

Spanish Culture & Society

6 ECTS credits



AIMS:

To give students a full and varied introduction to Spain, its culture and aspects of life and society, giving the students a greater understanding of their surroundings. Furthermore providing them with a deeper and richer knowledge of the country, thus allowing the student to take full advantage of his stay both academically and socially, providing each one with the adequate information to participate to the full in everyday life and studies.

All of the aforementioned will be carried out through a series of sessions in which the students will be introduced different aspects of Spanish life which will make their stay more profitable and enjoyable.

The classes will focus on a wide range of topics relating to the Spanish society and relevant to university students' needs.

SOME OF THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- **Business World.**
World influence, successful companies, important business figures, great achievements.
- **History**
Key dates and events, important periods, kings and queens, emblematic buildings.
- **Culture**
Art, museums, music, cinema, dance, theatre, etc. key figures, fashion.
- **Regions**
Customs, festivals, gastronomy, geography, landscapes, stereotypes, parks, important cities.
- **Sport**
The most popular, influence, achievements, icons.
- **Daily life**
Habits, personality, workplace, routines, everyday situations.

METHODOLOGY:

As well as encouraging the students' integration in a new country the classes will also provide a space for the students to both consolidate,strengthen and enhance their language skills.

Grammar structures, listening, reading comprehension and new vocabulary, will all be amply worked on, paying special attention to speaking, where preparing debates, presentations, interviews and role plays will all play an important role. Classroom resources such as videos and online activities will be extensively made use of.

From time to time, guest speakers from the fields of business and culture will be invited to class to give informal talks and presentations allowing the students to have first hand contact with current affairs.

Students will be urged to comment on their own personal experiences and observations as a foreigner living in a new country.