

## SURVIVAL CATALAN

IFSA Barcelona

Survival Catalan is a 15-hour non-credit course in contemporary Catalan language taught intensively during the first weeks of the IFSA Barcelona experience. It focuses on essential communication skills, key words and phrases, including the ability to request emergency assistance. The goal is to equip students with the skills needed to make themselves understood and to understand others when engaged in basic conversations, as well as the ability to read basic signs.

Utilizing Barcelona as a vibrant “laboratory” for language learning, teaching methods will center on role-playing and guided experiential activities, such as excursions to practice using public transportation, ordering food at a café, or shopping at a local market. Multimedia methodologies, including videos, audiotapes, and online resources, will also be utilized. This is a highly interactive course, where students will engage with the instructor and one another during each class session.

The course will also entail discussion of Catalan culture, as cultural learning is a rich and inseparable part of language learning. The languages of instruction for this course are English and Catalan. The supporting text is *Colloquial Catalan: A Complete Course for Beginners (Colloquial Series)*, 1st Edition, by Alexander Ibarz and Toni Ibarz, published by Routledge, 2005.

Survival Catalan carries no credit but is an important, required component of the IFSA Barcelona experience.

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