

2026 SUMMER PROGRAM IN BARCELONA: DISCLOSURES

- **Dates:** June 22, 2026 to July 17, 2026.
- **Location:** University of Barcelona (UB) Faculty of Law, 684 Diagonal Ave., Barcelona, Spain.

Description: The 2026 Barcelona Summer Program (Summer Program) is a four-week ABA approved program offered by the University of Puerto Rico School of Law (UPR Law), and held in the facilities of the UB Faculty of Law located in Barcelona, Spain. During the program, students will have the opportunity to enroll in four courses (1 credit each). A limited number of students may choose instead a legal internship experience consisting of enrollment in the 3-credit legal internship course *The Practice of Law in Europe*, and a 3-week internship in one of several renowned Barcelona law firms or the Parliament of Catalonia. Internship students will also be required to enroll in the one credit *Lawyers and Litigants in Landmarks* course. All students are required to attend assigned classes. Student performance will be evaluated through a written examination or assignment and graded on an A-F scale. Although some of the courses will be taught by professors of the UB Faculty of Law and all classes will be held at its facilities, the UB Faculty of Law does not have any other relation with the Summer Program.

Eligibility: Law students who have completed their first year of law study and are in good standing at their current law school are eligible to apply. The Summer Program's enrollment limit is 50 students. Legal internships are limited to placement availability (anticipated openings: approximately 15 students).

- **1 credit Courses offered for the Summer of 2026:**
 - June 22 to June 26 (Week 1)
Climate Change and State Obligations under International Law: Study of Recent Opinions (1 credit), Dr. Mar Campins Eritja and Prof. Luis E. Rodríguez Rivera
 - June 29 to July 3 (Week 2)
The International Protection of Human Rights: Principles, Institutions and Challenges (1 credit). Dr. Helena Torroja Mateu
 - July 6 to July 10 (Week 3)
Lawyers and Litigants in Landmarks (1 credit), Prof. Gerard Magliocca and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sonia Sotomayor
 - July 13 to July 17 (Week 4)

Victims' and Defendants' Rights in Criminal Proceedings: Evidence Practice for Vulnerable Witnesses (1 credit), Dr. Nuria Mallandrich Miret

- June 22 to July 3 and July 13 to July 17 (applies only to students admitted for legal internship component)

The Practice of Law in Europe (3 credits), Dr. Efrén Rivera Ramos

- **Class Schedules:**

1 credit courses [classes will meet Monday through Friday each week, except no classes will be held on June 24th/National Holiday]

- Week 1: 9:00am – 1:00pm (class does not meet on W)
- Week 2: 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Week 3: 9:00am – 12:30pm
- Week 4: 10:00am – 1:00pm

3 credit legal internships

- M/W 9:00am – 2:00pm and 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- T/Th/F 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Class Sessions T/Th 5:00pm – 7:30pm

- **Lectures** [required for all students]

- *Law and Institutions of the European Union*, Dr. Xavier Pons Rafols
June 22: 9:00am – 11:00am
- *Justice System in Spain*, Dr. Nuria Mallandrich Miret
June 30: 5:00pm -- 7:00pm

- **Faculty**

- *Dr. Mar Campins Eritja* obtained a law degree and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Barcelona Faculty of Law. After joining its law faculty in 1994, she is currently a Full Professor in Public International Law and European Union Law at the same institution. From 2017 until 2023, she held the Jean Monnet Chair in European Union Environmental Law. Her areas of expertise include: international and European Union environmental law, sustainable environmental governance, climate change, and institutional European Union law. She has served as a Vice-Dean of the UB Faculty of Law, and as Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor for International Policy at the University of Barcelona.
- *Prof. Gerard Magliocca* obtained his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and his law degree from Yale University. He joined the law faculty at

Indiana University (IU) in 1994, and is currently a Distinguished Professor and Samuel R. Rosen Professor at the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law. His areas of expertise include: torts, constitutional law, intellectual property, legal history, and admiralty. Prior to teaching at IU, Prof. Magliocca worked two years at Covington and Burling, and one year as a law clerk for Judge Guido Calabresi on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit.

- *Dr. Nuria Mallandrich Miret* obtained a law degree and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Barcelona, and joined its law faculty in 2021 as a Professor in Procedural Law. Her areas of expertise include: comparative and Spanish judicial systems, civil law, criminal and civil procedure, evidence, family law procedure, and arbitration. Prior to joining the UB Faculty of Law, Dr. Mallandrich Miret was associated to the MBC IURIS law firm in Barcelona, Spain.
- *Dr. Efrén Rivera Ramos* obtained his undergraduate and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Puerto Rico, his LL.M. degree from Harvard University and his PH.D. in Law from University College London. After joining the faculty of the University of Puerto Rico School of Law in 1982, he is currently a Full Professor at this institution. His areas of expertise include: legal theory, constitutional law, and law and culture. Dr. Rivera Ramos served as Dean of the UPR Law School from 2001 to 2007. In 2006, he was awarded the American Association of Law Schools' Deborah L. Rhode Award for his contributions to access to justice and pro-bono service from a legal education leadership position.
- *Prof. Luis E. Rodríguez Rivera* obtained his undergraduate degree from Yale University, his J.D. degree from Harvard University and his LL.M. degree from the University of Cambridge. After joining the faculty of the University of Puerto Rico School of Law in 1995, he is currently a Full Professor at this institution. His areas of expertise include: international, US and Puerto Rico environmental law, public international law, human right to environment, law of the sea, and disaster law. Prof. Rodríguez Rivera served the government of Puerto Rico as Secretary of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources. He was also a member of Puerto Rico's Delegation to the 2002 United Nation's World Summit on Sustainable Development in South Africa.
- *Hon. Sonia Sotomayor* is Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. She earned a B.A. in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and receiving the Pyne Prize, the highest academic honor Princeton awards to an undergraduate. In 1979, she earned a J.D. from Yale Law School where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. She served as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office from 1979–1984. She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she served as

an associate and then partner from 1984–1992. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and she served in that role from 1992–1998. In 1997, she was nominated by President Bill Clinton to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit where she served from 1998–2009. President Barack Obama nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2009, and she assumed this role August 8, 2009.

- *Dr. Helena Torroja Mateu* obtained a law degree and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Barcelona. After joining its law faculty in 1993, she is currently a Full Professor in Public International Law and International Relations at the same institution. Her areas of expertise include: United Nations law, human rights law, humanitarian law, international criminal law, diplomatic protection, privatization of the use of force, and territorial sovereignty and self-determination of peoples. Dr. Torroja Mateu has served as a consultant for the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, as an OSCE International Election Observer in Sarajevo, and as a legal advisor to the Spanish Delegation negotiating the United Nation’s Draft Articles on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters.
- *Dr. Xavier Pons Rafols* obtained a law degree and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Barcelona. After joining its law faculty in 1989, he is currently a Full Professor in Public International Law (European Union Law) at the same institution. His areas of expertise include: public international law, international organizations (with emphasis on the United Nations and the European Union), European Union law, public health, and food security. Dr. Pons Rafols served as Dean of the UB Faculty of Law, and as Secretary-General at the University of Barcelona. He has also acted as international legal consultant of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
- **On-site program director:**
 - *Prof. María Angelines Garay* obtained her undergraduate and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Puerto Rico. She is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law’s Legal Assistance Clinic. Her area of expertise is special education and discrimination law. Prof. Garay served as Assistant Dean of Administration at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law (2008-2022), and as Director of the University of Puerto Rico School of Law’s Trust. She can be reached at: maria.garaydiaz@upr.edu.
- **Academic coordinator/On-site faculty oversight:**
 - *Prof. Luis E. Rodríguez Rivera* [descriptive bio above].

- **Costs:**

- Application fee: \$40.00 (non-refundable)
- Tuition: \$3,000.00 (includes tours and visits to Cadaques, Sagrada Familia Cathedral, Catalonia Parliament, Barcelona's Bar Association and Barcelona's City of Justice)
- Students are responsible for Travel, Housing and Living arrangements and expenses. (Anticipated \$6,000.00 -- \$7,000.00). Housing recommendations available upon request.

- **Cancellations:**

- UPR Law reserves the right to alter or cancel the Summer Program should circumstances warrant it. In the event a program must be cancelled due to force majeure circumstances, the tuition monies will be refunded.
- We will keep applicants aware of any significant changes. If cancellation of a program is necessary because of insufficient enrollment or for any other reason, all the tuition payment will be refunded.
- In the event the Summer Program is officially declared to be in an "area of instability", students will be notified and permitted to withdraw with appropriate refund.
- If the Summer Program is cancelled or altered for any of the reasons stated above, students will be notified via the contact email provided on their application.