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Second year other Iberian language modules

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Beginners' Basque: Basque Language and Culture I (20 Credits)

Euskara is the language spoken in *Euskal Herria*, the Basque Country, a nation that lies in south western Europe and that is currently divided between two states: France and Spain. *Euskara* is a language of unknown origin, with no connection to the Indo-European, Uralic or any other family of languages. Reasons for choosing to study *Euskara* include: access to an ancient culture and a language unlike any you have seen before; a rare opportunity to study an important non-Indo-European language; the option to continue to study it for free at an academy in the Basque Country.

Assessment: Coursework (20%); Oral Exam (15%); Aural Exam (15%); Written Exam (50%).

Contact Hours: 3 hours per week.

Convener: **Dr. Gorka Mercero (/staff/profiles/hispanic/mercero-gorka.aspx)** .

Basque Language and Culture II (20 Credits)

The module uses the communicative functions approach and follows on from Basque Language and Culture I to develop further students' knowledge of and competence in Basque language and culture. By the end of the module the student should be able to: produce grammatically-accurate short texts in Basque; interact with speakers of Basque at a basic level while employing a variety of complex cases and tenses; understand a range of basic written and oral texts in Basque; understand a range of cases and the difference between them.

Assessment: Coursework and grammar test (20%); Oral Exam (20%); Written Exam (60%).

Contact Hours: 3 hours per week in both semesters.

Convener: **Dr. Gorka Mercero (/staff/profiles/hispanic/mercero-gorka.aspx)** .

Beginners' Catalan: Catalan Language and Culture I (20 Credits)

Catalan is spoken in Catalonia, Valencia and the Balearic Islands (Majorca, Menorca, Ibiza and Formentera). This module teaches Beginners Catalan. There is a whole culture to discover, including writers, painters, architects, etc. The three weekly hours include communicative language and grammar classes (2 hours per week) plus a culture hour to develop comprehension skills and to provide an introduction to Catalan literature and culture. Students also have the opportunity to achieve an extra qualification by taking the International Certificate of Catalan Language issued by the Institut Ramon Llull.

Assessment: Coursework (10%); Grammar Test (20%); Oral Exam (10%); Aural Exam (10%); Written Exam (50%).

Contact Hours: 3 hours per week.

Convener: **Ms. Raquel Navas (/staff/profiles/hispanic/navas-raquel.aspx)** .

Catalan Language and Culture II (20 Credits)

This module builds on the language skills developed in the Catalan Language and Culture I module, consolidating grammar knowledge and further developing oral and written skills in Catalan. In addition it provides an introduction to the most important modern and contemporary movements in Catalan literature through the study of a selection of short stories. Students also have the opportunity to achieve an extra qualification by taking the International Certificate of Catalan Language issued by the Institut Ramon Llull. By the end of the module the student should be able to demonstrate higher than threshold ability in the four language skills in Catalan (as recommended by the CIC); to show ample understanding of the structures of Catalan in order to function effectively in a Catalan-speaking environment; and to demonstrate and apply a good basic knowledge of Catalan literary culture.

Assessment: Non-assessed periodic pieces of language work. Continuous assessment (30%); Aural Exam (10%); Oral Exam (10%); Written Exam (50%).

Contact Hours: 3 hours per week in both semesters.

Convener: **Ms. Raquel Navas (/staff/profiles/hispanic/navas-raquel.aspx)** .

Beginners' Galician: Galician Language and Culture I (20 Credits)

Galician is the language spoken in the north-west of the Iberian Peninsula. It is an official language within the Spanish state together with Basque Catalan, and Castilian (Spanish). Galician and Portuguese were born as the same language in the same kingdom. Therefore with Galician you can communicate both with Portuguese speakers and with Spanish speakers around the world. As well as learning the language, you will learn about Galician culture (cinema, theatre, literature, music, food, wine...) Galicia is a Celtic nation, with ancient festas and festivals, a beautiful landscape and an enchanting literature.

Assessment: Coursework (20%); Oral Exam (15%); Aural Exam (15%); Written Exam (50%).

Contact Hours: 3 hours per week.

Convener: **Ms. Paloma Serrapio (/staff/profiles/hispanic/serrapio-paloma.aspx)** .

Galician Language and Culture II (20 Credits)

The intermediate Galician course focuses on further developing the language skills acquired by the students during the first year. Likewise, it aims to consolidate their grammar knowledge and to expand it. By the end of the module the student should be able to demonstrate higher than threshold ability in the four language skills in Galician and to show ample understanding of the structures of Galician in order to function effectively in a Galician-speaking environment. The course includes as well an introduction to the study of Galician literature and will increase the knowledge of other aspects of the Galician history and culture.

Assessment: Coursework (25%); Oral Exam (15%); Aural Exam (10%); Written Exam (50%).

Contact Hours: 3 hours per week in both semesters. Informal surgery times arranged when required.

Convener: **Ms. Paloma Serrapio (/staff/profiles/hispanic/serrapio-paloma.aspx)** .

Beginners' Portuguese (20 Credits)

Portuguese is a true world language, being spoken not just in Portugal, itself a uniquely distinctive tile in the Iberian mosaic, but also in Brazil, one of the world's fastest-growing economies, as well as in Angola, Mozambique, and several other African and Far Eastern countries. This intensive language module is suitable for those with no knowledge of Portuguese (or with Portuguese to GCSE). It introduces students to the vocabulary and structures of Portuguese through a variety of classroom activities, engaging them with a range of written and spoken registers of Portuguese Language through a combination of textual and visual activities. The module also provides an introduction to the culture and society of the Portuguese speaking-world.

Assessment: Coursework (30%); Aural Test (10%); Oral Exam (10%); Written Exam (50%).

Contact Hours: 3 hours per week.

Convener: **Ms. Fátima Cande (/staff/profiles/hispanic/cande-fatima.aspx)** .

Intermediate Portuguese Language (20 credits)

The aim of the module is to build on language skills obtained in the first year and prepare students for self-motivated learning and development. A variety of methodologies from grammar, grammar-translation, linguistic to purely communicative methods are used. A wide range of grammar points is consolidated and more complex vocabulary and structures are introduced. Familiarity and confidence with registers and advanced grammar are expanded. Progressive use and development of translation and contrastive analytical skills complement advances made in oral and written production.

Assessment: Coursework (20%); Aural Test (10%); Oral Exam (20%); Written Exam (50%).

Contact Hours: 3 hours per week in both semesters.

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