

## COURSE: CATALONIA: LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND SOCIETY I

### VIDEOCONFERENCE

<b>Language</b>	Spanish
<b>Minimum level of Spanish language required</b>	From Beginner
<b>Hours of instruction</b>	45 h
<b>Credits</b>	6 ECTS

#### Introduction

The Spanish culture courses by videoconference are spread out over the semester. During this time, the student has access to the study materials, a syllabus of practical exercises, complementary self-learning materials, etc. offered weekly in the Campus Virtual so the students can work with it whenever they want. These materials, alongside synchronous group videoconferences (from Monday to Thursday) or asynchronous depending on the time zones (almost half of the course hours), and individualized tutorials also by videoconference (almost half of the course hours), as well as the use of forums to be in contact with the class group will be the basis of your learning.

The personalized attention, the professionalism of our teachers, the quality of the materials and constant feedback are our guarantee of success.



#### Course description

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the language and culture of Catalan society, so that they can gain basic language and cultural skills. Students will be taught practical notions of Catalan language, as well as general information on culture and society: the traditional fiestas in Catalonia, the customs and distinguishing characteristics of this autonomous community, which has its own language and culture.

#### Methodology

Each session will include a presentation of the topic based on a power point that the students will study and prepare, to then share it with the group and complete its definition or clarification with the help of the lecturer. Students will be expected to participate actively.

#### Certification and assessment

During the course, the student will do continued work through the virtual campus with the materials provided by the teacher. Also, will participate actively in the group videoconferences, the forums and the individualized tutorials, by videoconference too.

To obtain the ECTS credits a final grade will be necessary, based on the following percentages:

30% Continued work through the Campus Virtual

30% Participation in the videoconferences and tutorials

40% Exam or written work

### Programme

- Introduction. Geography of Catalonia.
- Short history of Catalonia.
- Basic structures of Catalan language.
- Traditional fiestas: sardanas, *castellers*, *gegants and capgrossos*.
- Montserrat and popular piety.
- The family and family relations in Catalonia. La *pubilla* and *l'hereu* beauty pageant.
- The National Day of Catalonia (La Diada): 11 of September.
- All Saints' Day: chestnuts and panellets.
- Jacinto Verdaguer: the prince of Catalan poets.
- Christmas: Santa Lucía Christmas fair, the *caganer*, and the *Tióde Nadal*.



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