

Dossier of International Exchanges

Requirements of admission

Students from the institutions with which ELISAVA has previously signed a bilateral agreement can request an exchange place. The duration of the exchange varies, depending on the bilateral agreements, between a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 months.

If you are interested in making an exchange in ELISAVA, check with the international relations service of your university to know the details of the programme.

In case your university has not signed a bilateral agreement with us, you can contact the ELISAVA International Mobility Coordination (exchange@elisava.net) so that we can study the feasibility of a new agreement. Bear in mind that the signing of a new bilateral agreement can be long and require several months.

Students who wish to request an exchange at ELISAVA must have passed at least 2 academic years or 120 ECTS credits and must have been previously authorized to exchange by their home university.

The final acceptance by ELISAVA depends on the number of places available and is subject to the delivery of a portfolio and the review of a panel.

Academic structure

ELISAVA offers two Degree Programmes in Design (with training profiles in Graphic Communication, Product Design, Space Design and Global Design) and Degree in Industrial Design Engineering (with training profiles of Product Designer, Product Engineer and Product Manager). The degree studies last four years, which correspond to a total of 240 ECTS.

Academic calendar

Following the structure of Pompeu Fabra University, in ELISAVA the academic year is divided into 3 quarters, consisting of 10 weeks of class and one or two weeks of exams.

The week that precedes the Christmas holidays is traditionally reserved for the celebration of the International Workshops, in which third-year students enrolled in the subjects of Specific Uses of English participate.

Our academic calendar is as follows (indicative dates):

1 quarter: from October to December

2 quarter: from January to March

3 quarter: from April to June

List of residences and accommodation services with agreement with the School
<http://www.elisava.net/ca/centre/allotjament>

Credits

Like most European universities, ELISAVA uses the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credit system. An ECTS credit corresponds to a standard of 25 hours of activity, of which 10 hours provide for the presence of the professor (lectures, seminars and guided studies) and the remaining 15 are for the development of the theoretical and practical contents by the student.

One academic year corresponds to 60 ECTS credits, divided into quarterly blocks of 20 ECTS credits.

Exchange students who need to take more than 20 ECTS in a quarter may obtain additional credits by choosing among the subjects of the second, third and fourth year.

Admission process

To be admitted as an exchange student in ELISAVA, you must follow the following steps:

Phase 1. Nomination

Phase 2. Application for admission

Phase 3. Admission

Phase 4. Reception and registration

PHASE 1: NOMINATION

Your home university will have to send your nomination by e-mail to exchange@elisava.net including the following information:

- + Name and surname of the student
- + Student email
- + Study area: Graphic design, Product design, Interior-space design, Interaction design, Industrial designM engineering.
- + Exchange period: 1st quarter, 2nd quarter, 3rd quarter, 1st and 2nd trimesters, 2nd and 3rd trimesters, full year

The nominations will have to be sent to ELISAVA in the terms foreseen for each quarter:

1st quarter / 1st and 2nd trimesters / full year: May 15th deadline

2nd quarter / 3rd quarter / 2nd and 3rd trimesters: October 15th deadline

PHASE 2. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

After having been nominated by your centre to participate in an exchange programme in ELISAVA, we will send you the information to make your application online where you will have to upload the following documentation:

- + Application form
- + Passport size colour photograph
- + Motivation letter
- + Photocopy of the national identity document (citizens of the European Union) or passport
- + Portfolio (max 10 Mb)

The online application will have to be done in the terms foreseen for each quarter:

1st quarter / 1st and 2nd trimesters / full year: June 1 deadline

2nd quarter / 3rd quarter / 2nd and 3rd trimesters: November 2nd deadline

Additional requirements: Students who request an exchange for Graphic Design will also have to send a portfolio in printed format, before the deadline, to the following address:

ELISAVA BARCELONA SCHOOL OF DESIGN
Oficina de Intercambios Internacionales
Unidad de Gestión Académica
La Rambla 30-32
E-08002 Barcelona
España

PHASE 3. ADMISSION

Once the documentation is received, ELISAVA will make the selection of the candidates based on the quality of the documentation provided and the available places. Within a period of approximately one month ELISAVA will send the students and their university the communication about the success of the selection process.

If you have been accepted, you will receive the official acceptance letter and detailed information material with the study plans and subjects offered during the period of your exchange, along with other information that may be useful to organize your stay in Barcelona.

You can enroll in the subjects of the 3rd year, with the option of extending this selection to 2nd and 4th year subjects (except the Bachelor's Thesis of the 3rd quarter of the 4th year) depending on the number of credits required by your university of origin.

You must send confirmation of the acceptance of the place within a maximum period of 15 days after receiving the communication. This will help us offer vacancies to eventual students on the waiting list. If, after accepting the place, an unforeseen event arose and you could not make the exchange, we ask for immediate notification of your resignation.

PHASE 4. RECEPTION AND ENROLMENT

We recommend you to arrive in Barcelona a few days before the start of classes to be able to find accommodation and solve the basic issues of your stay.

The first day of the quarter welcome meeting will take place: we will introduce you to the team that will help you during your stay, we will show you the spaces of the school, we will communicate the offer of places for each subject and the details of the enrolment process.

After about a week in which you can meet the professors and confirm the choice of your subjects, we will proceed to the official enrolment.

From that moment on, you will be, for all intents and purposes, a student of ELISAVA

Languages

Classes are taught in Spanish and Catalan; in most cases the exchange students are tutored in English by the professors. Although it is not a reason to exclude your participation in the exchange, it is recommended that you have a basic / intermediate knowledge of Spanish, in addition to English.

ELISAVA does not offer language courses, but in the download area you can find a list of language centres in case you want to improve your linguistic training.

Accommodation

In order to facilitate the stay for students who come from abroad, ELISAVA maintains agreements with different residences and accommodation services that offer special conditions for their students.

Visas and residence permits

ELISAVA does not process student visas and/or residence permits for incoming students.

In case you need a visa or a residence permit in Spain, we invite you to get in touch as soon as possible with the diplomatic representations of Spain in your country to know the conditions and deadlines for requesting and granting such documentation.

Academic taxes and expenses

Exchange students are exempt from payment of tuition fees.

Cost of living

Barcelona is not the most expensive city among the European, but the realization of the exchange needs to be able to count on sufficient resources, which, in indicative terms, can be summarized as follows:

Allotjament	350-450 Euros
Aliments	400-500 Euros
Transport	50 Euros
Materials	250 Euros
Altres despeses	150 Euros
Total	1.200 - 1.300 Euros/mes