

Course Abstract

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Course ID and Name: SPA 226 Hispanic Civilization (Ibero-American)

Department:

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Prerequisites: SPA 210 or 222

Co-requisites: None

Course Description:

Readings, analysis, and discussion of Hispanic civilization and culture from Pre-Colombian times to the present. Readings and discussions in Spanish.

General Education Status: GE HUM DIV

Credits:

3

Lecture Hours:

3

Lab Hours:

Supplemental

Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify major political, social and economic developments in Spanish American History.
2. Describe the social, economic and political Spanish American Countries today.
3. Identify major trends in Hispanic arts, music, literature and architecture.
4. Write short reports (2 pages) in Spanish based on related topics or readings.
5. Comment in Spanish, on readings and materials related to the class discussion.

Course Content Areas:

- I. Background: Major historical and cultural events, personalities and trends in Spanish America from Pre-Colombian times through the present day.
 - A. Spanish Expansion and the Discovery of the New World.
 - B. The Pre-Colonial Cultures: Aztec; Maya; Inca. Initial contact between Indian and European cultures.
 - C. The Four Nuclei of Expansion: The Antilles; Mexico; Peru; Buenos Aires.

- D. The Political, Social and Economic Organization in the colonial period.
 - E. Cultural, Literary and Artistic Trends in the Colonial Era.
 - F. The Emancipatory Movements in the Spanish-American colonies.
 - G. Republican Spanish America as seen in select countries.
 - H. Ruben Dario and “Modernismo”.
 - I. The Mexican Revolution (1910-19) and the Constitution of Queretaro (1917).
- II. Contemporary Spanish America: Major historical events, personalities and trends in the 20th century with special emphasis on cultural topics.
- A. The impact of Revolutions.
 - B. The Military, the Church, the “Hacendados”. Industrialization and economic development.
 - C. “Mestizaje”.
 - D. Education.
 - E. U.S. – Spanish American Relations.