

**Module Title:** Catalan II Intensive

**Module Code:** CAT5200

**Credit Value:** 30

**Level:** 5

**Pre-requisite modules:**

### **Content Description**

Welcome to the Learn a Language programme of Queen Mary. Language learning broadens the mind – you learn how different cultures and societies organize the world through language, you acquire a new vocabulary, new concepts, cultural knowledge, and become more interculturally aware. You can connect with people in another society in their language, a connection that is likely to be closer than if you make them speak your language or you communicate in a third language, such as English. You can use your language skills in your future career – employers consistently ask for better language skills in graduates. And, finally, language learning has cognitive benefits – studies show that bilinguals are more perceptive and have better memory. Speaking another language makes you more aware of language structure in general, and a better communicator.

### **Module Aims**

The overall aims of this module are to help you to further develop your knowledge of the Catalan language, and develop your ability to approach communication in the language in a confident and competent manner. You will move from a lower intermediate to a higher intermediate level of knowledge of the language, and develop your ability to function effectively and competently dealing with language occurring in more demanding and challenging situations, within a general or a professional context (equivalent to a level between B1 and B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference, CEFR).

You will improve your competence towards a higher intermediate level through tasks designed to develop your skills in speaking and writing. You will also develop your receptive skills, by reading and listening to more complex texts. The aim is to achieve a balance between fluency and accuracy, which means grammar and structure are an integral part of this course.