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# Catalonia

**Catalonia** is a leading cluster in southern Europe, a strategic hub thanks to a highly competitive knowledge economy and a privileged geographic location open to the world. There are over 5,000 international companies operating in Catalonia, 40% of them having been in the region for over 10 years. Business activity benefits from an excellent university and research system that feeds industry with well-trained professionals and innovation technology.



Sagrada Família, Barcelona. © Vicente Zambrano.  
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Barceloneta beach, Barcelona. © Vicente Zambrano.  
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Castellers, or human towers. © Pepe Encinas

**Catalonia** is a land that has produced artists of such international renown as Antoni Gaudí, Joan Miró, Salvador Dalí, Antoni Tàpies, Pau Casals, Mercè Rodoreda, Josep Carreras, Ferran Adrià, Quim Monzó or Montserrat Caballé. A land with a plethora of talent, which also attracts excellence from around the world thanks to the warmth of its people, the modernity of its infrastructure and a way of life of exceptional quality, made even better by the Mediterranean environment.



Borja Mosaic. © Francisco Sánchez





Barcelona city landscape. © Antonio Lijutic. Courtesy of the Barcelona City Council

**Catalonia** has a leading position in the world, backed by international rankings. Barcelona, its capital, is the number-one European city in terms of quality of life as a place to work, and the sixth-best European city in which to do business, where 30,000 companies are created yearly. It is also the second-ranked city in the world in organizing international meetings. Barcelona is in 11th place on the list of the top university cities and has two business schools which are listed among the most prestigious in the world.



Ebre Delta. © Richard Martin



Pyrenees. © Marc Garriga

**Catalonia** is a region with a millennium-old tradition and its own language, Catalan, and autonomous government, the Generalitat, within Spain and the European Union. It has a stable political system—in fact, its Parliament is the oldest in the world (1283)—which promotes economic activity based on knowledge, in which higher education and research are key elements. Catalonia is a worldwide benchmark of excellence in research in areas such as biotechnology, photonics, energy and nanotechnology. It is research in close contact with universities, the principal mission of which is to discover and advance in knowledge that benefits society and brings about economic prosperity.

**Catalonia** has an area of approximately 32,000 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of over seven and a half million inhabitants. A region which bears the mark left by the footsteps of different cultures and a historical heritage recognized by UNESCO.



## University of Lleida (UdL)

The **University of Lleida** (UdL) combines a long and fruitful university tradition with a young and dynamic structure that is firmly dedicated to quality education and research, advanced teaching methods and internationalization. UdL enjoys an important position not only for its agronomic and forestry programs, but also the courses of study it offers in other branches of knowledge. With a campus model that is spread out throughout the city of Lleida, UdL contributes to the dissemination, quality and diversification of the cultural offer in the territory.



Universitat de Lleida

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## History

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The origins of the University of Lleida (UdL) go back to the medieval university, founded in 1300, which disappeared at the beginning of the 18th century when Philip V suppressed all Catalan institutions. Product of this tradition, in 1991 the new University of Lleida was founded.

## Campus

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UdL is structured into four campuses specializing in the teaching of one or more areas: the Capponit, Rectorat, ETSEA and Health Sciences campuses. The UdL layout model is that of diverse campuses within a city. Each campus aims to provide a university environment that is pleasant for work, study, research and debate.

## Teaching

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UdL is characterized by its offer of personal training, where the student is one of the main actors in the learning process. UdL degrees provide advanced training that is specialized and/or multidisciplinary based on quality content created by experts in the subject matter which is constantly updated.

The postgraduate studies are programmed based on an approach that aims to align teaching and research and demand rigorous academic performance. UdL is a university of reference in the agri-food and forestry fields, but it offers a wide array of quality training in Arts and Humanities, Human and Animal Health Sciences and the Social Sciences, as well as in Tourism, Education and Social Work.

## Research

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UdL has built an enterprising university model, where both basic and applied research play a key role in developing its strategy, oriented to the needs of social agents and the transfer of the knowledge produced with the aim of contributing to the growth and development of its environment.

To promote this strategy, UdL provides scientific and technical services, a comprehensive support tool for research available to the UdL's own research groups, those of other universities, public and private institutions and companies that wish to benefit from the human and technological potential available.

## Innovation

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The UdL Research Ring promotes the visibility of research and the transfer of knowledge produced by its teaching and research staff. The Ring is also intended as a way of improving the support mechanisms for carrying out research activity, grouping together the different UdL research institutes and the Agri-food Science and Technology Park of Lleida, a fundamental piece in structuring Lleida as an agri-food capital of the European region.

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## Internationalization

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In order to internationalize UdL, the university promotes the mobility of its university community in other countries and welcomes students, teaching and research staff and administration and service staff from other institutions around the globe.

In parallel, UdL participates in diverse interuniversity cooperation programs, mainly in Latin American countries and those of the Mediterranean region.

## University community

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UdL believes that a university is about more than just teaching and therefore offers various opportunities for balancing study with other educational, cultural or leisure activities. It also stands out for its involvement in associations as well as its extensive scholarship and grant program for UdL students.