

A close-up, blurred photograph of green grass blades, serving as the background for the slide. The blades are illuminated from the side, creating a soft glow and deep shadows.

**WHAT ABOUT CATALAN?**

**UAB**

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona



# EU languages (I)

Some EU regional languages. Number of speakers:

Catalan	9.118.000	Friulian	400.000
Galician	2.420.000	Luxembourgish	350.000
Occitan	2.100.000	Breton	180.000
Sardinian	1.300.000	Corsican	125.000
Basque	683.000	...	
Welsh	508.000	UE total	49.000.000
Frisian	400.000	(EBLUL)	~ 10 % UE



# EU languages (II)

EU official languages. Number of speakers:

1. German	90.200.000	13. Swedish	9.300.000
2. French	62.700.000	<b>Catalan</b>	<b>9.118.000</b>
3. English	62.200.000	14. Bulgarian	7.500.000
4. Italian	57.400.000	15. Slovak	5.400.000
5. Castilian	39.800.000	16. Danish	5.200.000
6. Polish	38.700.000	17. Finnish	5.100.000
7. Romanian	22.300.000	18. Lithuanian	3.700.000
8. Dutch	21.200.000	19. Latvian	2.400.000
9. Greek	11.400.000	20. Slovenian	2.000.000
10. Hungarian	10.500.000	21. Estonian	1.400.000
11. Czech	10.300.000	22. Irish	1.240.000
12. Portuguese	9.800.000	23. Maltese	400.000



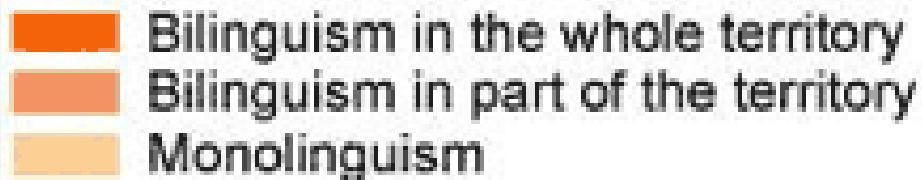
# Languages in Spain



Barcelona

## Some figures

- 41 % of the population lives in territories with two official languages.
- One in every four Spaniards (27.5 %) lives in a Community in which Catalan is the official language.



# The Catalan language



Catalonia



Valencia



Balearic islands



Eastern Aragon



South-Eastern  
France



Andorra



Alghero  
(Italy)



## Some figures

- Area covered: 68,000 Km<sup>2</sup>
- Population: 13,529,127
- People who understand Catalan: 11,011,168
- People who speak Catalan: 9,118,882

# Languages in Catalonia

Two widespread languages  
Catalan and Spanish

A multilingual society  
250-300 languages spoken



# Mass media and culture

## Use of Catalan in Catalonia

- The only language in public Catalan broadcasters
- 62% of theatre performances
- 50% of radio programmes
- 36% of the circulation of newspapers and magazines
- 30% of TV programmes
- 30% of published titles
- 1.09 webpages by speaker
- 2% of films screened in Catalonia
- 15th most published language in the world
- 22nd most translated language in the world



# Legal framework

## Statute of Autonomy (1979)

- Catalan is Catalonia's own language.
- Catalan is the official language of Catalonia, as is Spanish, which is official throughout Spain.

## Act on linguistic policy (1998)

- Catalonia's own language: commits the public institutions to use Catalan in a general manner.
- Official languages: guarantees the rights of the citizens to learn both languages, to use them, and to be served in the language of their choice.

# Administration and Education

## Administrative use of Catalan

- Public Administration
- Local Administration
- Legal Administration



## Preschool/Primary/Secondary

- Catalan is the vehicular language of teaching
- Spanish is used to teach at least one subject
- Trilingual experiments: subjects in English

# University: language uses

- Catalan is the University's own language
- Catalan and Castilian are the official languages
- Students and teaching staff can use the official language of their choice
- The teaching staff must know both official languages sufficiently
- Students are not divided by language
- Catalan is used in local communications
- Spanish and English are used in international communications

**Language uses in teaching.  
Undergraduate courses. UAB**



# University: Welcome to the UAB!

The screenshot shows a website page titled 'AJUDA'M' with a navigation bar in Catalan, Spanish, and English. The main heading is 'Language and cultural reception programme for mobility students'. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with items: Home, Catalan courses, Linguistic sustainability kit, Voluntary language support, Language tandem, Outings, Welcome resources, Festa Means Party, and Further information. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the UAB' and contains text about the Language Service and linguistic support resources. A faint map of Catalonia is visible in the background.

**AJUDA'M**

Català Español English

*Language and cultural reception programme for*  
**mobility students**

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### Welcome to the UAB

To help you make the most of your stay at the UAB, the **Language Service** organizes [Catalan courses](#) adapted to your individual needs.

We also offer the possibility of receiving [linguistic support from a Catalan student volunteer](#), as well as the opportunity to participate in social activities such as [outings](#) to different parts of Catalonia, the [Welcome Party](#), etc.

- Online resources before arrival (Speakc@t, FontdelCat, Parla.cat, etc.)
- Catalan courses (subsidised by the UAB and recognised at elective credits)
- Language voluntary support (help in class).
- Month of Culture: activities organised by the Catalan public universities
- Welcome resources (Intercat, 80 tips, University conversation guide, etc.)

www.uab.cat/ajudalinguistica



**Moltes gràcies!**

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