researches and provide them with greater international visibility, the University has developed the UPF Research Park in the fields of social sciences, humanities, communication and information technologies. The UPF Research Park, which develops its activity at Ciutadella and Poblenou campuses, coordinates its activities in the fields of health and life sciences with the Barcelona Biomedical Research Park, located at Mar Campus.

The government of the UPF has worked to establish a flexible model of university, built on the basis of ethical and humanistic

values in order to build a more democratic, international and quality university.

The UPF has a clear international vocation: 6% of undergraduate students, 33% of master students, and 39% of PhD students are from abroad (2007-2008). 12% of the teaching staff are foreigners, and 40% have studied or worked abroad. UPF occupies position 44 in the "International faculty" indicator of the 2008 Global Ranking THES. The University occupies the 2nd place among Spanish Universities in Teaching Quality (CyD Report 2008) and Research Productivity.

# **How to Apply**

Application information: www.upf.edu/ postgrau/en/ sociology-research/presentacio/

### Application deadlines:

Regular admission ends on **27 June 2014**. Contact the Departament of Political and Social Sciences to inform about extraordinary admission periods.

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# This master program offer several scholarships:

www.upf.edu/ mastersociologydemography/ why/scholarships/

# **Enrolment:**

September 2014

# Requirements:

To successfully complete the application process, the following materials are needed:

- Official undergraduate degree/diploma in the following areas of study: Legal Sciences, Social Sciences, Health Sciences and/or Humanities.
- Official undergraduate transcript
- Curriculum vitae
- Proof of English language ability
- A short letter of motivation
- Official identification (national ID card or passport)
- Two letters of recommendation



# Research Master in Sociology and Demography

2014 ---2015



www.upf.edu/mastersociologydemography/

# This master program offers several scholarships (see website)

# The master is taught in English and will accept a maximum of 25 students

# This master will offer double degrees itineraries with the Universities of Tilburg, Groningen and Trento (see website)

### Presentation

The Master in Sociology and Demography of the UPF trains social scientists and professionals to conduct high quality research on key sociodemographic aspects of modern societies. The master program provides state-of-the-art theoretical and methodological tools with which to answer questions such as: Which impact has the economic crisis had on social inequalities and social cohesion? How has it affected individuals' living and working conditions, and their health? What effect has had on individuals' opportunities for educational and occupational mobility? Which strategies have individuals and families adopted to cope with the economic crisis, and how do they affect family and marriage dynamics and youth emancipation? Which role do women play today in the household economy and what impact does it have on gender relations and the society at large? Does the economic downturn affect all groups, social classes, countries, and welfares states in the same way? Is it possible to grow and maintain social cohesion?

Using a comparative and international perspective, the master helps students answer these and other important questions relevant for understanding social organization from a dynamic perspective, identifying the opportunities, needs, and problems that affect individuals at different stages of the life cycle.

# **Carreer Opportunities**

The master's degree is also very useful for students choosing to pursue a career based on empirical research, whether working for international organizations, public authorities or private organizations interested in the analysis of socio-demographic changes and

the challenges they represent for social policy. Jobs for which this master's degree may be useful:

- Specialist in sociology of the family
- Specialist in sociology of migrations
- Specialist in social welfare policies
- Specialist in the assessment of social needs and of the effects of social policies
- Specialist in the analysis of job markets and occupations
- Specialist in management and in public administration
- Adviser to politicians and parliamentary groups

# **Teaching Staff**

Courses will be taught by recognized academics and professors of the Sociology Section of the Department of Political and Social Sciences. It is chaired by Professor Gøsta Esping-Andersen and comprises nine full-time and five part-time lecturers. Its perspective is multidisciplinary, incorporating demographic, labor relations, and sociological studies with a clear leaning towards quantitative and cross-national analyses. The main research areas are social and economic inequalities, the sociology of the family, the labor market and working life, as well as social policies. It keeps important links with prestigious international institutions and collaborates with university programs in Europe and North America.

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To provide students with solid and marketable skills for conducing empirical research on sociological and demographic issues, the MRes in Sociology and Demography has developed a curriculum that combines: **compulsory** 

& optional modules; substantive & methodological modules and sociological & demographic modules (e.g., social inequalities, demographic & social dynamics)

Students have to complete total of **60 credits** to successfully graduate from:

Compulsory courses (30 ECTS)

- Demographic Changes and Social Dynamics (5 ECTS)
- Social Policies and the Welfare State (5 ECTS)
- Techniques of Statistical Analysis I (5 ECTS)
- Techniques of Statistical Analysis II (5 ECTS)
- Family, Gender and Society (5 ECTS)
- Analysis of Social Inequalities (5 ECTS)

Optional courses (10 ECTS)

- Migration and Society (5 ECTS)
- Health and Inequalities (5 ECTS)
- Research and Data Analysis Seminar (5 ECTS)
- Labor Economics (5 ECTS)
- Fundamentals of Political and Social Research (5 ECTS)
- Qualitative Research Methods (5 ECTS)

# Master thesis (20 ECTS)

The master thesis constitutes an important part of the program. Students have to complete it in the last term. It consists of an empirical piece of work where students apply their methodological expertise to the analysis of a substantive issue of their interest. In performing their thesis, students can count on the advice of a supervisor(s) assigned to them according to their academic profiles and interests.

# **PhD Studies**

MA students are invited to think in the opportunity to join the PhD program in Sociology within the Department of Political and Social Sciences. This Ph.D. programme is open to good students who wish to do rigorous empirical research in the area. Applicants are required to hold an MA in Sociology or related field in the Social Sciences with extensive methodological training, equivalent to the MA in Sociology and Demography offered by the Section (research mode).

The PhD Program lasts normally four years, with a first year dedicated to acquiring further training, if needed, and to prepare the PhD proposal. Students are closely supervised by one or two members of staff and participate fully in the academic life of the Section. We make an effort to support financially our students by offering several PhD research and teaching scholarships. Our PhD program has a solid international reputation. Some of our graduates are now working at top academic institutions in the world, like Princeton and Yale.

# **Pompeu Fabra University**

Created in 1990 by the Catalan Government, Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) is a public university inspired by the principles of freedom, democracy, justice, equality, academic independence and plurality.

Today, UPF offers its studies around three areas of Knowledge focused on the human being: the social sciences and humanities, the health and life sciences, and the ITC and communication sciences.

In order to promote research and transfer activities undertaken by university