

## COURSE: CATALAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

<b>Language</b>	Spanish
<b>Level of Spanish required</b>	Beginner (or above)
<b>Hours of class</b>	45 hrs.
<b>Credits</b>	6 ECTS

### Course description

The main objective of this course is to introduce basic Catalan expressions and the grammatical structures used in everyday conversation; to introduce aspects of Catalan culture.

### Methodology

The course is organized in a series of face-to-face sessions for the entire group, in which the lecturers will present structures that are required to learn the basic functions of the language, as well as relevant aspects of Catalan culture.

The focus of the classes is mainly practical, although basic theory is also provided. Students will work on the structures in written exercises that will be corrected in each session. In small groups, they will carry out speaking tasks to practice the structures and the vocabulary required for each of the functions they are learning.



### Assessment

Attendance and participation in class: 10%

Essay on Culture: 20%

Class exercises: 20%

Final exam: 50%

### Syllabus

#### Language programme

1. Pronunciation and spelling
2. Greetings, saying good-bye and polite forms
3. Personal information
4. Looking for a place to live. Accommodation
5. Giving directions
6. Transport
7. Everyday activities. Expressing time
8. Getting things done
9. Shopping
10. Describing preferences

11. Commands
12. Cuisine, dress, etc.

### Culture programme

1. Historical perspective of Catalan as a language
2. Geographical notions
3. Popular festivities and customs
4. Notions of Catalan literature
5. Relevant historical facts
6. Art
7. Music

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