 11.35 € 10 journeys
  - ETSEIB: L3 Palau Reial, Buses, etc.

## Other methods of transport

- Bicing (smou app) \*\*NIE
  - 2 plans: 50€/year, 35€/year
- Motorcycle & Scooter rentals
- Taxi (freenow)



# Barcelona

## Languages: Spanish (Castellano) & Catalan

### Sights in the City

- Gaudí houses, Park Güell, Sagrada Familia
- Museums (free first sundays, etc.)
- Gothic quarter & beaches
- FC Barcelona Games (Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys 23-24)

### Typical Activities

- Tapas, beaches, flea markets, cultural festivals, nightlife

### Day Trips

- Montserrat, Tarragona, Girona, Costa Brava, Sitges, Zaragoza

### Misc Tips

- Gaudir Mes Pass, Erasmus Instagram Page



**Thank you!  
(Q&A)**