

CEU Athlete Support Programme



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Introduction

For elite and promising young athletes, balancing sporting commitments with academic studies, sometimes known as following a dual career, can be difficult. For this reason, CEU Universities have developed the **CEU Athlete Support** Programme: this has been specifically designed to help student athletes to successfully combine their sporting and academic activities and also find employment once their sporting careers have ended.

This programme is offered by the CEU **foundations and universities:**

- **Universidad CEU San Pablo (Madrid)**
- **Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera (Valencia)**
- **Universitat CEU Abat Oliba (Barcelona)**
- **Universidad CEU Fernando III (Seville)**



RATED EXCELLENT FOR TEACHING, EMPLOYABILITY, GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT, FACILITIES, STRENGTH OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAMME, SOCIAL IMPACT, GOOD GOVERNANCE, ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

The **QS Stars** ratings, an international university quality assessment system, rates CEU Universities as **Excellent**, awarding it the maximum grade in the nine categories assessed, and so achieving a **5-star rating** overall. This result demonstrates our commitment to the **academic excellence** of CEU Universities for the **period 2025-2030**.



Objectives

- To ensure that the academic performance of student athletes is not negatively affected by their participation in sport, enabling them to achieve excellence in both the sporting and the academic arenas.
- To support student athletes financially. This is consistent with CEU's social vocation: we are the private educational institution that awards the most grants and scholarships in Spain, with €24,4 million earmarked for study grants in the 2024-2025 academic year.
- To prepare student athletes both academically and personally for employment and to support them until they secure their first job, thus helping them to smoothly transition into a new stage of their lives after their sporting career ends.
- The Programme complements other measures established in law to support participation in sport and university education, thus providing elite athletes and promising young athletes with a comprehensive and unique educational opportunity.

Characteristics



- Design of a tailor-made **academic itinerary to suit each student**, with appropriate adaptations being made each year as necessary. This itinerary will be jointly established by the student, the academic supervisor and the University Guidance Service, taking into account the student's preferences and abilities, current circumstances, family situation, the nature of their chosen studies and any associated risks.
- **In-person educational provision**, offering a **flexible teaching and assessment system**, while always respecting the applicable academic regulations.
- Students will be offered a range of possibilities by their academic and practical training supervisors, and they may then **choose the timetables and practical training groups** that best suit their needs.
- **Assignment of a mentor.**
- Provision of a **sports coaching** service and **a trainer**.
- **Free use of sports facilities** for training.
- **Access to healthcare services at any of the CEU Clinics under** special conditions: Medicine, Physiotherapy, Dentistry, and Nutrition.
- **Support from the University Guidance Service**, which specializes in educational psychology and assists students with academic issues and matters relating to university life.
- Support from the Careers **Service until you secure your first job.**
- **Awards** for student athletes from each CEU University who achieve **academic and sporting excellence**.
- **Recognition of the activities** carried out by student athletes in their **European Diploma Supplement and certification of their skills** in the form of digital microcredentials.
- **Access to the most comprehensive educational offering in Spain: choose from more than 260 degree programmes** — bachelor's degrees, dual degrees and bilingual programmes — from among the four CEU Universities.

Eligibility



- High-level athletes (deportista de alto nivel, DAN).
- High-performance athletes (deportista de alto rendimiento, DAR).
- Athletes selected for any regional or national team.
- Plan Team España-ADO and Plan ADOP athletes (athletes participating in national development plans).
- Athletes who have participated in European Universities Championships, World University Championships or winter or summer Universiades.
- Professional athletes.
- Active coaches of DAN athletes and professional athletes.
- Retired elite athletes.

Spanish athletes or athletes of any nationality belonging to any of the above-mentioned groups or with equivalent status in their respective countries may participate in the Programme.

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