

UPFEH01:: BARCELONA: THE CITY AND ITS HISTORY

INSTITUTION: Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)

DESCRIPTION:

Today Barcelona is a very cosmopolitan city with a great international projection. This course is an introduction to the city of Barcelona which studies the city's past and analyzes its present. This course will review the most important moments in the urban development of Barcelona, focusing on the ways these events can still be seen reflected in the present layout of the city. We will also analyze the expressions of Catalan and Mediterranean identity in the buildings and traditions of Barcelona.

PREREQUISITES: None

LANGUAGE: English

CREDITS: 3

METHODOLOGY:

This course will use a combination of lectures and students presentations with field visits and some field work. Students will be required to attend the field trips and visits organized for this course and maintain, extend and update information in a field study journal. The teacher will evaluate this journal throughout the course. Some of the sessions in the classroom will be used for discussion and other for lectures either by the teacher or by some relevant guest speakers. Attendance to the class and visits is mandatory.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT:

This course will have some short assignments (field trip reports) and a term research paper (including a class presentation of this paper). There is also a mid-term exam and a final comprehensive exam. The students will have a series of field trips, some of them teacher guided and others self guided. At the end of the course students will need to present a journal with a summary of all those field trips and visits.

The topic of the term paper will be discussed with the instructor before starting the work. Students will choose the topic of the paper from a set of suggestions offered by the instructor or any other topic that might better fit their interests. One option is to write a paper and a class presentation about one of the neighborhoods of the city, focusing on any aspect covered in the course, or a combination of various, such as: tourism, history, economy, politics, etc.

The final grade will be based on the following distribution:

Class Participation and Oral presentations : 20%
Field Study Journals: 10%
Mid Term Exam: 20%
Term Paper: 20%
Final Exam: 30%

REQUIRED READING:

HUGHES, R., (1993), *Barcelona*, New York, First Vintage Books Edition

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AINAUD, Josep Maria et al., (1996), *Barcelona contemporánea - Contemporary Barcelona*, Barcelona, Centre de Cultura Contemporánea.

AMELANG James S. et al., (1992) *Twelve walks through Barcelona's past Guidebook Barcelona: Ajuntament de Barcelona*

CASTELLS, Manuel i Jordi Borja, (2000), *Local and global*. New York: Blackwell

CIRICI I PELLICER, Alexandre (1992), *Barcelona step by step, Barcelona: Teide*, 5^a edició.

FERNANDEZ ARMESTO Felipe (1992) *Barcelona. A thousand Years of the City's Past* Oxford: Oxford University Press

GALERA, Montserrat i altres (1986) *Atlas de Barcelona. Siglos XVI-XX*, Barcelona, Publicaciones del Colegio Oficial de Arquitectos de Cataluña y Baleares.

LALAGUNA, Juan (1994) *A traveller's history of Spain*. New York: Interlink Books

McNEILL, Donald (1999), *Urban Change and the European Left Tales from the New Barcelona*, London, Routledge

SCHEWEID, Richard (1994), *Barcelona. Jews, Transvestites, and an Olympic Season*, Berkeley, Berkeley University Press.

SCOBIE H.M. (1998) *The Spanish Economy in the 1990s* London: Routledge

SOBRER Josep Miquel ed. *Catalonia a self portrait* Bloomington. Indiana University Press

TAMAMES Ramón (1985) *The Spanish Economy. An Introduction*, London: C.Hurst and Company

HELEN GRAHAM AND JO LABANYI eds. (1995) *Spanish Cultural Studies* Oxford, UK.: Oxford University Press

TOIBIN, Colm, (1990) *Homage to Barcelona*, London, Simon & Schuster.

VAZQUEZ MONTALBÁN, M., (1987), *Barcelonas*, Barcelona, Empúries.