

## *History y ciudad (Barcelona: the City and its History), Advanced Level*

*3 credits (45 contact hours)*

\*This course is taught in Spanish. It is offered during the regular semester only and not as an intensive course.

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Please note that class will meet twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), and we will also have three class “field trips,” each of which lasts about three hours: a visit to the *Tibidabo*, visit to the *Ciudad Romana*, and a visit to the *Ciudad Medieval*.

### **Overview:**

The course will follow the route of Barcelona’s history from the Romans until today. The different periods will be chosen in order to combine a theoretical presentation of a particular period, and a visit to the specific part of the city that illustrates it. The grade will be based on a final paper, a final oral exam, and the attendance and participation in classes and activities.

### **Grading:**

The grade will be based on the sum of three partial grades:

- 1) Attendance and class participation (20%)
- 2) Final paper (40%)
- 3) Final oral exam (40%)

### **Course Content:**

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| Week 1. | The city in the territory; presentation of modern Barcelona  |
| Week 2. | <i>Barcino</i> : the Roman city  |
| Week 3. | The formation of the medieval city. From the earldom of Barcelona to the crown of Aragón (9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> centuries). Visit to the <i>Barrio de la Ribera</i> . |
| Week 4. | The expansion of the medieval city: the Golden Age of the crown of Aragón (13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> centuries)  |
| Week 5. | Barcelona of the <i>Austrias</i> and the War of Succession (1500 - 1714).  |

- Week 6. Barcelona of the *Borbones*: between the Ciudadela and the neo-classical Rambla (1714 - 1820)
- Week 7. Liberal Barcelona and the widening of the *Ildefons Cerdà* (1820's – 1880's)
- Week 8. The new cosmopolitan city: between the Universal Exposition of 1888 and the International Exposition of 1929.
- Week 9. Defeated hopes: Republican Barcelona and Barcelona in the war (1931 – 1939)
- Week 10. Barcelona under the dictatorship of Franco: from military occupation until the great metropolitan development (1939 – 1982)
- Week 11. Recent changes: the Olympic city and the Forum 2004 (1986 – 2004)

### **Required Readings:**

The main reference for the course that students should follow regularly is *Barcelona* by Robert Hughes (1992). The professor will also give students a reading packet, created expressly for this course, that is a collection of articles and excerpts from books.

### **Other Titles/Resources of Interest:**

Josep Maria AINAUD and other authors (1996): *Barcelona Contemporànea (1856-1996)/ Contemporary Barcelona (1856-1996)* (Barcelona, Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona).

James S. AMELANG (1986): *La formación de una clase dirigente: Barcelona, 1490-1714* (Barcelona, Ariel) [original en inglés (1986): *Honored Citizens of Barcelona. Patrician Culture and Class Relations (1490-1714)* (Princeton, Princeton University Press).

James S. AMELANG, Xavier GIL y Gary W. McDONOGH (1992): *Dotze passejades per la història de Barcelona. Guia* (Barcelona, Olimpíada Cultural / Ajuntament de Barcelona / Fundació “la Caixa”).

Felipe FERNÁNDEZ-ARMESTO (1991): *Barcelona. A Thousand Years of the City's Past* (London, Sinclair-Stevenson).

Ian GIBSON (1992): *Fire in the Blood. The New Spain* (London, Faber & Faber / BBC Books).

Manuel GUÀRDIA y otros autores (1994): *Atlas Histórico de Ciudades Europeas. Península Ibérica* (Barcelona, Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona / Salvat Editores), capítulo “Barcelona” (pp. 63-93).

Michael LEITCH (1991): *Slow Walks in Barcelona. A Visitor's Companion* (London, Hodder & Stoughton).

Marilyn McCULLY (ed.) (1986): *Homage to Barcelona. The City and its Arts, 1888-1936* (Exhibition organised by the Generalitat de Catalunya, the Ajuntament de Barcelona and the Arts Council of Great Britain) (London, Thames and Hudson).

Gary W. McDONOGH (1989): *Las buenas familias de Barcelona. Historia social del poder en la era industrial* (Barcelona, Omega) [original en inglés (1986): *Good Families of Barcelona. A Social History of Power in the Industrial Era* (Princeton, Princeton University Press).

Donald McNEILL (1999): *Urban Change and the European Left. Tales from the New Barcelona* (London / New York, Routledge).

Francisco Javier MONCLÚS (1998): *La ciudad dispersa. Suburbanización y nuevas periferias* (Barcelona, Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona).

Alejandro SÁNCHEZ (ed.) (1994): *Barcelona, 1888-1929. Modernidad, ambición y conflictos de una ciudad soñada* (Madrid, Alianza Editorial).

Angel SMITH (1996): *Historical Dictionary of Spain* (Lanham, Scarecrow).

Colm TÓIBÍN (1990): *Homage to Barcelona* (London, Simon & Schuster).