

## UALBANY IN MADRID

Summer Program 2018

### **Soccer Nation: Social, Historical, and Cultural Impact of Soccer in Spain**

Session A, Two-week session: May 20 – June 3, 2018, three (3) credits

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#### **Course materials\***

Burns, Jymmy. *La Roja. How soccer conquered Spain*. Nation Books

\* Additional materials will be available on the course webpage on Blackboard.

#### **Course Description**

Whether you call it soccer, football, *fútbol* or *futebol* the beautiful game with the round ball is played and watched around the world. This class explores global history of soccer with a focus on Spain. Along the way it will trace key developments in the game such as the formation of clubs, tournaments, the development of stadiums, fan culture and media coverage. Materials include works of history, anthropology, literature, journalism, memoirs, documentary and feature films, and footage of classic games. Ideally the class will teach you both a lot about the game and about thinking historically and how Spain changes over time.

#### **Course Components**

Participation 20%

Homework 10%

Oral Presentation 20%

Final Essay 50%

#### **Attendance**

Class attendance is mandatory. It is also required to do the visits scheduled in the course as well as the site visits to Toledo and Valencia (full group)

#### **Academic Integrity**

Please read the Academic Integrity Policy of our university. It is integral that all students understand the policy and its associated definitions and sanctions. Please ask for clarification if you are unclear. The Academic Integrity Policy is located at [http://www.albany.edu/eltl/academic\\_integrity.php](http://www.albany.edu/eltl/academic_integrity.php)

**The only way you can be prepared for in-class participation is by doing the readings and watching the films prior to the class periods where they will be discussed.**

## CALENDAR

### Week 1

Date

Class Plan

Sunday, May 20: On-site Orientation and walking tour (mandatory for all students)

Monday, May 21:

- Morning Session: Introduction to the course. British and Spanish roots of the game.
- Afternoon Session: Movie/Reading discussion

Tuesday, May 22

- Morning Session: Basques, Catalans and Madridistas.
- Afternoon Session: Movie/Reading discussion

Wednesday, May 23

- Morning Session: Spanish soccer in the 1920's and 1930's.
- Afternoon Session: Oral presentations and Movie/ Reading Discussion.

Thursday, May 24

- Morning Session: Soccer against the enemy (The Spanish Civil War)
- Afternoon Session: Oral presentations and Movie Discussion: *The Goalkeeper*

Friday, May 25

- Morning Session: Soccer and Franco's Dictatorship.
- Afternoon: Visit to the Real Madrid Stadium and Museum

Saturday, May 26 Site visit to Toledo (full group)



## Week 2

Date

Class Plan

Monday, May 28

- Morning Session: Spanish soccer in the 1970's and 1980's
- Afternoon Session: Oral presentations and Movie / Reading Discussion

Tuesday, May 29

- Morning Session: Spanish soccer in the 1990's
- Afternoon: Visit to the Soccer National Team Museum

Wednesday, May 30

- Morning Session: Spanish soccer in the 2000's
- Afternoon Session: Oral presentations and Movie / Reading Discussion

Thursday, May 31

- Morning Session: Big rivalries in Spanish Soccer
- Afternoon: Visit to Atletico de Madrid Stadium

Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2 Site visit Valencia, overnight (full group)

**Final Essay Due Date:** June, 29

