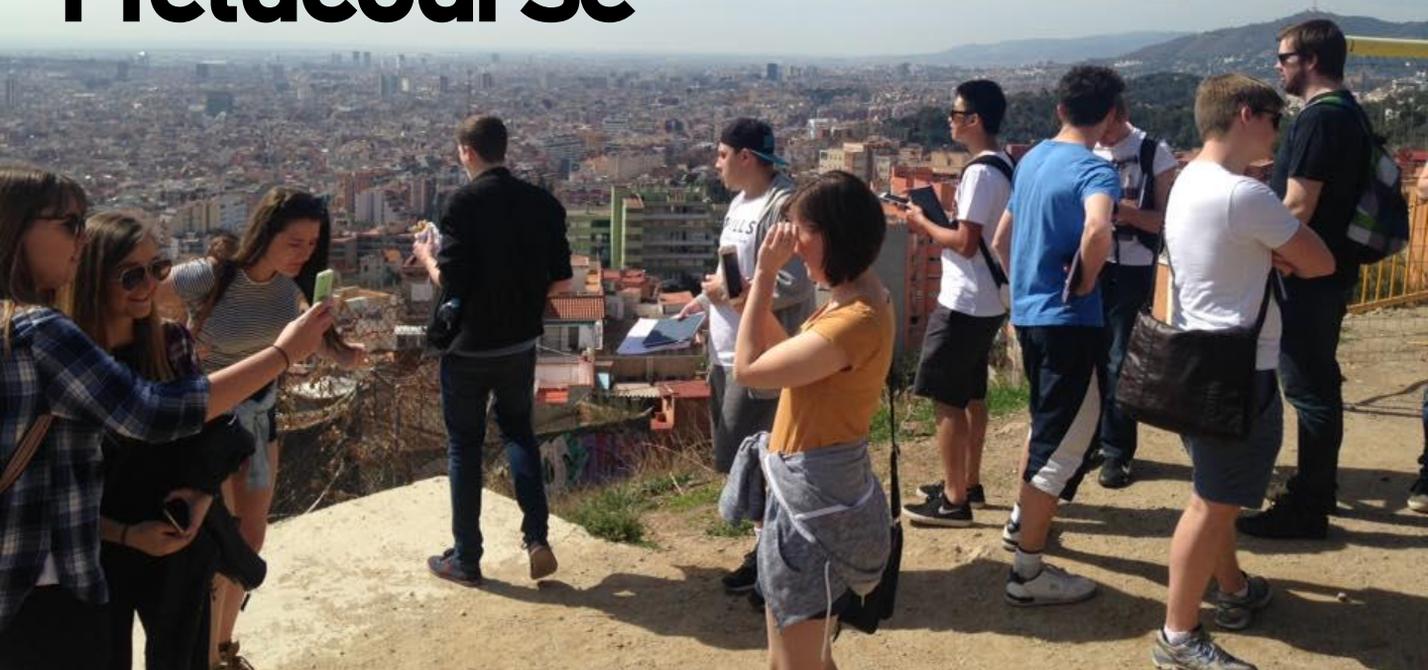


Keele University Geography course

Barcelona Fieldcourse



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Introduction

Barcelona is one of the most dynamic, cultured, and vibrant world cities. The city provides an ideal base to examine and illustrate a range of major themes in Human Geography discussed in second year modules – public space and everyday life, urban regeneration and mega events, migration, cultural identity and integration, and the challenges associated with world city growth and status. The fieldcourse also provides an introduction to, and real world experience of, many of the concepts, debates and approaches to be discussed in third-year modules. Topics will be examined through a combination of interactive staff-student field-based discussions and student project days, during which students develop and undertake independent research.

Public Space and Urban Growth and Regeneration

Staff-led days in the field consider the following two themes:

- **Public Space:** Barcelona is a city where so much happens outside. From the Olympic Park through to waterfront regeneration, the construction and use of public space is essential to life in the city. During the field course you will consider how these spaces were designed and represented; their use by different groups and how the dynamic of the city is created through public space.

- **Urban Growth:** In the last 150 years Barcelona has grown from a small but extremely dense walled city to a large cosmopolitan city, and which has become an international exemplar of urban regeneration. This has had an extensive impact on how the urban fabric has evolved and grown, with new neighbourhoods being created and nearby towns being integrated into the city. During the field course you will research the relationship between urban morphology and neighbourhood characteristics.

Logistics

- **Duration.** The fieldcourse lasts for around 6 days, and takes place in the Easter vacation of year 2.

- **Costs.** Flights, accommodation, transfer to/from airport in Barcelona, public transport around Barcelona and entrances to teaching locations are included. More details are available in the fieldcourse handbook.

- **Safety, accessibility, and risk.** We would expect no exceptional issues on this fieldcourse, it is no different from everyday experience in a modern global urban environment.

- **Leadership team.** The staff/student ratio on the fieldcourse is approximately 1:10. Staff have been teaching and researching in Barcelona for many years.