

# The Leading Online University

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# MISSION AND VALUES

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UOC  
Universitat Oberta  
de Catalunya

## Mission

The UOC is an **innovative university** with its roots in Catalonia that offers courses worldwide.

It offers people **lifelong learning** and **educational opportunities** to help them and society advance, while carrying out **research into the knowledge society**.

Its educational model is based on **personalization** and accompanying students using e-learning.





# Values

- Diversity
- Participation
- Quality
- Innovation
- Sustainability
- Cooperation





## A university without limits and borders

The UOC is present throughout the world thanks to its strategy based on **alliances with other universities and research institutions** in different countries.

The University has a **strong presence in Latin American and the Caribbean**, where it has over 3,500 students and more than 150 agreements with different universities, companies and institutions.

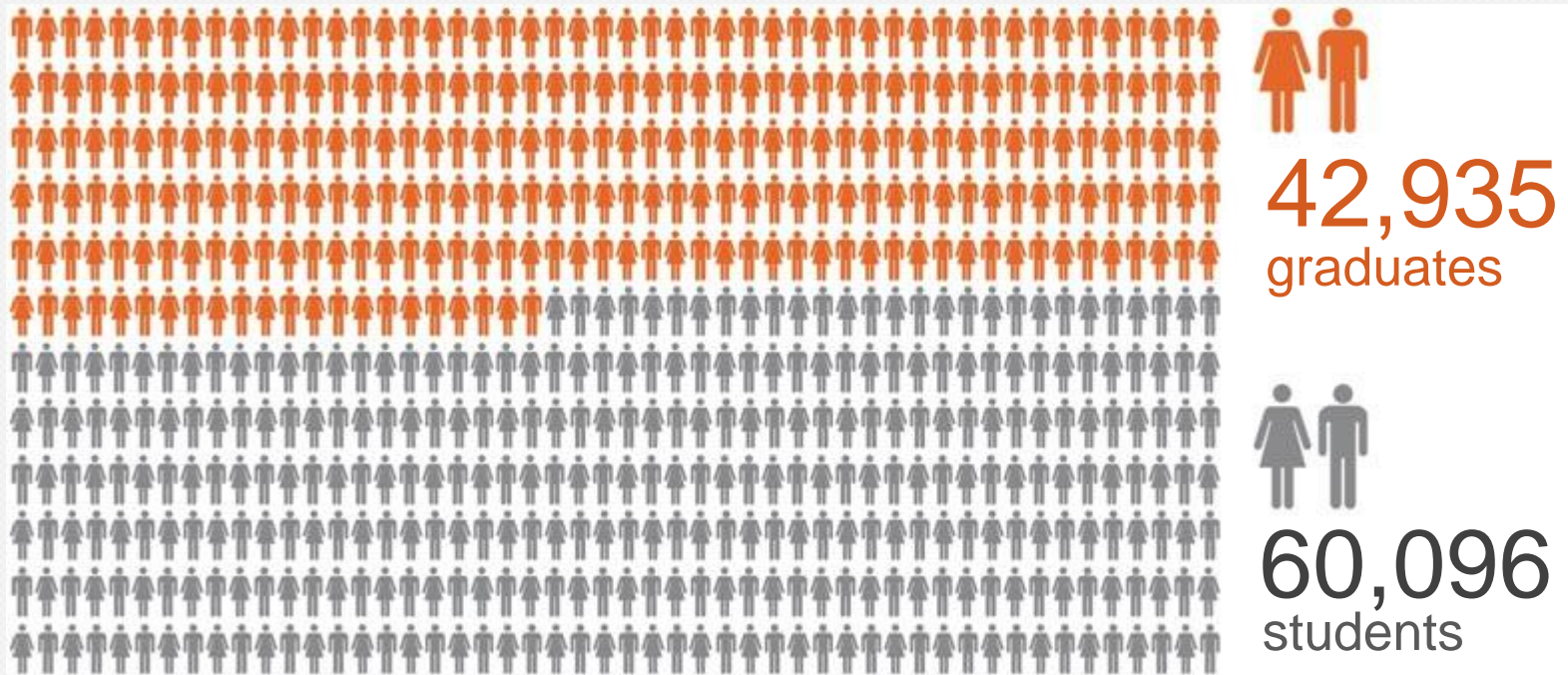
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# THE UOC: FACTS AND FIGURES





# A community of more than 60,000 students



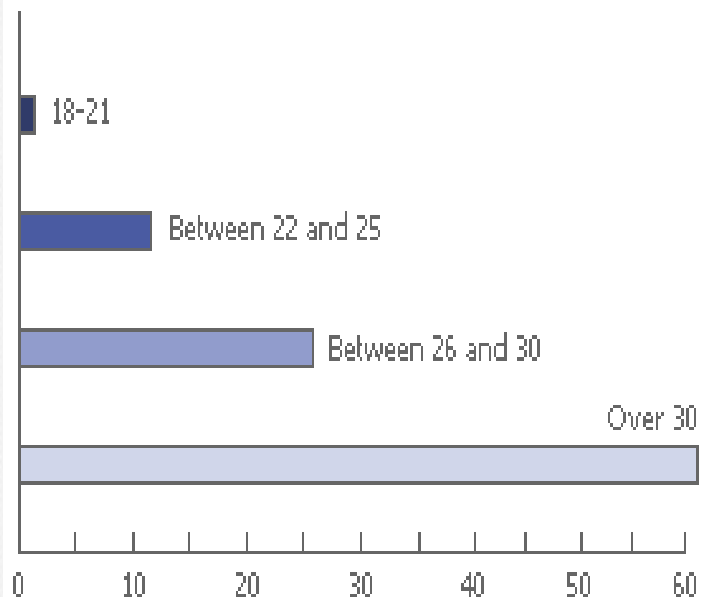
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# Student Profile

Age (%):

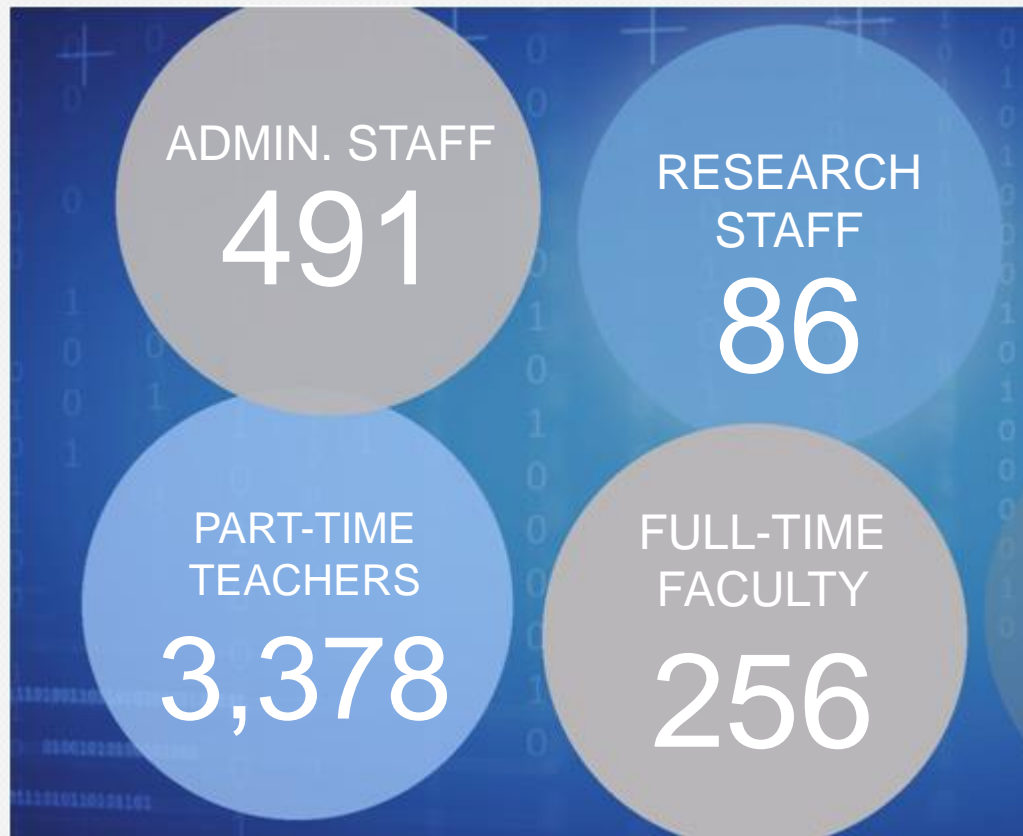


Employment (%):



**Women: 53 % vs. Men: 47 %**

## A team with one shared aim: quality



# A flexible offer adapted to students' needs

## Course offering

- Degrees
- Master's degrees
- Postgraduate courses
- Doctoral programmes
- Open short courses
- In-company training

## Knowledge areas

- Arts and Humanities
- Health Sciences
- Information and Communication Sciences
- Law and Political Science
- Economics and Business Studies
- IT, Multimedia and Telecommunications
- Psychology and Education Sciences
- City Management and Urban Planning
- Tourism
- Information Society
- Food Systems, Culture and Society



# Departments, schools, institutes and chairs

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## ► Departments

- Arts and Humanities
- Health Sciences
- Information and Communication Sciences
- Law and Political Science
- Economics and Business Studies
- IT, Multimedia and Telecommunications
- Psychology & Education Sciences

## ► Schools

- Business School
- School of Languages
- School for Cooperation

## ► Institutes

- International Graduate Institute
- Internet Interdisciplinary Institute
- eLearn Center

## ► Chairs

- UNESCO Chair in Education & Tech. for Social Change
- UNESCO-FC Barcelona-UOC Chair
- Chair in Multilingualism

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**EDUCATIONAL MODEL**  
What sets us apart





## A student-centred model

- At the UOC, the **student is the focus** of the educational process and is provided with all the resources needed to interact with the community.
- The student manages their own time, **plans their rhythm of study** and sets their own academic pathway receiving continual advice from their tutors and lecturers.





## An accompanied learning process

- **Interactive**, creating a community where everyone takes part in the process
- **Collaborative**, generating shared knowledge
- **Personalized**, managing pathways to meet knowledge, interests and needs
- **Flexible**, adapting as far as possible to professional and personal circumstances

# The elements of the model

## Resources:

**Contents, virtual spaces and tools** needed to develop learning and assessment activities.

## Collaboration:

**Communicative and participative teamwork dynamics** that aid collaborative knowledge building between classmates and lecturers, guiding them through problem-solving situations, project development and **joint product creation**.

## Accompaniment:

Actions developed by teachers to monitor and **support students** as they plan their work, complete activities, undergo assessment or take decisions.

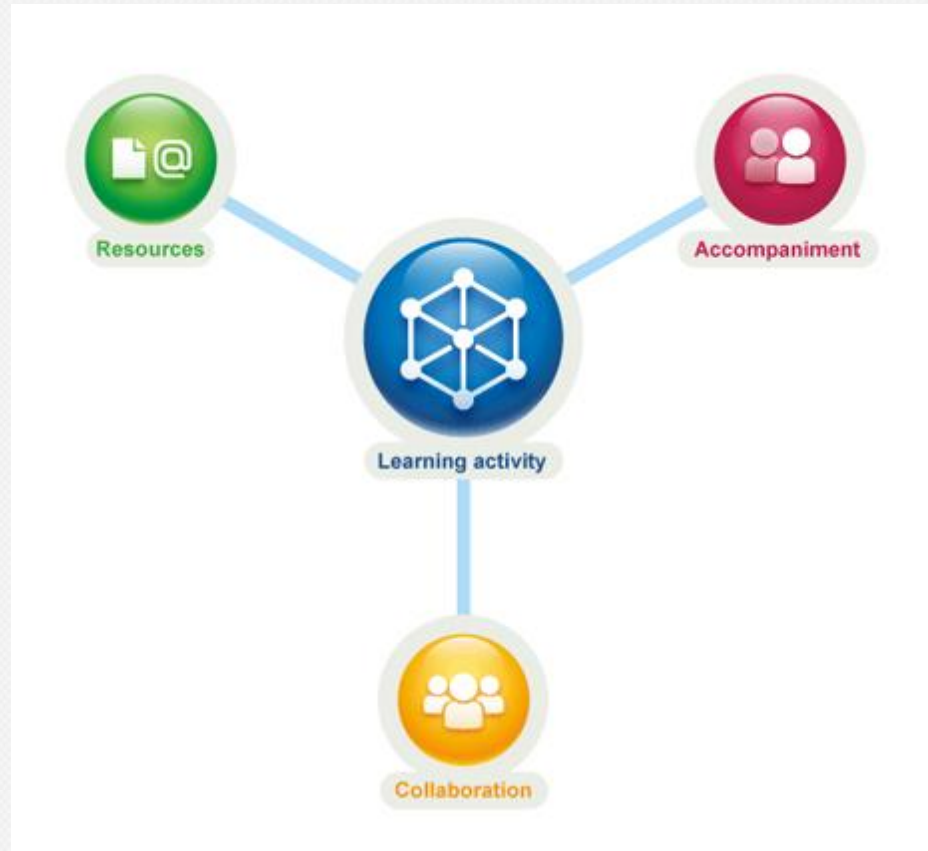
Faculty support ensures a personal touch, where students receive **constant guidance throughout their studies** and **establish close links with the educational community**.






# Learning: three types of interaction

- Learner-content
- Learner-instructor
- Learner-learner





## How to study at the UOC




 Students are provided with a range of resources to help study each subject with the highest standards of quality:

- **Counsellors** provide students with personalized guidance.
- **Tutors** ensure they make progress in each of the subjects.
- The multimedia **learning materials** support the specific materials for each subject.
- The **learning plan** of each subject sets the working methods and criteria for assessment.
- **Continuous assessment** ensures academic progress and making the most of the course.
- The **Virtual Campus** lets students interact with the whole of the university community.
- The **Virtual Library** offers access to a wide range of information resources.
- The university **community services** offer benefits and activities.
- The regional **centres** provide a personalized service and resources for studying.

## The student experience

The UOC learning model enables people to combine learning with an active personal and professional lifestyle

What do students value and praise?

-  Flexibility
-  Personalized guidance and tutoring
-  Collaborative learning



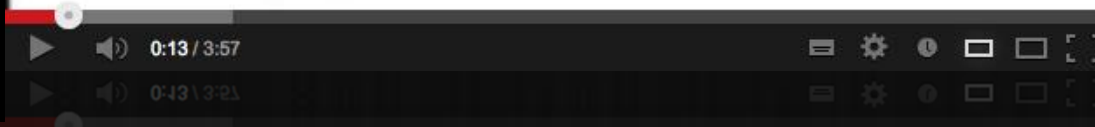


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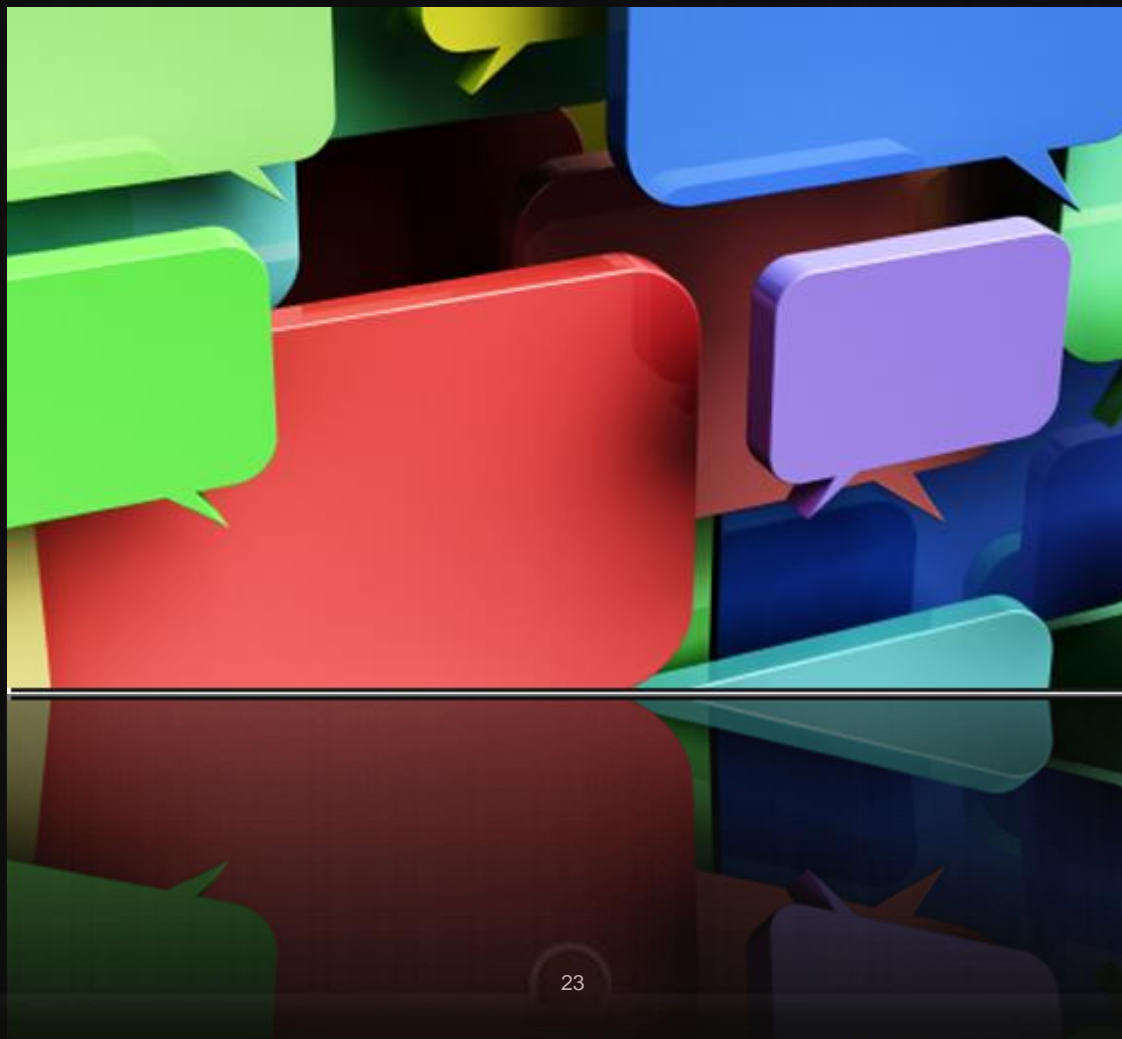




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# UOC Voices. The experience of graduates and students





“The UOC wants to collaborate and generate synergies with institutions so that the knowledge and experience they have can be reproduced and spread internationally”

J. A. Planell, president of the UOC

