About us: a pioneering online university

UOC, the world's first online university

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25 years of the world's first online university

The UOC was created in Barcelona in 1994 and teaching began in 1995, with 200 students. It was **the first university ever to run exclusively online**. With **more than 85,700 graduates**, it is now one of **the biggest universities in Spain**.

77,500	students
89,300	graduates

A global university with social impact

Created by the Catalan government, the UOC is a university **run privately to provide a public service** and facilitates equitable and inclusive access to higher education.

We adopted **the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** as our roadmap.

UOC: Democratizing knowledge and guaranteeing people's access to high quality online education

A BBC Storyworks production

Active members of international networks

The UOC is a member of the MIT's Jameel World Education Lab, which seeks to promote excellence and transformation in education.

Leading SDG 3 for good health and well-being.
Part of the "Technology and Higher Education" Working Group.

Part of the "Virtual Mobilities" Working Group.
Contributors of specialised publications about inclusion initiatives based on e-learning.

The President of the UOC has chaired the Executive Committee of the CINDA Network since 2016.
Participation in different projects to promote mobility programmes.

A unique online methodology

The UOC's methodology – its proprietary learning model – is based on three basic elements: **learning resources**, personalized **student support** from teaching staff, and **collaboration**.

478	faculty members & research staff
153	of whom are full-time researchers
5,300	affiliated teaching staff

Our educational model

Rankings and quality accreditation

Times Higher Education World University Rankings

Global
Among the **top 150** young universities

Ibero-America
The **best online university** in Ibero-America

Spain
The **fourth best** Spanish university under 50 years old

Shanghai Ranking of World Universities

Among the **200 best** universities in Communication
Among the **500 best** universities in Education

U-Multirank

Top scores in:

Knowledge transfer
Regional engagement
International orientation

European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

The UOC is a global university that adheres to the **standards set by the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)**.

European Commission's Human Resources for Research (HRS4R)

Quality seal by the European Commission that recognizes our **HR excellence in research**.

Research and innovation

Internet Interdisciplinary Institute (IN3)

Specializing in the internet and technology's **effects on human behaviour**.

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eHealth Center

Conducting research in digital health to contribute towards a **paradigm shift in health and transformation of the system**.

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eLearn Center

Innovating in learning for the **evolution of our educational model**.

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Doctoral School

It **organizes and coordinates the doctoral courses** at the UOC and acts as a reference framework for the different doctoral programmes offered.

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Find out more

7 fields of knowledge

Arts and Humanities
Information and Communication Sciences
Health Sciences
Law and Political Science
Economics and Business
Computer Science, Multimedia and Telecommunications
Psychology and Education Sciences

Alliances with UN institutions

Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

This institution has provided support for the Master's Degree in Food, Society and International Food Governance.

United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR)

Joint programmes for the Master's Degree in Conflict, Peace and Security and the Master's Degree in International Affairs and Diplomacy.

World Health Organization (WHO)

We collaborate with the WHO in the area of e-health and jointly launched the Cutaneous Leishmaniasis Programme in French.

Course offering ⌄

Explore the UOC ⌄

LEARNING TRANS- FORMING

Universitat

European Universities Association (EUA)

Centro Interuniversitario de Desarrollo (CINDA)

Conferencia de Rectores de las Universidades Españolas (CRUE)

Associació Catalana d'Universitats Públiques (ACUP)

Xarxa Vives d'Universitats