

## **CULTURES WITHOUT STATE THE CASE OF CATALONIA**

*Mediterranean Studies*

**Course contact hours:** 45

**Recommended credits:** 6 ECTS – 3 US credits

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course aims to explain the Ideas of Nation, Nationalism and State using the Catalan Case and the evolution of such ideas in the West. Catalonia will be studied as a clear example of many European territories that are increasingly becoming troublesome as a result of its important economic situation and because of the existence of a different culture from that of the rest of the Nation-State in which these territories are included. Also, the Basque Country will be used to explain a different perspective on Nationalism and how violence (Terrorism based upon nationalist ideas) affects one of the wealthiest territories of Spain. At a minor level, Galicia will be studied as the third major Nationalist group in Spain but focusing more in the previous two cases.

The aim is to be able to compare Catalonia to other Nationalist territories such as Scotland, Ireland, Corsica, and Padania or the new identities that emerged as the result of the Soviet collapse.

At the end of this semester students will be able to understand the main characteristics of different ideas of Nationalism and the main evolution of the Catalan identity as well as the tensions in the Basque Country.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Have the tools necessary to face any document, journalistic or academic, concerning Catalonia.
2. Identify all the components of the Catalan identity and be able to compare them to their own.
3. Analyze most of the Nationalist questions still prevalent in the 21st century.
4. Describe the process by which a group of people become a Nation and eventually ask for self-rule or independence.
5. Compare and contrast political Systems and National Identities.

## CONTENT

Languages and Peoples of Spain

Spain: 1975-1982

Institutions and Presidents

The Limits of the Spanish Democracy

Catalan Political Parties and Ideologies

From Solidaritat Catalana to the Catalan Mancomunitat

The Mancomunitat and the Predominance of Conservative Catalanism

Catalanism under the Primo de Rivera Dictatorship

The Generalitat under the Second Republic and the Statute of Self-government

The Crisis of the Catalan Self-governing System

The Vicissitudes of the Catalan Autonomous Government during the Civil War Exile and  
Clandestinity (1939-50)

From the 1951 Strike to the Catalanist Challenge of 1960

The Catalanist Cultural Movement under the Franco Regime

The Catalan Opposition to the Franco Regime between 1962 and 1975

Catalonia during the Transition to Democracy and Self-government

The Development of Catalan Self-government from 1980 to 1990

Birth and Rebirth of a Nation

The Poet-Priest and the Indiano: Verdaguer and Antonio Lopez

The Lauras/tire of Spain: Gaudi and Giiell

Fleeing the Straight and Narrow: Gaudi and Reus

The Birth of Modern Painting: Rusinol at Sitges, Casas and Pablo Picasso

What's the future?

The Catalonia Trial: Justice or Vengeance

Inside Story: Is the Catalan Dream for Independence Over?

## EVALUATION

Mid-Term Exam	25%
Attendance & Participation	25%
Presentation	20%
Quiz	15%
Final Exam	15%

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

### Required reading:

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