

## SUNY Oswego/University of Barcelona Summer Courses Hispanic Studies Center

Study abroad students taking part in the SUNY Oswego's summer study abroad program in Barcelona, Spain will take 6 credits at the University of Barcelona's Center for Hispanic Studies. The program is open for students at the beginner to advance Spanish level. Course selection will depend on your Spanish level for the Spanish language course. All students will take the Culture course together.

### Lengua y Cultura españolas Language and Spanish Culture

#### Course Options

All students will take 6 credits for the summer program. Students will take 3 credits of Spanish Language and 3 credits of Spanish Culture.

#### Course Descriptions in English and in Spanish for language and culture course Spanish Language (Lengua Española) – 3 credits (60 hours)

This course covers grammatical systems and communication patterns in the Spanish language, and allows students to practice writing and understanding of both oral and written text and conversation. A placement evaluation will be done prior to arrival to determine which of the three levels students are placed: beginner, intermediate, or advanced.

At the end of the summer program, students will have a Spanish language exam.

**Lengua española:** En esta materia se explicarán nociones de los sistemas gramatical y comunicativo de la lengua española, y se realizarán prácticas para la producción y comprensión de textos orales y escritos. El primer día de curso se realizará una prueba de nivelación para distribuir a los alumnos en tres niveles: elemental, medio y superior.

**Spanish Culture – 3 credits, (45 hours total, 30 hours from culture course, 15 hours Director's Course)**

A general overview of Spanish culture with specific attention to the following areas:

Medieval gothic architecture

The Golden Age literacy period: Cervantes

The XXth century Art: Picasso, Dalí, and Gaudi

Extra class activities: guided visits to buildings and museums.

At the end of the summer program, students will have a written exam (essay type examination).

**Cultura española:** En esta materia se imparten aspectos fundamentales de la Historia, el Arte y la Literatura española, en sus etapas de mayor personalidad y brillantez (Edad Media, Siglo de Oro, y el Arte y la Cultura del siglo XX), con visitas a edificios representativos de la ciudad de Barcelona.

DIRECTOR'S COURSE  
SUMMER

**Experiencing Culture: Plural Perspectives on Barcelona and Spain (SPA 395)**

The purpose of this course is to introduce the students to the concept of culture as a comprehensive one that may be grasped from a variety of distinct angles. From thereon, and through a combination of lectures and experiential learning tasks, the students will be presented with a variety of approaches to Spanish culture taking Barcelona as its center. The course is structured into 5 thematic modules.

- A. People and Places: Students will be given a panoramic view of the cultural and geographical blend that has come to form the country known as Spain today, with special emphasis on Barcelona.
- B. Narrating Spain: The purpose of this module is to introduce the different visions of Spain, and particularly Barcelona, expressed in literature and film both within and from outside the country.
- C. Second Language Acquisition and Cross-cultural Differences: This module will deal with the main relevant aspects in relation to the students' experience in learning Spanish as a second/foreign language. Special emphasis will be placed on differences between Spanish and American culture through linguistic description.
- D. Creative Arts: Students will be introduced to the main highlights of Spanish arts in painting, architecture, and music.
- E. Gastronomy and Culture: Gastronomy and traditions are an essential part of Spanish culture, conforming language ("siesta"), food and drink ("paella", "horchata") or traditions ("Semana Santa"), for instance. This module attempts to approach these issues from a plurality of angles, to reveal their impact and development not only in Spanish culture or history but also in the country's economy.

**Important:**

- The course will be taught in English to ensure all students understand the contents, although Spanish will be used for certain terms and expressions. If all the students had the necessary level in Spanish, the course would be taught in Spanish. However, students may choose to write the assignments either in English or in Spanish.
- The DC together with Spanish culture at Estudios Hispánicos will transfer back as *Experiencing Culture: Plural Perspectives on Barcelona and Spain (Spa 395)* and will be worth 3 credits.
- Attendance to the DC's activities is mandatory for all students in the program.