

Catalan Culture Survival Kit

September 2017

Total number of contact hours: 6

Schedule: September 13, 14 and 15. Group 1: from 11:00 to 13:00 h / Group 2: from 16:00 to 18:00 h

Where course takes place: UPF Ciutadella Campus

Teaching: Idiomes UPF

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This short-format workshop provides exchange students with the basic contents needed to place Catalan language and culture in its historical, linguistic, cultural and national context.

Languages in which the course will be taught: English and some Catalan.

II. COURSE CONTENTS:

- **The history:**
 - The origins
 - The formation of Catalonia
 - The splendour (up to 1714)
 - From 1714 to the present
- **The language:**
 - Origin, formation and evolution of the Catalan language
 - The Catalan communication area
 - Catalan on the Internet
 - Catalan in the world
- **The culture:**
 - The arts and the letters (architecture, painting, literature...)
 - Folklore and traditions
 - Cuisine
- **The society:**
 - The government institutions
 - Barcelona, the capital city of Catalonia and a pole of touristic, cultural and university attraction
 - Values and idiosyncrasy of the Catalans
 - Symbols: the flag, the anthem...
- **The territory:**
 - Catalonia and the other Catalan-speaking countries
 - The most emblematic places
- **Language Workshop:**
 - Basic notions of oral language: introducing oneself, greeting, asking for basic information

III. COURSE SYLLABUS:

GROUP 1:

SEPTEMBER 13	
11:00-13:00 h	Territory. History. Language
SEPTEMBER 14	
11:00-13:00 h	Culture. Society
SEPTEMBER 15	
11:00-12:45 h	Language Workshop
12:45-13:00 h	Students' questions and comments

GROUP 2:

SEPTEMBER 13	
16:00-18:00 h	Territory. History. Language
SEPTEMBER 14	
16:00-18:00 h	Culture. Society
SEPTEMBER 15	
16:00-17:45 h	Language Workshop
17:45-18:00 h	Students' questions and comments

IV. ATTENDANCE POLICY AND CERTIFICATES:

Students will receive a certificate of attendance provided they have a **minimum attendance of 80%**. Certificates can be collected from the Idiomes UPF administrative office (Roger de Llúria building, office 40.175).