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Experience university in Catalan!

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a Catalunya!
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Do you have any questions or suggestions?
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What is Intercat?

It is a collection of electronic resources for learning about Catalan language and culture, specially designed for students on mobility programmes who are visiting Catalan universities.

Further information:
Catalan universities that promote Intercat
CUR: Commission for Universities and Research



Do you speak a Romance language?
Learn others!

Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, Romanian. It will be easier for you!

[Start now!](#)

Did you know...

The summer solstice is celebrated on the festival of Sant Joan.
Fires are lit in the street and fireworks are exploded.

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Conversation guides

Adapted to the university setting
Available in Spanish, Basque, Galician, Aranese, French, Portuguese, Italian, English, German, Arabic, Berber

We're waiting for you in the Language Services!



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This multimedia platform is available in nine different languages: Catalan, Spanish, English, German, French, Basque, Galician, Occitan and Chinese.

Aims

- To promote the independent learning of the Catalan language.
- To aid in the simultaneous learning of various Romance languages.
- To aid in the adoption of and adaptation to a language and culture.
- To inform on the support activities regarding the Catalan language at Catalan universities.



Resources

- Numerous open-access teaching aids with tutorial.
- Numerous virtual and blended-learning tools and information on other classroom learning tools at the universities.

Levels of ability

Resources are available for a variety of levels of language ability:

- For those starting from scratch (elementary level A1).
- For those who know just a bit (basic level A2).
- For the independent user (intermediate B1 advanced B2).

Who is It for?

It's a tool designed especially for international students and for all Catalan-speaking students who leave to study abroad.





I'm learning Catalan

If you want to learn Catalan, we make it easy for you! At Intercat, we offer virtual educational resources to learn the language. You'll also find information on courses offered at Catalan universities and all you need to know about attaining an official certificate in the Catalan language.



I'm learning Catalan

Do you want to learn Catalan? We make it easy for you! With your effort and our help, you can do it. We provide you with a series of courses, guides and activities that will let you attain your goal.

In addition, we will tell you how you can obtain an official certificate in the Catalan language and will show you the resources that exist for you to stay in contact with Catalan from outside Catalonia.

There's no excuse. Speak Catalan!



Basic Catalan course

Speakcat is one of them

Practice your newly learned Catalan!

With Sisplau, you can do it
Beginners' course with mainly oral

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Conversation guides

- **Level:** basic
- **Aim:** the multi-language guides make first meetings and daily life easier for international students.
- **It's for:**
 - International students and staff.
 - Students and staff who speak Catalan and leave study or work at foreign universities.



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**CONVERSA
UNIVERSITÀRIA**



21. The time: hours and timetables

Expressió del temps: hores i horaris

times of the day / days of the week / months of the year / seasons of the year / Expressions of time / Asking about opening times

> You can listen to the sentences using [Amarok \(Linux\) media player](#) or else download the code [Media Player](#).

English	Català
TIMES OF THE DAY	PARTS DEL DIA
day	el dia
morning	el matí
midday	el migdia
afternoon	la tarda
	el vespre
	la nit

3. Accomodation

Allotjament

Looking for accommodation / Furniture and fittings / Economy

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English	Català
(toilet) bowl, toilet	vàter
advantage	avantatge
apartment / flat	apartament
baker's	forn de pa
balcony	balcó
balcony (larger), terrasse	terrasa
bath	bany
bed	llit
bench	banc
blanket	flassada
blind	persiana
boarding house	pensió
boiler	escalfador
break to	espatllar-se
bus	autobús

1. Everyday phrases and

greetings and showing gratitude / Helpnet, locker

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Català

5. At the Library

Biblioteca

Before entering / Asking for books / Other services at the library / The card /

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English	Català
article	article
ask for (to)	demanar
atlas	atles
author	autor
book	llibre
bookcase	prestatgeria
booked	reservat, reserva
bring back (to)	tornar
bring up (to)	armariet
card (index)	fitxa
card (membership)	carnet
check out (to)	carret
check out (to)	casset
check out (to)	catàleg
check out (to)	CD-ROM (cassette)
check out (to)	cadira

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A UNIVERSITY PHRASE BOOK

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Serveis mèdics

Asking for medical assistance / Going to the doctor's / Buying medicine / Insurance / S

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English

Català

Argumenta

- **Level:** ompetence, advanced and intermediate
- **Aim:** draw up formal texts, presentations and essays and acquire skills for various communication situations.
- **It's for:** all types of university student.

Parla.cat

- **Level:** basic, elementary, intermediate and competence
- **Aim:** learn Catalan independently.
- **Two modes of study:** independent learning or with tutorial.
- **Material :** various exercises, videos and listening tools, games, animated media, etc.



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Romanica Intercom

- **Level:** basic
- **Aim:** learn various Romance languages simultaneously.
- **Five modules:** dialogues, monologues, computer games, audiovisual documents and oral, written and reading activities.
- **It's for:** those who already know another Romance language.
- **Level:**
 - A1 listening comprehension
 - Between B1 and B2 for written skills
- **Material:** contrasting grammar, a teaching guide and a small sample of self-evaluation texts and activities.
- **It's for:** teachers and students that already know another Romance language.

Catalan courses

The language services of the universities offer classroom Catalan courses.

Official certificates

Catalan universities grant Catalan language certificates that are officially recognised as equivalent to the corresponding certificates issued by the Secretariat for Language Policy of the Government of Catalonia.

Catalan abroad

You can also learn Catalan through the Catalan lectureships and *Casals catalans* (Catalan cultural centres) that exist all over the world.





Sign me up!

There is no better way of getting to know the culture, customs and language of a place than spending time with its people. At Intercat you'll find information on exchange programmes and support material for familiarising yourself with the culture and language that the Catalan universities have on offer.



Sign me up!

We know that you are arriving in a new place and are just beginning to settle somewhere with different people and customs, but we want you to feel at home.

With the language exchange service and our language volunteers, you will learn Catalan while making friends.

Oh, and... welcome to Catalonia!

Language exchange

Do you want to do a conversation exchange with Catalan and another language with foreign students at your university?

[Can we talk?](#)

Language volunteers

Do you want to be a volunteer?

Do you want to provide linguistic and cultural support to students taking part in exchange programmes at your university?

Experiences

Ana Luisa Rivera

Brazil

"I enrolled for a Catalan course because I think it is important to learn the language and culture of the place you are living. That's the only way not to feel like a tourist."

[Language exchange](#)

[Send to a friend](#)

Language exchanges

I learned Catalan

Broaden your horizons at Pompeu Fabra University



Sarah, Diane, Zouhair and Lorena all decided to visit Catalonia to extend their training or gain more professional experience at Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) in Barcelona. So did Cristina and Hallie, who also wanted to take part in the language exchange programme, along with Teresa and Marta. In this video they tell us about their experience of Catalonia and the UPF.

Sign up for language exchanges at the University of Girona



Hana, Carmen, Dorota and Hana are mobility students who decided to come to Catalonia and study at the University of Girona (UdG). Kira is from Andorra and Anna is Catalan. They both take part in tandem learning at UdG's language exchange programmes. The following video is a brief summary of what they told us about their experience of visiting them at their university.

Experience university at the Autonomous University of Barcelona



Maria Assunta and Johannes are two mobility students at the University of Lleida (UdL) who learned to speak Catalan while they were here at university. In this video they explain why they decided to learn Catalan and how they did it.

Do you want to learn Catalan? It's easy at the University of Lleida



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Conversations (**catalan – another language**) between international students and Catalans.

2 modes of study:

Language tandems: with an equal exchange of languages.

Language volunteering: to facilitate the learning process without the exchange of a language counterpart.

The exchanges take place:

- In-person
- Virtually (Skype, chats or forums)

Cultural welcome programme

Initiates like the programme *Ajuda'm* make sure that students receive a warm welcome.

Ajuda'm prepares students from Catalonia so that they can better explain and transmit the habits and customs of Catalan society to newcomers.

Sign me up!

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Language volunteers

Catalan culture in 80 tips

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Cultural welcome programme

Ajuda'm!

Do you want to find out how to explain the customs in Catalan students? Here is a collection of resources to help you welcome



[Ajuda'm!](#)

Cultural welcome itineraries

The cultural welcome pathways are intended as support for beginner students who are taking classroom-based courses, university centres or taking part in language exchange programmes.



[Cultural welcome itineraries](#)

Gràcies Programme. Introduction to Catalan

A Catalan survival course by Rovira i Virgili University for international programme includes:

- 10 hours of classroom Catalan lessons
- 10 hours of conversation with a native Catalan
- Session on Catalan culture
- City visit



[Gràcies Programme. Introduction](#)



**I live in
Catalonia**

To live and feel Catalonia one must get to know its sociolinguistic reality and the heart of its people. At Intercat, we help you discover some of Catalonia's most identifying traits and customs. You'll also find out about cultural and leisure opportunities to help make your stay even more enjoyable.



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Catalan



Sign language

I live in Catalonia

We provide you with all of the information you need to have a detailed overview of this big puzzle that is Catalonia, a place where linguistic and cultural diversity are present wherever you go. We also want to show you all of the recreational activities on offer here, as well as the main festivals.

Don't miss a thing!

Ling Cat Catalan?

Information on the
Catalan language

Lingcat will help you to understand the sociolinguistic reality of Catalonia and specifically the situation of contact between languages.



6 perspectives

A different point of
view...

...to help you understand the Catalan character. A series of lectures aimed generally at all universities outside Catalonia.

Experiences

Kate Cusack

England

"I enrolled for the course because I wanted to experience the language of Catalonia. I did a Catalan course back in England, in my degree, and I did it a little bit before."

+ Language

Did you know?

Sant Jordi (St. George's Day) is celebrated on April 23. On that day, towns and cities fill up with stalls selling books and roses.



The summer solstice is celebrated on the festival of Sant Joan (St. John's Day) with fires lit in the street and fireworks.

In Catalan, time is expressed in quarters of hours. Two quarters of 10 means 9.30.

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80 tips

A pocket guide to enjoying

The aim of this guide is to provide all those who are interested in Catalan society with an explanation of a number of aspects of how Catalan society works: how to greet a person you have just met, the informal form of *you*, how to act when invited to dine



[Pocket guide \(809 KB\)](#)



80 tips

A pocket guide on the habits and inner-workings of Catalan society.

Barcelona Youth

Cultural guides and agendas online and in print.



Did you know?



Lingcat

Website that brings you closer to the sociolinguistic reality of Catalonia and the way in which it affects university life. Check it out before you come—it could be very useful!

visión crítica de los principios que bilingüismo en Cataluña, basada análisis de la no plena

Descárgate una versión del **LingCat** en PowerPoint





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