



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH, ITALIAN AND SPANISH

SPAN 407, Critical Thinking in Spanish
Winter 2009

Location : EDC 172 Days : Tuesday & Thursday 12:30-13:45 am

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DESCRIPTION: The in-depth study and analysis of the gamut of differing intelligently written and presented texts, be they oral, visual, and/or written.

Prerequisites: SPAN 303 & Spanish 323, or consent of the Department.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES

Essays25%
Active class participation 15%
In-class final exam 30%
Final research paper30%

Nota bene: Since active participation in this course is an essential component, regular attendance is expected and required of all students. If you're not here, you can not participate! The professor reserves the right to alter the final grade of a student whose performance has been adversely affected by irregular attendance. Unless a valid excuse is presented, such as a medical emergency, any absence from class will be logged.

GRADING SCALE

A+ 100, A 99-93, A- 92-90, B+ 89-87, B 86-83, B- 82-80, C+ 79-77, C 76-73, C- 72-70, D+ 69-67, D 66-63, D- 62-60, F 59-0.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Carmen ALBORCH, *Solas*.
José María FAERNA, *Picasso*.
Federico GARCÍA LORCA, *Poema del cante jondo* and *Romancero gitano*.
Manuel Seara VALERO, *El origen del hombre*.
Selections of other readings, a full-length film, and, possibly, a CD.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND MATERIALS

A good Spanish-English, English-Spanish dictionary.

OUTCOMES STATEMENT: At course's end, the student who has completed all of the reading and has participated actively in all in-class discussions and commentaries will have mastered certain Spanish-language lexical terms, grammatical structures, and syntactical forms, and, thus will be adequately prepared to continue at a higher academic level in Spanish, be it in literature, linguistics, or intellectual history.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a serious offence, the penalty for which is an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that "plagiarism exists when:

a) the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one

submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);

- b) parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;
- c) the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source, and/or
- d) a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted."

Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.