WELCOME TO THE BARÇA ACADEMY
Introducing the Barça Academy

Barça Academy is a brand-new partnership between FC Barcelona, one of the premier and most renowned soccer clubs in the world, and Grande Sports Academy, one of the most successful youth soccer development academies in the United States competing in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy (USSDA). Barça Academy is the only USSDA full-time residential program in the U.S. partnered with a top international professional team. No other top-level international professional team has brought their highest-level youth coaches to the U.S. to live full-time on campus and train young talented players year-round.

The Beginning of a New Era in U.S. Youth Soccer Development

Grande Sports Academy and FC Barcelona have joined together to offer FC Barcelona’s only official full-time youth residency academy in the world besides La Masia in Barcelona, Spain. FC Barcelona is relocating a Technical Director and Director of Methodology from La Masia to live full-time on the Barça Academy campus to train academy players. Barça Academy provides talented players from around the world with the invaluable opportunity to achieve their athletic, academic and personal goals!

Barça Academy players will have access to the state-of-the-art Grande Sports Academy facility with on-site dorms, on-site soccer, nutrition, Performance Center, and an on-site high school facilitated by Arizona State University, one of the finest universities in the nation. It is the ideal place for players to develop on the field, in the classroom, and as a person among the most elite youth soccer players from the United States and around the world.
FC Barcelona’s reputation is legendary and represents the foremost soccer player development in the world. Many of the great players in FC Barcelona’s history have lived at La Masia, FC Barcelona’s youth academy in Barcelona, Spain, and have trained under some of the best coaches in the world. Some of the famous La Masia graduates include Lionel Messi, Andres Iniesta, and Xavi who have all played indispensable roles in FC Barcelona’s triumphant history. In 2010, all three players were finalists in the Ballon d’Or, the annual award presented to the world’s best soccer player - an unprecedented feat for players from the same soccer academy. Lionel Messi has won the award five different times. FC Barcelona’s players have won a record number of Ballon d’Or awards (11), as well as a record number of FIFA World Player of the Year awards (7). FC Barcelona has set the gold standard with their world-renowned soccer methodology and their incredible success in the realm of youth development.

FC Barcelona is considered one of the most successful soccer clubs in the world and has won 24 Spanish La Liga titles, five UEFA Champions League titles, a record four UEFA Cup Winners’ Cup trophies, a shared record five UEFA Super Cup trophies, 29 Copa del Rey titles, 12 Spanish Super Cups, and a record three FIFA Club World Cup trophies.

Grande Sports Academy was established in 2010 as the first full-time U.S. Soccer Development Academy residency program affiliated with an MLS team. Grande Sports Academy was modeled after the successful Ajax Academy and La Masia and has won a USSDA National Championship, been runner-up twice and has had three different players recognized as Player of the Year by the U.S. Soccer Development Academy. Grande Sports Academy has also been recognized by U.S. Soccer as having the best soccer training facilities with ideal year-round playing conditions. Every single graduate of Grande Sports Academy has been offered a college scholarship (131) or has signed a professional contract (33).
WHY BARÇA ACADEMY?

Barça Academy is the best place in the world for elite youth players to develop and perfect their talents since only a small percentage of Spanish residents can attend La Masia. The combination of FC Barcelona’s world-renowned philosophy and Grande Sports Academy’s top-notch facilities and staff provide a wide range of benefits to players, including:

- Participation in FC Barcelona’s official residential soccer academy in the United States
- Instruction in a professional environment from FC Barcelona’s famed La Masia coaches who will live at the facility year-round and train players and campers
- Immersion in FC Barcelona’s world-renowned youth development training methodology and philosophy
- Excellent education on campus by Arizona State University
- High quality nutritional programming geared toward getting a young athlete to the next level
- Opportunity to train with and trial for FC Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain
- Opportunity for an annual friendly match between a similarly-aged team at FC Barcelona
- Compete in official FC Barcelona first team match kits
Barça Academy is uniquely positioned to help our athletes accomplish their dream of playing at the highest level on the field, while stressing the importance of life skills, college-preparatory academics, and character development off the field.

FC Barcelona and Grande Sports Academy philosophies are fully aligned and create a unique youth player development environment that is second to none. This is where young talented student athletes reach an unparalleled level of mental and physical development to maximize their potential and achieve their individual goals. As many of our past student-athletes have found, enrollment in Barça Academy is the most important step towards excellence in soccer, academics and life.
SOCCER LIFE AT BARÇA ACADEMY
THE BARÇA ACADEMY COMMITMENT

Provide the finest youth soccer training environment in the nation

Identify, develop, and prepare student-athletes to be all they can be — personally, athletically, and academically — and provide them with a foundation for success in all aspects of their lives

Enhance the tactical and technical skills of our student-athletes through competition against top-rated national and international teams

Prepare young athletes for the next steps in their soccer career with the goal of college scholarships or professional contracts

Provide a safe environment away from home that nurtures and develops the individual talents of each student-athlete while instilling qualities of commitment, responsibility and teamwork.

CORE VALUES

Honesty
Integrity
Respect
Commitment
Discipline
Teamwork
Sportsmanship
Humility
BARÇA ACADEMY IS THE ONLY U.S. SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY PROGRAM THAT IS THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM OF AN INTERNATIONAL CLUB TEAM

The U.S. Soccer Development Academy is a partnership between U.S. Soccer and the highest caliber youth academies in the United States and Canada to provide the highest level of youth competition for the best youth players. The focus is to produce the next generation of National Team players.

The Academy’s programming philosophy of increased training, less total games and highly competitive games is based on U.S. Soccer’s Best Practices. The Development Academy’s primary focus is player development, and Academy teams are required to train at least three days per week and rest one day per week during the Academy season.

The Academy connects U.S. Soccer staff directly with the Development Academy clubs to develop and identify players for future Youth National Teams. Each Academy team is evaluated by a U.S. Soccer Technical Advisor multiple times each year and each Academy club receives two formal evaluations from U.S. Soccer. Additionally, the U.S. Soccer Development Academy Program has a concentration of the best talent pool in the U.S. for college coaches to identify and recruit players.
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EXCELLENCE ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM

In addition to the highest quality training on the field, players will also receive the highest quality training in the classroom through Arizona State University’s Preparatory Academy. ASU Prep is an innovative charter high school where teachers, students, and family share the same goal — advanced education. Students are prepared for success with personalized attention in a university-embedded academic program that empowers them to advance their education, compete globally and contribute to their communities.

The structured schedule of school and soccer training helps create a discipline that will lead to greater success on and off the field. Students attend school on campus and have ample training and study time before weekend games. Through academic advising, directed study halls, college preparation, life skills support, community service opportunities and stimulating cultural and extracurricular activities, the Academy provides our student athletes with skills, and capabilities they need to succeed in life.

ASU Preparatory Academy maintains a rigorous curriculum focused on:

- Internationally acclaimed Cambridge Curriculum
- Personalized student instruction
- Critical thinking and project-based learning
- Annual “Capstone” thesis-venture projects
- Opportunities to take ASU courses for college credit
- Technology integration
ASU Prepares Students for Success in Life

Academic Excellence.
ASU Prep provides a rigorous, student-centered, and innovative program of study designed to meet the unique needs of every learner. ASU Prep understands that every student is unique. Their flexible curriculum delivery model aligns with international standards of excellence.

Flexible Blended Learning.
Highly qualified teachers use personalized online courses combined with face-to-face instruction to support student needs. Students learn on an individualized pace with access to tutors and learning success coaches. Additionally, college credit courses are available as students demonstrate readiness.

Highly Skilled Teachers and Leaders.
Great teachers and outstanding school leaders can set students on a path of success. ASU Prep teachers are highly qualified and highly educated, with 73 percent currently holding or pursuing a graduate degree. Students have access to the teachers and leaders who will assist them to succeed.

University-Infused Environment.
Students at ASU Prep use digital technology to address problems and challenges and work collaboratively to identify solutions to social issues that affect their communities. They explore college majors and career disciplines through personalized academic apprenticeships with ASU faculty and community organizations.

A Bold Vision for the Future.
ASU Prep delivers a flexible and globally competitive instructional model that is integrated with the university curriculum, expanding access to the innovative teaching, research and resources of ASU, providing students with opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in college, realize their full potential and achieve their dreams.

“ASU Preparatory Academy is proud to partner with Grande Sports Academy in fulfilling its mission to develop and prepare student-athletes from around the world to reach their fullest potential personally, athletically and academically.”

- Beatriz Rendon, Arizona State University Vice President of Educational Outreach and CEO, ASU Preparatory Academy
Barça Academy is as committed to the development of the young athlete off the field as on the field. A growth mindset is the foundation of fulfilling individual potential and Barça Academy provides just that environment.

Communication mastery, life skills, community service, career building and individual personal development are integrated into the daily life at Barça Academy.

ASU Prep’s Lead Success Coach and the Academy Director work with each student to establish personal and academic goals. An initial assessment is completed by ASU Prep’s Lead Success Coach, the Academy Director, the students, and their parents or guardians at the beginning of the academic year. Progress toward achieving these goals is the focus during the entire year.

Students are exposed to the arts, music, and culture by incorporating outside speakers, various field trips, and exposure to a wide variety of accomplished professionals. The Academy Director is responsible for organizing, coordinating and executing the personal and academic plan of each student. Open communication with parents is encouraged.
STAFF & FACILITIES AT BARÇA ACADEMY

BARÇA ACADEMY
CASA GRANDE, AZ, US
Barça Academy players are led by FC Barcelona’s La Masia coaches who live on site year round to implement their unique FC Barcelona soccer philosophy and world-renowned training methodology. The entire coaching staff is recognized nationally and internationally for their professional playing and coaching careers at the highest levels collegiately, professionally, and internationally. Their total commitment and dedication is to youth development, training, and coaching.

In addition to the exceptional top-level coaching staff there are numerous dedicated professionals among the more than 135 Grande Sports Academy employees to support the student athletes and help them achieve and maintain elite levels of performance. The entire staff is focused on athlete development physically, mentally, nutritionally, academically, and personally.
Barça Academy is located on the campus of the $20 million Grande Sports World complex in Casa Grande, AZ, just 45 minutes from Phoenix International Airport. Grande Sports World is one of the finest soccer training facilities in the country and is the training destination for the top youth, professional and national teams from around the globe.

"Best Soccer Training Facility Award" by U.S. Soccer

STATE-OF-THE-ART PERFORMANCE CENTER (58,000 sq. ft.)

- 8 PROFESSIONAL GRADE FIELDS (six lighted)
- SWIMMING POOL AND JACUZZI
- SOCCER TENNIS COURTS
- PROFESSIONAL CALIBER LOCKER ROOMS
- HOT AND COLD PLUNGE THERAPY POOLS
- ADJACENT HOTEL AND GOLF RESORT ON CAMPUS
As one of the most well-renowned sports performance and physical therapy organizations in the United States, the Center for Athletic Performance and Physical Therapy (CAPPT) provides Barça Academy with polar testing, strength and conditioning, rehabilitation and recovery, nutritional guidance and support services for all of our student athletes.

CAPPT, the preferred source of performance training for the world’s top athletes, prepares our athletes to get the most out of their bodies by increasing strength, endurance and flexibility—leading to increased productivity and decreased injury.

In addition to providing our athletes with world-class instruction from CAPPT, the physical training facilities at Grande Sports World are second to none in the U.S. and few soccer teams from around the world have access to the quality of facilities available to our student athletes.

“The facilities enabled my teammates and I the ability to improve on every aspect of our game. The fields were the best that I have ever had the opportunity to play on. With the excellent fitness center, I was able to improve on my game off the field. The equipment and space allowed me to become much stronger. All of these things provided to me were huge assets to my growth as a player” - JS
THE GRANDE SPORTS ACADEMY EXPERIENCE
Percent of Grande Sports Academy graduates have received a college scholarship offer or signed a professional contract

Professional signings

College scholarship offerings

Players were called up to Youth and Men’s National Teams representing 14 different countries

Stanford University
University of Maryland, College Park
Wake Forest University
Georgetown University
University of Virginia
Clemson University
UCLA
Loyola Marymount University
Marquette University
University of Washington
Emory University
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona
Oregon State University
Gonzaga University
Boston University
Stony Brook University
University of Denver
California State University – San Bernardino
Gardner-Webb University
University of Wisconsin
Utah Valley University
University of Seattle
High Point University
United States Air Force Academy
University of Louisville
University of California Irvine
University of South Carolina
San Diego State University
Grand Canyon University
University of New Mexico
University of Dayton
Elon University
Northwest Nazarene University
University of Incarnate Word
University of South Florida
Fort Lewis College
University of Portland
Amherst College
University of San Diego
Lipscomb University
University of South Florida
Concordia University
Seattle University
Suffolk University
Arizona Christian University
University of Nebraska Omaha
College of Charleston
Southern Methodist University
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Liberty University

U.S. Soccer Development Academy U-15/16 National Champions

2013

U.S. Soccer Development Academy U-15/16 National Championship Finalist

2014

U.S. Soccer Development Academy U-17/18 National Championship Finalist

2015
“Coming to Grande Sports Academy is an opportunity of a lifetime. You meet people from all over the United States and even other countries. You get the best quality of training in the United States for our age group and you live the life that nobody else gets to live. There are all the right things here that can better each individual in their own way.” - KK

“To be part of this program is more than just being on a team. It is camaraderie, a fellowship, and a family. We care for one another like true brothers, and though we all come from different backgrounds and lifestyles, we make it work because we find our one common ground, the love for the most amazing sport in the world.” - EG

“I do not think there is any other place that competes with what the academy is doing here in Casa Grande, Arizona. I sincerely recommend this opportunity to anyone that wants to pursue a dream in soccer whether that is playing in college or even professionally.” — JC

“Although I’ve had good experiences at other residential programs, I think Grande Sports Academy took soccer even further for me. I train harder and more often here, all the coaches have tons of experience and knowledge, and all the players are dedicated to soccer. Here soccer isn’t just a hobby, it’s a lifestyle. - AF

“I knew from the start that Grande was going to be a successful academy. How they train the players and the mentality down there — everyone wants to succeed and work to get better every day. I knew that when I came in the first day I was going to do everything I could to eventually become a professional athlete. That was my main goal and I did it.” - BL
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