Course title: Nationalisms in Europe Today: the Catalan Case  
Language of instruction: English  
Professor: Antoni Raja-i-Vich  
Professor's contact and office hours: by appointment.  
Course contact hours: 45  
Recommended credit: 3 US credits-5 ECTS credits  
Course prerequisites: there are no prerequisites for this course.  
Language requirements: None

Course focus and approach: This course exposes from a Social Sciences perspective how Nationalist Ideology is build in a Western Territory like Catalonia compared to that of other territories in Western Europe.

Course description: This course wants to explain how Nationalism became one of the major political ideologies of the West since the 18th century and how it is still a very powerful motivational idea for many Humans. By studying the Catalan case, students will get to know that Global phenomenon and the main goals it seeks.

Learning objectives: At the end of this course the students: will be able to understand how Nationalism appeared as a major Western ideology.

In addition, students will be able to understand the History of Catalonia and its political system today within Spain.

And last, but not least, students will be familiar with the most important theories that try to explain Nationalism.

Course workload: There will be two exams based on lectures and two main readings. Also, as an optional workload, students will give a group presentation based on a book that the professor will recommend. The presentation will be evaluated individually. Four different sessions will be based on discussion and a short exam at the end of the session in order to evaluate the level of understanding on the reading.

Teaching methodology: The course is structured in both lecture and on presentations given by students that will lead the group to different discussions.

Assessment criteria:  
• Midterm exam: 30% (multiple choice and short questions)  
• Seminars: 40% (four seminars based upon three different readings or documentaries)
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- Final exam: 10% (comprehensive)
- Class participation: 10%

**Total: 90%**

Presentation (optional) 10%

**Total: 100%**

**Absence policy:** After the add/drop day, all registrations are considered final and HESP Absence Policy begins to apply. For the academic year 2011-2012, such policy is as follows:

Attending class is mandatory and will be monitored daily by professors. Missing classes will impact on the student’s final grade as follows:

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The PEHE/HESP attendance policy does not distinguish between justified or unjustified absences. The student is deemed responsible to manage his/her absences.

Emergency situations (hospitalization, family emergency...) will be analyzed on a case by case basis by the Academic Director of the HESP.

**Classroom norms:**
- No food or drink is permitted in class
- Students will have a ten-minute break after one one-hour session
- No electronic devices permitted in class (phones or blackberry, or PDA)

**Weekly Schedule**

**WEEK 1**

Session 1 Course description
Syllabus, assessment and readings
Introduction to the course requirements and method of assessment.

Session 2
An European Introduction to the World of Nationalism
WEEK 2
Session 3
Spain and the National Question

Session 4
Spain and the National Question

WEEK 3
Session 5
Vocabulary to understand Spain

Session 6
Introduction to Catalonia

WEEK 4 – 21st – 23rd February
Session 7
Political Parties and Nationalism in Catalonia

Session 8
Political Parties and Nationalism in Catalonia

WEEK 5
Session 9
Mid Term Exam

Session 10

WEEK 6
Session 11
Catalan Culture and Traditions

Session 12
Catalan Culture and Traditions

WEEK 7
Session 13

Session 14
Documentary: La pelota vasca

WEEK 8
Session 15
The Basque Country

Session 16
Euskadi ta Askatasuna
WEEK 9
Session 17
Euskadi ta Askatasuna

Session 18

WEEK 10
Session 19
**Presentation:** Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities*

Session 20
**Presentation:** Anthony D. Smith, *Nationalism and Modernity*

WEEK 11
Session 21

**Final Exam**

*Last revision: April 2011*

**Required readings:**


**Recommended bibliography:**


