COURSE: **SPAIN AND EUROPE: ORIGINS AND EVOLUTION**

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<th>Language</th>
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**Course description**

The aim is to take the student through the history of European cultures; the great transformations and changes that have taken place from pre-history to the consolidation of the European Germanic kingdoms (5th to the 7th century). Special emphasis will be paid to the Hispanic area, as well as classical civilizations of the Greeks and the Romans. Some further explanations will be provided with the visit to Roman parts of Barcelona. Moreover, the new reality offered by the Mediterranean world after the Islamic expansion in North Africa, the conquest of Spain and the domination of part of the Mediterranean. The transformations and changes that took place within the European framework, including the formation of the Carolingian empire, the ascendancy of the papacy, the rise of cities and the appearance of universities will also be analyzed. The analysis will also include the new mentalities of the Romance world, the Gothic era and the first phase of Humanism. There will be visits in Barcelona as an example of a lower medieval city, with its Gothic splendor.

**Methodology**

Each session will consist of a PowerPoint presentation that students will be expected to review and prepare for in advance. Their conclusions will then be shared with the rest of the group and clarified where necessary by the lecturer. Students are expected to participate actively.

**Assessment**

Attendance and participation in class: 20%
Mid-term exam: 40%
Final exam: 40%

**Syllabus**

**First part**
1. Introduction. Origin of Europe.
2. Prehistoric cultures. Paleolithic, Neolithic and Metal Age
3. The pre-Roman peoples in the Iberian Peninsula.
7. The fall of the Roman Empire and the rise of the new Germanic kingdoms. The Visigoths in Spain.
10. Feudalism.
12. The crises in the lower period of the Middle Ages. The Iberian Peninsula kingdoms and their tensions. Catholic Monarchs.

Second part
2. The New Monarchies. Europe the Conqueror.
6. The Industrial Revolution. Romanticism and Nationalism. The Liberal Revolutions.
7. The Russian Revolution and the Birth of the USSR.
11. The European Union.

Bibliography