

## **Introduction to Catalan language and culture**

Introduction and discovery of the Catalan language and culture with a communicative approach integrating all communicative and sociocultural mediation skills.

**Teacher:** Ares Llop

**Target students:**

People with no previous knowledge of the language, interested in discovering the Catalan language and culture.

**Duration:**

30 hours (15 two-hour sessions)

Students will receive direct tuition via Google Meet plus indirect guidance by means of Google Classroom.

**Time:**

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

(there will be 100% direct tuition the first week and 50% in the following weeks)

**Dates:**

29/06/20 – 17/07/20

**Course objectives:**

- Language content:

Introductions; exchanging personal and other information; exchanging information about a place; daily routines; telling the time, talking about timetables and schedules; talking about origin and place of residence; describing home and neighbourhood; expressing feelings; describing people; exchanging information about traditional food and eating habits; expressing likes and dislikes; at the food store and restaurant.

- Sociocultural content:

Introduction to the geographic and socio-linguistic frame of the Catalan language; introduction to the customs and traditions in the Catalan Countries, as well as an introduction to relevant people and places; traditional celebrations and festivities.

**Program:**

- Vocabulary: numbers: the alphabet; countries and geographical adjectives; greetings, farewells and the language for social encounters; family and work colleagues; days of the week, the months, seasons; homes and establishments; hobbies; food; physical and character description; description of places; common daily activities.

- Morphology: articles; basic text linkers; determiners; indefinite pronouns and determiners; place pronouns; possessive determiners and pronouns; use and form of personal (weak and strong) pronouns (pronominal verbs), introduction to pronoun *hi*, direct object pronouns; attributive pronoun *ho*; common irregular verbs of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd conjugation.

- Sociocultural content: introduction to the sociocultural and linguistic aspects of the Catalan area of influence, its customs, geography and cultural referents.

**Language of tuition:**

Catalan

**Fee:**

169,80 €

**Evaluation:**

- The evaluation will be based on teacher observation of all 5 skills (reading comprehension, oral comprehension, writing, speaking and mediation skills) based on various aspects of course work (online classes, autonomous learning observation, vocabulary and grammar tests, written and assignments)
- There will be a final individual oral presentation at the end of the course.

**Certificate:**

All students who successfully complete this course will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. (Completion requires participation in 80% of the total course workload)

This course may be accredited by some Catalan universities. You must inquire at the university of your choice to confirm this point.

This course is pending approval to be listed as a professional training course recognised by the Department of Education of the Generalitat de Catalunya.

**Registration:**

From 29/05/2020 to 20/06/20, at: <https://www2.eoibd.cat/matriculacio>. You will need a credit card.

After all places have been filled, you will be allowed to register for the waiting list only.

As long as there are available places, registration will remain open until the first day of class.

Please contact the Department of Special Courses for any problem or query that may arise during registration.

**Essential documentation for registration**

When registering you will need to attach a pdf or image (max **2 MB**) of the following documents:

- DNI/NIE
- If you are claiming a tax reduction (of 50% of total fee, or full exemption of fees), proof of the circumstances

**Payment**

Payment must be by credit card at the point of registration.

**Additional information:**

- √ The School may be forced to cancel the course if there are not enough students registered.
- √ Fees will only be reimbursed if the course is cancelled.
- √ Students who have been granted full exemption of fees must complete 65% of the course. Otherwise, a penalty will apply and they will not be eligible for enrolment on any other course during the following two years.

**Please note:** Any information given here may be altered if circumstances require it.