

COURSE: CATALONIA: LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND SOCIETY II

VIDEOCONFERENCE

Language	Spanish
Minimum level of Spanish language required	From Beginner
Hours of instruction	45 h
Credits	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

- Symbols of Catalonia: the flag, the hymn, the emblem
- Eating in Catalonia: vocabulary, markets, typical dishes: escudella (pasta soup) and carn d'olla (eat stew), crema catalana (Catalan custard).
- Basic notions of Catalan: how to ask practical questions.
- Sant Jordi, the book and the rose. Catalan writers.
- The great artists: Gaudí, Dalí, Miró.
- Catalan music: The *nova cançó* movement, Catalan rumba and *Catalan rock*.
- The night of San Juan: bonfires, fireworks and the coca de San Juan pastry.
- Pompeu Fabra: father of the modern Catalan language
- Catalans returning with fortunes from the Americas, habanera dances and cremat punch.
- Fiestas and Catalan legends.



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