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Within the framework of the general education offered by universities (Undergraduate Degrees, University Masters and Doctorates), there is a need to include other programmes designed to take higher education to society as a whole, in response to the constant need to expand and refresh knowledge.

The offer of permanent or continuing education has been increasing constantly. Universities offer a wide range of widely accepted and recognised master's programmes and postgraduate diplomas. During the 2016-2017 academic year, more than 45,000 students enrolled, with an offer of more than 2,300 courses aimed at professionals and in close collaboration with the professional world. The evolution of the interest in these university courses has been remarkable, increasing in the last seven years by 70%.

Bespoke training for companies and organizations is of particular relevance. In 2016-2017, a total of 557 programmes were taken by more than 14,000 professionals. This higher education is designed and executed in accordance with the specific needs of organisations that find that universities answer their needs for specialised training.

In recent years, the demand for training in second and third languages has grown sharply. The importance of knowing languages in the Catalan university system is considerable, which aims for students to be qualified in three languages (Catalan, Spanish and a third foreign language) by the time they complete undergraduate studies. Apart from French, English and German, universities offer other modern languages. In 2016-2017, more than 28,000 students took foreign language courses.

Universities are also looking to maintain a relationship with wider society by offering higher education to as many people as possible. For years now, they have been launching programmes like the La Universitat de la Gent Gran (University for the Elderly), which opens the doors of university classrooms to people through academically sound courses, conferences and seminars on any subject that might boost the knowledge of the people at whom they are addressed. In 2016-2017, more than 12,000 people enjoyed such classes.

Teaching activity does not end with the academic year. In summer, universities keep their doors open to offer a wide range of proposals in the form of courses and conferences in all disciplines, generally of a short duration. These programmes have no specific entrance requirements, so a large number of people can take part despite not necessarily having any previous higher education, thereby bringing universities closer to the maximum number of people.

All of this forms part of the Catalan university system's response to the need to create the right conditions to support the promotion of educational opportunities across all of society and throughout and at different stages of life.

3.1 Formació continuada

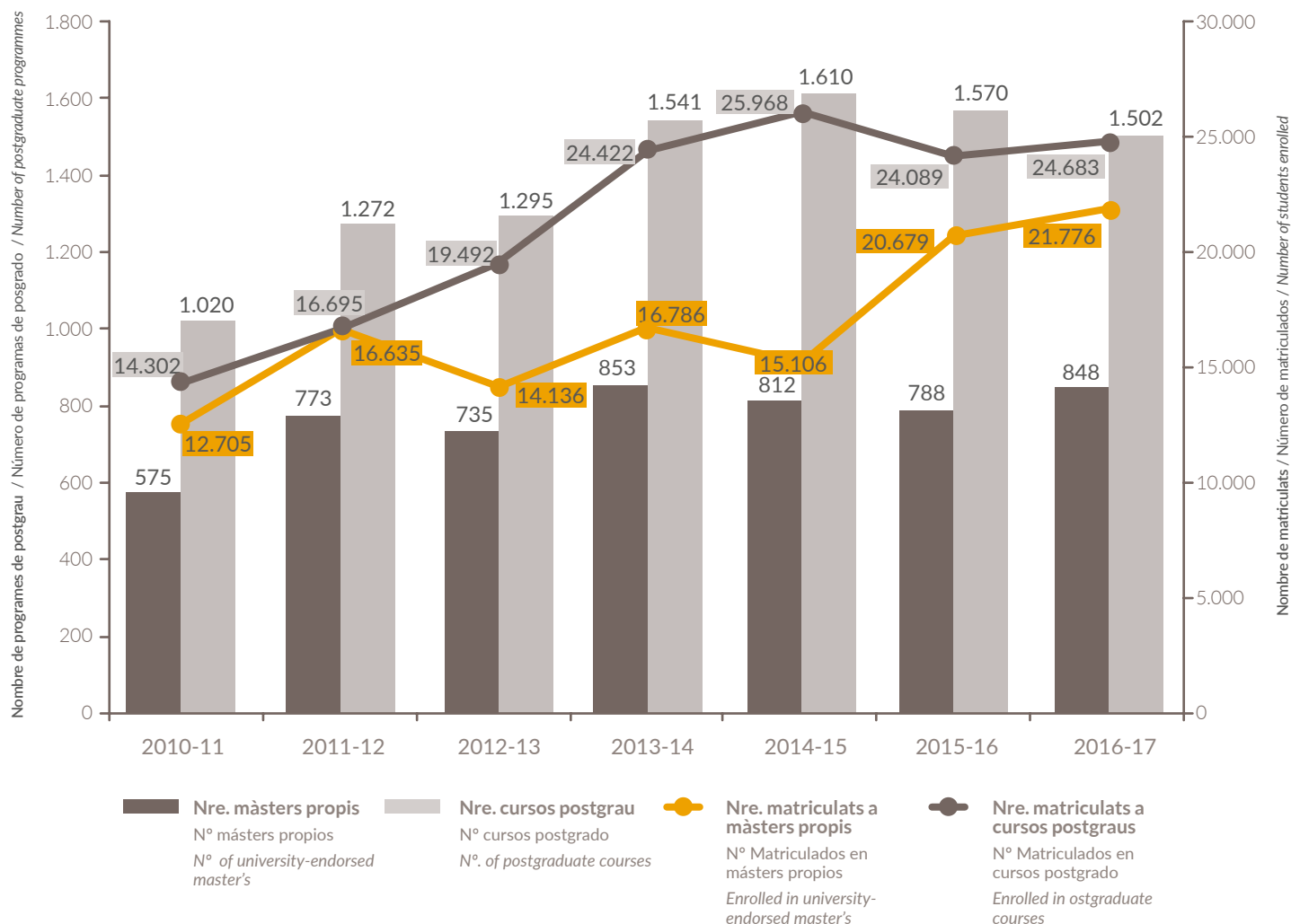
3.1 Formación continua

3.1 Ongoing training

Taula 8. Evolució del nombre de programes de postgrau que s'ofereixen i del nombre de matriculats en els programes de postgrau.

Tabla 8. Evolución del número de programas de posgrado que se ofrecen y del número de matriculados en los programas de posgrado.

Table 8. Evolution of the number of postgraduate programmes available and the number of students enrolled in postgraduate programmes.



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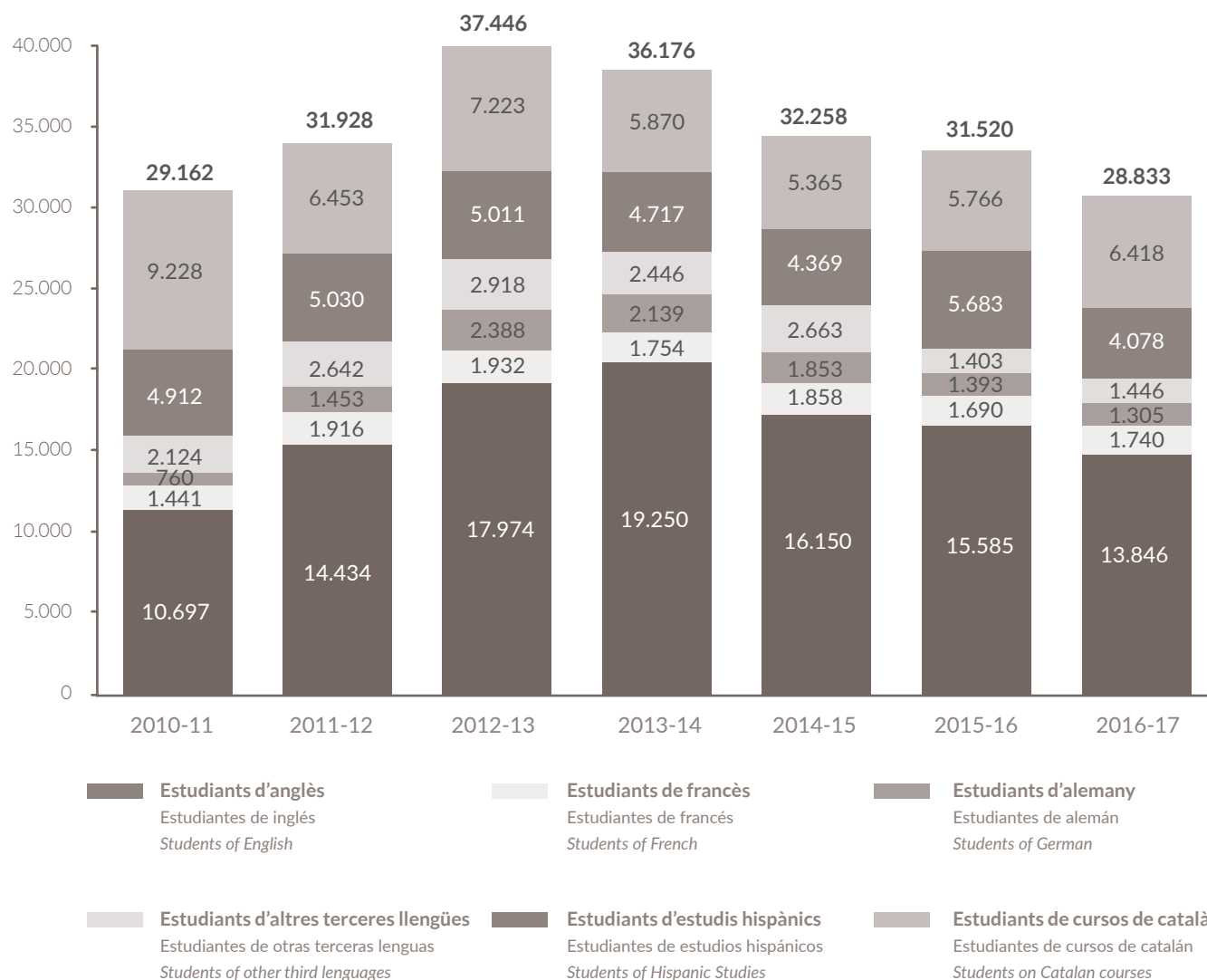
En los últimos 2 cursos se ha producido un incremento de alumnos en formación de posgrado del 13%, principalmente de máster, con un aumento de hasta el 44%, mientras que la oferta se ha mantenido estable.

In the last 2 years, there has been a 13% increase in postgraduate students, mainly master's where the increase was as high as 44%, while the choice of programmes has remained stable.

Gràfic 30. Evolució dels estudiants matriculats a les escoles d'idiomes de les universitats.

Gráfico 30. Evolución de los estudiantes matriculados en las escuelas de idiomas de las universidades.

Figure 30. Evolution of students enrolled in university language departments.



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// **L'oferta de formació en idiomes es consolida en el conjunt de les universitats, i ho fa d'igual manera en les diferents llengües. Destaca, però, un lleuger descens en els darrers 2 cursos, que situa el volum d'alumnes totals en valors similars al curs 2010-2011.**

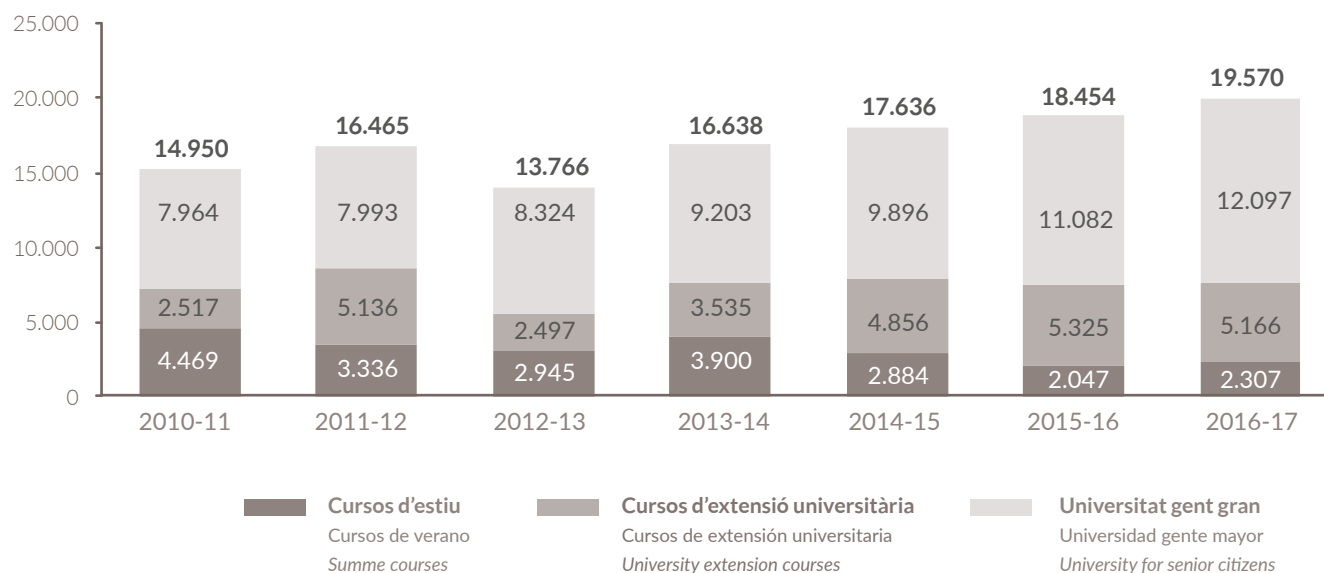
La oferta de formació en idiomes se consolida en el conjunto de las universidades, y lo hace de igual manera en las diferentes lenguas, observándose no obstante un ligero descenso en los últimos 2 cursos y situándose el volumen total de alumnos en valores similares a los del curso 2010-2011.

The choice of language programmes has been consolidated at universities as a whole, in a similar manner for different languages, albeit with a slight decline in the last 2 years, with the total number of students now at similar levels to 2010-2011.

Gràfic 31. Evolució del nombre d'estudiants d'extensió universitària i altres programes.

Gráfico 31. Evolución del número de estudiantes de extensión universitaria y otros programas.

Figure 31. Evolution of the number of students on on other university extension programmes.



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The choice of complementary programmes addressed at different groups or in non-lecture periods raises the social impact of universities. In the last 2 years there has been an 11% increase in students taking such extension programmes.

3.2 Xarxes i vincles amb la universitat

3.2 Redes y vínculos con la universidad

3.2 Networks and links with university

Taula 9. Oferta de la formació a mida de les universitats.

Tabla 9. Oferta de la formación a medida de las universidades.

Table 9. Customised training at universities.

| 2014-2015 | | 2015-2016 | | 2016-2017 | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Nre. programes | Nre. matriculats | Nre. programes | Nre. matriculats | Nre. programes | Nre. matriculats |
| Nº programas | Nº matriculados | Nº programas | Nº matriculados | Nº programas | Nº matriculados |
| No. of programmes | No. of students | No. of programmes | No. of students | No. of programmes | No. of students |
| 443 | 19.428 | 629 | 12.214 | 557 | 14.298 |

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La formación a medida dirigida a las empresas se mantiene como una actividad relevante que llega a cerca de 15.000 profesionales a través de más de 500 cursos.

Customised training aimed at companies remains a relevant activity that reaches almost 15,000 professionals via more than 500 courses.

Taula 10. Oferta de la formació a través de MOOC.

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Table 10. Training through MOOC.

| 2014-2015 | | 2015-2016 | | 2016-2017 | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Nre. programes | Nre. matriculats | Nre. programes | Nre. matriculats | Nre. programes | Nre. matriculats |
| Nº programas | Nº matriculados | Nº programas | Nº matriculados | Nº programas | Nº matriculados |
| No. of programmes | No. of students | No. of programmes | No. of students | No. of programmes | No. of students |
| 29 | 279.637 | 48 | 304.114 | 53 | 468.096 |

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Las universidades catalanas mantienen la oferta de MOOC y continúan incrementando el interés a través de casi 500.000 (medio millón) de inscritos.

Catalan universities have maintained their offer of MOOCs and interest has continued to grow with almost 500 thousand (half a million) registered students.