

BCEA Course Descriptions

ARCH 320 Architecture in Context: Barcelona through the Ages (English)

Location: BCEA

Credits: 3

Schedule: TBD

Instructor: Virginia Colwell

Course/Lab Fee: 75 Euros for Museum and Site Visits

Prerequisite: None

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the city of Barcelona and the architecture, urban planning and icons, which together form the international and local image of Barcelona. By analyzing the architecture and urban environment Barcelona, we can gain a better understanding of the complex stories, ideologies, and myths that constitute the city's character and the metropolis that has emerged over two thousand years. This course will use a mixture of on-site visits; slide presentations, lectures, and readings to critique the city of Barcelona and its relationship to issues of nationalism, tourism, memory, and history.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will have the ability to do the following:

- Identify key architectural and historical periods represented through the city's architecture monuments, urban planning, and parks.
- Identify major Catalan architects and urban planning movements, their styles and periods.
- Analyze specific icons of the Barcelona image and identify the key social, political, and cultural issues that are intrinsic to each work.
- Critique the interrelationship of history, memory, and identity represented in the architecture and urban character of Barcelona.