

# POL VILÀ PIÑOL

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## EDUCATION

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### **Bachelor's degree in Economics**

*Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)*

September 2021 - June 2026 (*expected*)

*Barcelona, Spain*

- Current GPA: 9.09/10
- Awarded *Matrícula d'Honor* (highest honors) in: Mathematics III (2022), Business Economics I (2022), Business Economics II (2023), Financial Accounting (2023), Microeconomics II (2023), Econometrics I (2023), Economic Organizations and Markets (2024), Seminar Paper (2024), Econometrics III (2025), Advanced Macroeconomics I (2025).
- Awarded from the *Catalan Association of Accounting and Management* (ACCID) for the best practical case, for the project "FCB: Sell to Survive", which analysed FC Barcelona's accounting position to issue recommendations on its financial situation.

### **Bachelor's degree in Law**

*Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)*

September 2021 - June 2026 (*expected*)

*Barcelona, Spain*

- Current GPA: 8.01/10
- Awarded *Matrícula d'Honor* (highest honors) in: Public International Law (2022)

### **International exchange (Erasmus)**

*Università Bocconi*

September 2024 - January 2025

*Milano, Italy*

- GPA: 27.81/30

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Research Assistant to Tom Zohar**

*CEMFI*

June 2025 - Present

*Madrid, Spain*

### **Research Assistant to Paula Bustos**

*Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)*

September 2025 - Present

*Barcelona, Spain*

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**

*Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)*

November 2024 - July 2025

*Barcelona, Spain*

## RESEARCH

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### **Comparative Analysis of Nominal Rigidities in Online and Multichannel Markets**

- The paper studies how the spread of online commerce has changed the frequency and dynamics of price adjustments. Using retrospective web-scraping data, it builds a panel for Amazon and major multichannel retailers in Spain. Results show that multichannel retailers adjust prices far less often than Amazon.

Price-change frequencies, however, converge toward Amazon's during 2020 - 2022, indicating that a stronger online presence leads to more flexible pricing.

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### **Elections to the Catalan Parliament: An alternative model for election forecasting**

- The paper proposes a “Second Option Model” that uses voters’ second-choice preferences and switching probabilities to improve electoral forecasts using the same survey data as official bodies. Applying it to the 12 May Catalan parliamentary elections, the aim is to match or outperform the Centre d’Estudis d’Opinió’s predictions and provide a method that can be extended to other elections.
- [Link](#)

## **ACTIVITIES**

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### **deba-t.org**

February 2024 - Present

*Vicepresident*

- Member (February 2024 - Present)
- Board member: Secretary General (June 2024 - June 2025), Vicepresident (June 2025 - Present)
- Student association that hosts weekly events, panel discussions and seminars on a wide range of socioeconomic and political topics.

### **European Law Students’ Association UPF (ELSA-UPF)**

December 2024 - Present

*Member*

- Treasurer (June 2024 - June 2025)
- European network run by law students that organizes moot courts, seminars and conferences to learn law in a practical and international way.

### **Representative of the UPF Delegation at the *Warwik Economic Summit***

2024

## **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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- **Skills:** Proactive, team work, responsible, hard working, conscious.
- **Programming:** Stata, R, Python,  $\LaTeX$
- **Languages:** Catalan (Native), Spanish (Native), English (Bilingual Proficiency).
- **Certifications:** TOEFL: 114/120; GRE 166/170.
- **Courses:** Private Equity and Venture Capital (Bocconi), Introduction to Calculus (The University of Sydney), Game Theory (Stanford University & UBC), Reading Financial Statements (CFI), Negotiation (ESADE).