

Justification

The Basque Country, Euskal Herria, is a region located in Northern Spain and Southern France. Its language, of unknown origins, is not related to any other linguistic family. The Basques have kept a distinct and unique culture, one of the oldest in Europe.

The history of the Basque Country has come a long way from the ancient times before the Roman conquest of the Peninsula to the present day. What we can see nowadays is a highly modernized European region which is going through a promising time.

This course provides students with an introduction to the Basque culture and basic oral and written skills in *Euskara* (Basque language). Students will have the chance to get started in linguistic skills in Basque and to discover several relevant topics in Basque culture and society: geography, history, the rural world and myths, music, sports...

Prerequisites

None

Subject competences

Generic competence (GC): Diversity and Interculturality

Specific competence (SC): To acquire a global vision of the Basque Country, in geography, history and Basque culture and traditions.

To acquire a command of the language that at least allows communicating, both orally and in written, in common daily situations.

Contents

1. Learning about cultural topics

1. Geographical space
 - Geography and administrative division
2. Population and identity
 - Basque society and youth
 - Basque identity and symbols
3. The Basque Country throughout history. First part
 - Historic approach

4. The Basque Country throughout history. Second part
 - 20th century key moments
5. The rural world
 - Basque legends and myths
6. The literature
 - *Bertsolaritza*
7. The music
 - Popular music and traditional instruments
8. Basque sports
 - Rural sports

2. Acquiring language skills in *Euskara* (Basque language)

Oral skills

- Greeting others.
- Introducing yourself: name, age, birthplace, occupation, current job, physical description, personality (nice, cheerful, hobbies...).
- Introducing others: a classmate, an acquaintance, a relative.
- Talking about daily routines and habits.
- Describing a city or a town: how it is, what we can find there.

Written skills

- Learning how to describe or introduce yourself or others with basic expressions to meet people, etc.
- Describing how you are and how you see yourself.
- Giving information about our daily habits.

Teaching-learning strategy

The teaching methodology will be based on the University of Deusto Learning Model (UDLM) that integrates the stages of contextualization, reflective observation, conceptualization, active experimentation and evaluation. To apply this methodology the following teaching resources are used:

- Use of resources in different formats for the presentation of theoretical content.

- Carrying out different learning and assessment activities to verify the acquisition of both theoretical and practical knowledge and the acquisition of skills.
- Individual and / or group tutoring aimed at the personalized monitoring of the students and the supervision of their work.
- Combination of remote videoconference classes (2 hours a week) with online learning through resources and activities on the university's learning platform.

An interactive and student-centered methodology will be used in order to practice the Basque language. Individual and group activities will be carried out with the help of different learning strategies, and through teacher-student interaction in order to achieve the goal of understanding and producing simple texts.

The 6 ECTS (150 hours of study work) are approximately distributed as follows:

- Video conference sessions with the instructors: 28 (14 hours of cultural topics + 14 hours of linguistic, oral and written practice).
- Cultural individual activities (searching for information, readings, personal study, preparation and completion of individual activities, tutorials, preparation and completion of assessment tests, presentations): 40 hours
- Cultural group activities (searching for information, readings, personal study, preparation and completion of group activities, tutorials, preparation and completion of assessment tests, presentations): 20 hours
- Individual activities of linguistic competence (readings, personal study, preparation and completion of individual activities, tutorials, preparation and completion of assessment tests): 60 hours.

Evaluation system

Ordinary call

The evaluation will be continuous and 100% formative. 50% of the mark will be obtained in cultural subjects, and the remaining 50% in the acquisition of linguistic competence in Basque Language.

The competences that the student will be acquiring in each unit will be evaluated, and the relevant feedback will be given in each activity and significant tests that are carried out. In order to pass the course, the student must achieve an average mark of 50%.

Extraordinary call

Students who do not reach at least a 50% of the mark in any of the two parts of the course, will have the option to take a final exam in cultural topics and /or linguistic competence in Basque in the extraordinary call.

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