

Span 250B, Civilization and Culture of Spain (1700 to the Present)

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Span 250B, Fall 2013, meets T 530-820 pm, MRP 2005, Sec 01, Class Number: 88814

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Catalog Description

Seminar examining aspects of the character and personality of the various political, geographical, and cultural groups of Spain as revealed through the social and literary studies of Spain from 1700 to the present. 3 units.

Prerequisites

Graduate standing and the ability to read, write, understand and speak Spanish

Required Texts

Cantarino, Vicente. *Civilización y cultura de España* (5th Ed., Pearson Prentice Hall, 2006)

Course Objectives

This seminar will offer graduate students of Spanish an overview and an analysis of the main historical, cultural and artistic currents of Bourbon Spain, from its beginnings in the early eighteenth-century through the political and social upheaval of the French Revolution, the Napoleonic era and its aftermath, to Spain's loss of her colonies in 1898 and move toward democracy in the last quarter of the twentieth-century. The specific areas in which a more in-depth view and study will be undertaken are:

1. The eighteenth-century Enlightenment and neoclassical period of predominantly French and Italian influence, beginning with the reigns of Felipe V and Fernando VI and culminating with that of Carlos III
2. The advent of liberalism in politics, following the French Revolution, and its clash with the traditional ideals of absolutism, which Fernando VII endeavors to restore after the defeat of Napoleon and defend at all costs
3. The subsequent and inevitable political compromise, the constitutional monarchy, the type of government which will prevail in Spain in various forms throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth-century, during the reigns of Isabel II, Alfonso XII, and Alfonso XIII
4. The Second Republic in 1931, the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936, and the Franco dictatorship
5. The development and growth of democracy in Spain since 1975

Expanded Course Description

A series of lectures will be given, followed by discussion whenever possible, as a kind of overview or synthesis of the history of Spain from 1700 to the present. The lectures will be supplemented with videos, films, music and transparencies, where appropriate. A Midterm and a Final Exam (identification and essay format) will be given and will cover the main points of the lectures, text readings and videos.

In addition, each student will prepare one oral presentation in Spanish at an appointed time and will complete one short research paper in Spanish, from 6 to 8 pages in length, double-spaced. The topic of the oral presentation must be different from the topic of the paper. A list of suggested topics and instructions

for both projects will be provided. The students are encouraged to select a cultural topic of personal interest, or perhaps one related to personal experience, such as travel or study abroad.

Method of Evaluation

Numerical percentages scale: 94-100%=A, 90-93%=A-, 87-89%=B+, 84-86%=B, 80-83%=B-, 77-79%=C+, 74-76%=C, 70-73%=C-, 67-69%=D+, 64-66%=D, 60-63%=D-, 59% or less=F

Assigned letter grades scale: A=96%, A-=93%, B+=89%, B=86%, B-=83%, C+=79%, C=76%, C-=73%, D+=69%, D=66%, D-=63%, F=56%

1 Oral Presentation	25%
1 Research Paper	25%
Midterm	25%
Final Exam	25%

Classroom Policies:

Attendance: Regular class attendance, coming to class on time, taking careful notes, and turning in assignments when they are due will greatly enhance your chances of success in this course.

Please notify me in advance of a missed class or immediately afterwards, prior to the next class meeting. Phone: 278-6652 (klucasja@csus.edu). If you do not notify me promptly, you may forfeit an opportunity to make up a missed exam or turn in a missed homework assignment.

There will be no make-up quizzes, exams or oral presentations except in cases of extreme emergency. Avoid all forms of **Academic Dishonesty**, including cheating and plagiarism. For definitions/sanctions see University Manual (<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/student/UMA00150.htm>). For examples of how to avoid plagiarism and properly quote sources, see (<http://library.csus.edu/content2.asp?pageID=353>).

Electronic devices: please turn off all phones, iPods and other devices. These are distracting and disruptive. Students are not permitted to make audio or video recordings, or take photos in the classroom.

Special Accommodations: If you have a disability and require accommodations, you need to provide disability documentation to SSWD, Lassen Hall 1008, (916-278-6955). Please discuss your accommodation needs with me after class or during my office hours early in the semester.