

# International Cotutelle (Joint International Supervision)

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## Goal of the UAB's strategic plan 2018 - 2030 in the educational field:

To have a quality, flexible and non-uniform teaching offer, adapted to the needs of society and attractive for the labour market which can position the UAB in the national and international university systems.

→ A more internationalized university in certain strategic fields is regarded as a necessity in order to achieve the said objective.

# Legal framework (1): Why do we want International Cotutelles (joint International supervision)?

Verification and accreditation of Doctoral Programs (art. 10 RD 99/2011). Criteria for verification and accreditation of Doctoral Programmes shall evaluate the internationalisation degree of such Programmes, giving special attention to:



Existence of networks.



International professors and students.



Mobility of professors and students.



Outcomes such as Cotutelles.

## Legal framework (2): what does it take to have an International Cotutelle?

Requirements for PhD theses under an International Cotutelle Regime (art. 15 RD 99/2011):

a) The theses must be supervised by **2 or more Doctors from 2 Universities**, one from Spain, the other from abroad (maximum 3 Thesis Directors).

Must formalize a Cotutelle Agreement.

b) During formation period, PhD Student must spend at least **6 months at the partner University**.

Stages and activities must be envisaged at the Cotutelle Agreement.

## Main steps (1): deploying a Cotutelle

Basic guidelines of the Cotutelle with the Partner University must be set, bearing in mind:

### Period to be spent at each University.

Minimum of 6 months at each University is mandatory.

### Payments.

Administrative fees must be paid each year to the UAB, regardless of what is obliged by the Partner University.

### Language of the thesis.

Both writing and defence of the thesis must be in one of the languages accepted by the University where the thesis is defended. It must be accompanied by a summary in one of the languages accepted by the other University.

## Main steps (2): deploying a Cotutelle

### Composition of the Examining Board.

Between 3 and 8 members with 2 or 3 reserves. Most of the panel members should be external to both universities. The supervisors may only form part of Examining Board composed by 5 or more members.

### Place of defence of the thesis.

It must be agreed whether this will take place at UAB or the partner university.

### Approval of the application by the Permanent Board.

Signing process of the Agreement through the Doctoral Studies Administration Office can be started.

# Defending the thesis under International Cotutelle regime

## Defence takes place at the UAB:

- 1) The composition of the thesis Examining Board is determined by the cooperation agreement signed between the UAB and the Partner University.
- 2) After the defence, two reports are signed: one for the UAB and the other for the Partner University.

## Defence takes place at the Partner University UAB:

- 1) candidate must have been admitted to a PhD programme, paid the registration fees, and registered the thesis project on the corresponding PhD programme.
- 2) candidate must register the thesis at the Doctoral School of UAB.
- 3) The thesis examining board must comply with the provisions of the Cooperation Agreement.
- 4) UAB must be given notice of the date, place and time of the defence by the Department in charge, with sufficient time to make this information public.

# Some figures at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (1)

On Academic Year 2018 - 2019 UAB offers 68 PhD Programmes, organized in 5 areas of interest:

Arts & Humanities

Health Sciences

Sciences

Social Sciences & Law

Technological Sciences

## Defended Theses

Academic Year	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Number	651	618	731	1.114	989



# Some figures at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2)

## Academic Year 2017-2018:

	Programmes	Students Numer
<i>Bachelors</i>	88	26.155
<i>Official Masters</i>	133	3.078
<i>PhD Programmes</i>	67	4.586

## International Joint Supervision

<i>Academic Year</i>	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
<i>Number of IJS</i>	14	5	7	15	12

## Staff Week - Best practices for international collaboration Doctorate Level

14 November 2018

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