

# Elective Courses For VT Barcelona Semester Program

All Approved as International Business Minor Electives

## CULTURAL STUDIES

### [\*\*CU351 Food as an Expression of Culture\*\*](#)

Camila Loew, a knowledgeable and passionate instructor, engages students to better understand Spanish culture through an analysis of food patterns and eating habits, how these have developed, and how they are used to negotiate identities, power relations, etc. Yum!

## ART HISTORY

### [\*\*AH223 Great Twentieth Century Artists of Catalonia: Picasso, Miro, Dalí\*\*](#)

Matthew Clear, an engaging scholar of art history, introduces these three Spanish painters, all associated with Barcelona, and puts the analysis of their art into the cultural and social context in which they painted. Students acquire the tools to analyze paintings through this class. A unique opportunity!

### [\*\*HS-AH251 Barcelona The Cosmopolitan City\*\*](#)

Marina Díaz provides an excellent introduction to Barcelona through the history of its urban growth. You'll really know the city after this course.

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

### [\*\*AH-RL350 The Iberian Peninsula: Cultures and Religions Through the Arts\*\*](#)

Meritxell Martín, a knowledgeable and engaging teacher, tackles the influence of different religions on Spanish culture - this first course looks at the influence of Islamic art in the Iberian Peninsula.

### [\*\*RL-SO330 Church and State in Spain from 1492 to the Present\*\*](#)

In this second course taught by Meritxell Martín, she looks at the relations between the Catholic Church and the State through Spanish history.

## SOCIOLOGY

### [\*\*PO-SO-HS331 Understanding Contemporary Spain: Politics, Society and History\*\*](#)

Marina Díaz presents a course designed to allow students to understand what is going on around them in Spain: the politics, institutions, and recent history.

## URBAN STUDIES

### [\*\*AH-US330 Architecture and Landscape of Barcelona\*\*](#)

Suzanne Strum focuses on the main architectural styles that have been used to build Barcelona. Essentially this is an architecture/art history course that allows students to understand the city around them through the analysis of the artistic styles that have influenced its development. Very relevant for anyone living in Barcelona!

Additional courses taught in Spanish for students with advanced Spanish language skills could also be chosen such as Sports & Spain, Music of Spain, Creative Writing. See the advisor for approval.

Note: All courses satisfy the "context" course requirements for the Global Honors Scholars program.