

INTL 410

**Catalonia Yesterday & Today: Cultural, Educational,
Active Seminars & Workshops**

Abridged Course Syllabus

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COURSE OR PROGRAM

INTL 410 – Various and/or Selected Topics (credits to be arranged)

PROFESSOR/PROGRAM LEADER

Provided by ALBA Study Abroad in Barcelona, Spain (Program Leader varies with area of study) via the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, International Global Studies, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, USA.

LOCATION

Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

CONTACT HOURS

8–12 hours over the course of one day or more than one day

OUTCOMES

- * Strengthen the development of cross-cultural skills, critical thinking, and self-reflection that participants continue to utilize long after the course experience.
- * Enhance participant knowledge, awareness and understanding of Catalan, Spanish and global culture via study, discussion and guided visits to sites of relevant interest
- * Recognize and apply conceptual tools required in cultural studies giving special importance to intercultural strategies and sensibility.

Program Description

Catalonia Cultural and Educational Seminars and Workshops are active, contextual experiences for students, professionals and cultural enthusiasts in Barcelona and other areas of Catalonia and Spain. Led by local experts, regional guides and/or professors with the insight and knowledge in their area of expertise to effectively share, explain and bring to life the study focus whilst participants also enjoy the beauty and cultural spirit of the site(s) of interest being visited. Disciplinary approaches include history, literature, anthropology, the arts, and geography. Categories and topics of INTL 410 include but are not limited to:

- * Catalan and Spanish Art: Movements, Styles, Masters
- * Architecture of Spain: Romanesque, Gothic and Modernism comparatives
- * Spanish Civil War: Historical perspectives, current context
- * Catalan Independence: Historical perspectives, current context
- * Catalan and Spanish Language and Culture: A comparative
- * Enology and Gastronomy: Barcelona / Penedès / Priorat
- * Catalan Nature and Society: Mediterranean and Pyrenees Culture
- * Public Speaking to Multicultural groups: Strategies and Practice
- * Sports and Culture: Historical and modern Perspectives on Cultural Development

The primary objective of these active seminars, workshops and short courses is to provide opportunities for both academic enrichment and personal and professional growth in an increasingly diverse global community. These programs strengthen the development of cross-cultural skills, critical thinking, and self-reflection that participants continue to utilize long after the day or multiday experience. These are structured, contextual educational and cultural experiences offered for U.S.

COURSE SPECIFICS

Credit*

1–1.5 quarter credits
or .66–1 semester credits

CEU

Approx. 1 Unit (minimum of 10
contact hours required)

Duration

8–12 hours

Offered

Year-round

Course Format

Seminar, workshop,
short course, hybrid

Level

Undergraduate, professional CEU

General Ed. Area/Dept

International Global Studies
(Portland State University, USA)

Evaluation

A–F Graded, Pass/fail,
Certificate of participation

Prerequisites

None

Materials

Provided

* Course credit may be adjusted
proportionately to reflect modified programs,
academic calendars and formats of study.

educational credit (specified below), Continuing Education Units (CEU) and for travelers on learning vacations. They are designed to enhance participant knowledge, awareness and understanding of Catalan, Spanish and global culture via study, discussion and guided visits to sites of relevant interest. Additionally, these seminars and workshops aim to correlate the local economic, political, historical, social and cultural issues with international issues and trends.

Course Structure

These seminars and workshops are shared experiences among instructors and participants that take place at varying locations around Catalonia and other regions of Spain, all of which follow a general, yet flexible structure:

- * Pre-reading materials are suggested and provided to participants to better prepare them for the day(s) of contact time with the group leader(s).
- * Guided day(s) out of 8–12 contact hours or more.
- * Evaluation by a predetermined method and which is typically a paper or presentation that is to be turned in by a determined date and following specific, designated criteria.

Suggested Pre-readings

Will be assigned at least one week prior to the day of the event.

Exams & Assignments

If relevant, will vary between participants based on the program and participants educational and/or professional requirements for accreditation. Should be established before registering.