

SP: Courses in Spanish

Department of Languages and Literature

A student with high school Spanish should consult with the instructor for placement in courses, and see index for page number for Language Placement Guidelines.

SP 101-102 Acquisition of Spanish I and II 6 Cr

Participants in these introductory seminars read, write, listen, and discuss current events as well as cultural, political, economic, and psychological topics. Learners acquire vocabulary in authentic communicative contexts and build the structural foundations of the language necessary to understand and communicate progressively and adequately in Spanish. Offered annually. Prerequisites: None for SP 101; SP 101 or equivalent for SP 102.

SP 150/250/350 Intensive Spanish Immersion Abroad 6 Cr

This program consists of three levels of proficiency: SP 150 for students with no prior knowledge or experience with Spanish, SP 250 for students who have successfully completed SP 102 or have the equivalent knowledge or experience with Spanish, and SP 350 for students who have successfully completed SP 204 or have the equivalent knowledge or experience with Spanish. The program offers the student the opportunity to become immersed in the Spanish language while experiencing the cultural and societal conditions of the country where the program takes place. The methods used in this program are intended to foster the acquisition of Spanish both in and out of the classroom. The acquisition will take place through students' and teachers' active interaction with the language and daily life in the host country. Students will read, write, and speak Spanish on a daily basis and will be required to analyze social, political, and cultural aspects of their surroundings. Through this process, students also will have the opportunity to develop new perspectives with regard to peoples of other cultures and a point of comparison upon which to base questions of human existence.

SP 203-204 Acquisition of Spanish III and IV 6 Cr

While continuing to pursue topics from the introductory seminars, participants begin to read Hispanic short stories and texts examining contemporary and historical issues in Latin America and Spain. Students also examine language issues they have encountered in their discussions and compositions. Offered annually. Prerequisites: SP 102 or its equivalent for SP 203; SP 203 or its equivalent for SP 204.

SP 206 Spanish Conversation 2 Cr

This course fosters and improves the student's spoken facility with Spanish through perceptual encounters with the language and through each student's actions to understand and be understood in a variety of contexts. Instruction involves participants in extensive and intensive conversation, listening, and reading through active, open, and authentic dialogue. Prerequisite: SP 204 or consent of instructor. Spring semester.

SP 301-302 The Hispanic Short Story I and II 6 Cr

Participants in this course become critically conscious of major cultural, political, economic, and psychological themes as conveyed in short stories. Through thoughtful discussion and composition, students deepen their knowledge and appreciation of Hispanic literature while developing facility in reading, speaking, and writing. Prerequisite: SP 305. Offered at the discretion of the Department. Satisfies GLAR literature.

SP 304 Spanish Phonetics and Phonology 3 Cr

This course is an introduction to the science of language. Students will examine the linguistic features of speech synchronically, diachronically, and dialectically; study different varieties and registers of spoken Spanish; focus on articulatory phonetics; learn how to transcribe speech and written texts to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA); and consider how to analyze, describe, and explain linguistic data, including sound changes. Prerequisite: SP 204. Fall semester.

SP 305 Reading and Writing in Spanish 3 Cr

This course will facilitate the transition from early Spanish acquisition courses to upper-level courses in which more precision is required with respect to both receptive and productive aspects of the language. Prerequisite: SP 204 or the consent of the instructor. Fall semester.

SP 306 Spanish Morphology and Syntax 2 Cr

Students develop their Spanish grammar by examining texts and their own essays in Spanish to resolve grammatical problems. In addition, students are introduced to the study of syntax, morphology, and sociolinguistics as the field pertains to grammatical varieties and changes. Prerequisite: SP 204. Spring semester.

SP 401-402 Culture and Literature of Spain I and II 6 Cr

This course is a survey of the history, civilization and literature of Spain from ancient to modern times. The course covers the arts, literature, economics, education, and geography, as well as important events that have shaped the psychology of the Spanish people. Prerequisite: SP 305. Offered at the discretion of the Department. Satisfies GLAR literature.

SP 403-404 Culture and Literature of Latin America I-II 6 Cr

This course is a survey of the history, civilization, and literature of Latin America from the pre-conquest to modern times. The course covers the arts, literature, economics, politics, customs, and geography, as well as important events that have shaped the psychology of the Latin American people, including the issue of underdevelopment of the different countries. Prerequisite: SP 305. Offered at the discretion of the Department.