Catalan is a Romance language spoken in the Spanish autonomous communities of Catalonia, the Balearic Islands, and the Valencian Community, as well as in adjoining parts of France, Andorra, and the Italian (Sardinian) city of Alghero. A 2011 census indicates that 7.2 million people are native speakers of Catalan; according to other polls around 10 million people actively speak Catalan, and 12 million understand it.

The 9 November 2015 declaration of the Initiation of the Process of Independence from Spain made by the Parliament of Catalonia makes of Catalonia one of the hottest regions in today’s world politics. 

*Molt interessant!*

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**Catalan 401** is an introduction to the Catalan language and culture. Part of class time will be dedicated to communicating in Catalan using the structures and vocabulary covered in the textbook. You will be introduced to the fundamental communication skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, as well as to cultural and historical aspects of some of the Catalan-speaking areas. 

*Què divertit!*

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