

## **BCEA Course Descriptions**

### **SPSP 361 Bilingual Catalonia: Conflict and Compromise (English)**

Location: University of Barcelona

Credits: 3

Schedule: TBA

Instructor: Emili Boix-Fuster, Ph.D., Department of Linguistics, University of Barcelona

Course Fee: none

Prerequisite: none

#### **Course Description**

The objectives of the course are twofold: on the one hand to introduce the current sociolinguistic situation of the Catalan-speaking territories, particularly Catalonia; on the other hand to present some theoretical and methodological foundations in order to investigate this situation from the perspective of outsiders. These foundations may be applied to other plurilingual situations in Europe and elsewhere. Format: The course will deal with lectures in class and selected readings in English. The students are expected both to carry out some research observations, mainly in Barcelona and its metropolitan area, and to take part in visits to some institutions of sociolinguistic interest (e.g. Institute of Sociolinguistics of the Catalan Government, Center of Andorran Studies, the public Catalan Television (TVC)). Topics include: Catalan among the Romance languages: a brief portrait; The Catalan language: the past; From the beginnings to 1714; The political subordination from 1714 to 1975; Languages in Catalonia and in the Catalan speaking lands in the democratic recovery (1975 up to now); The Catalan language now: between loss and revitalization; The knowledge of Catalan; The use of Catalan: public and private domains; The spread of Spanish and English; Ideologies towards Catalan, Spanish and English; The linguistic legislation; Basic legal texts (Spanish Constitution, The Statute of Catalonia); The Language Acts: the concept of "own language" (llengua pròpia); The linguistic organization of Education: the Universities; The social and political movements in favor of the Catalan and Spanish language; Examples of socio-psychological and anthropological research of plurilingualism in current Catalonia. The privileged position of the outsiders.

#### **Texts**

Lecture Notes and Selected Readings