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General Syllabus

SPAN 3203 Culture and Civilization: Spain

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: SPAN 3063 Advanced Composition

Effective Catalog: 2023-2024

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

This course explores the history, art, geography, and customs of Peninsular Spain from the Middle Ages to present day. This course is conducted in Spanish.

B. Additional Information

What do we mean when we talk about the culture and civilizations of the Iberian Peninsula? Through a selection of Spanish written texts, music and art, students will delve into Spanish culture and civilization, improving their reading, speaking, and writing skills while developing critical thinking.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the origins of Spanish civilization.
2. Discuss the socio-political elements contributing to the formation of the Spanish nation: Middle Ages and the Renaissance.
3. Describe the causes and consequences of the Spanish wars and conflicts.
4. Analyze texts, music, and art of Spain within their historical, social, political, and cultural spheres.
5. Apply the Spanish language effectively in written, interpersonal, and presentational communication.
6. Conduct research and cite secondary sources using MLA standards.

B. University Learning Outcomes

Culture and Civilization: Spain is a course that enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will be able to reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own. They will be able to demonstrate the understanding or application of their discipline in a global environment and how their discipline impacts or is impacted by those of different cultures.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will be able to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting and in more than one language. They will be able to compose coherent documents appropriate to the intended audience in more than one language and effectively communicate orally in any public setting and in more than one language.

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will draw conclusions and/or solve problems. They will be able to access and evaluate appropriate information through written and electronic means. They will be able to think critically to reach viable solutions to a problem and be able to justify those solutions.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Middle Ages
- B. Renaissance
- C. From the Enlightenment to 19th Century Spain
- D. From the Spanish Civil War to Post-Franquism
- E. Literature, Film, and Cuisine of the Twentieth Century and Beyond