



Middlebury

Graduate School in Spain Course Evaluation: Fall 2008

At this point in the program, we require all graduate students to evaluate their Sede Prim courses. After the spring semester, a longer evaluation will be required, in which you evaluate your spring courses and the program as a whole. Thank you in advance!

This document contains respondents between 1 and 12 inclusive.

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Grammar Spanish: Fundamental Problems

This was my favorite course in the fall. It was the most organized, taught by a really excellent, patient teacher, and I can honestly say that I feel like I have a good handle on everything we studied.

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

fine

Describe course content

Divided into three major areas: verbs with SE, verbs in perifrasis, and verbs in one tense but with meaning or value in another.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Normal chalkboard and workbook...clear and straightforward

Other comments about this course:

Teresa Bordón is fantastic. PLEASE have her back for the spring courses from now on.

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Contemporary Latin American Short Story

Another great, really patient and super knowledgeable teacher

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

fine

Describe course content

Exactly what the title says...I wish there had been a few less depressing stories, but apparently there aren't that many L.A. stories that aren't pessimistic.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Relaxed, discussion in a circle. Professor was very respectful of all students and opinions.

Other comments about this course:

Keep it and the professor... He is obviously very popular for a good reason.

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Advanced Spanish Morphosyntax

Definitely the HARDEST course I took in the spring, but I'm glad I survived it.

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

The last paper was a killer and I still have NO idea how I did on it. I would like to have seen it and at least known if I was on the right track. Also, it took me way longer to type the grammar then to analyze it, so it turned out to be a nightmare since I was late not because I didn't have the coursework done but because my computer wanted to add its own margins and numbering system to it!!

Describe course content

Basically we analyzed sentences word for word (subjects, verbs, direct objects, attributes etc. s

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Dr. Marilúz definitely went out on tangents when someone asked her a question and sometimes we would think she was never going to get to the answer. Sometimes she told us TOO much background info....Latin roots, history of words, etc. that served to just jumble up everything. Everything was crystal clear to her, because she has studied it for so long, but sometimes we needed the simple answer, not the most complicated one, and she always opted for the most complicated one.

Other comments about this course:

I am glad I took it. I would have liked to take her other course in the spring and the only reason I did not is because of time constraints. I think students just need to know that they will have to study a lot on their own because asking a question may get you more confused than ever!!

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Phonetics and Pronunciation

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exams and a final project

Describe course content

fonetics, emphasis placed on practice, not theory

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Ideology and Composition of Don Quijote

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exam and paper

Describe course content

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all lecture, no discussion

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Art in the Museums of Madrid: Prado

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exams, paper

Describe course content

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lecture based course

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Translation: Genre and Literary

Excellent (correct title is: "Translation: General and Literary")

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exams and translations (one written, one oral)

Describe course content

daily translations of typical modern Spanish sentences (emphasis on unusual usage of verbs), discussion of translation theory, exams on common phrases, independent literary translations of sections of stories from Spanish into English.

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independent work translating a packet of common phrases into English (reviewed in class), in class discussion of problematic phrases and some translation theory.

Other comments about this course:

lacking in structure at times. teaching consistently engaging and excellent

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Contemporary Latin American Short Story

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

three papers (one research), final presentation of a full class period, two partial exams

Describe course content

short stories from critical anthologies, related readings on composition and major literary movements discussed

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

discussion of the readings, and final presentations of readings by classmates

Other comments about this course:

Figuroa is an excellent professor who communicates material clearly. work load heavy considering that most students take 4 or 5 classes per semester.

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Art in the Museums of Madrid: Prado

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exams and a final paper

Describe course content

guided museum visits (by professor), in class discussion of theory and historical-cultural context of works, guided field trip to Cuenca

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

lecture, and independent research (for final paper)

Other comments about this course:

midterm exam included content not emphasized in class or museum visits- many found it unfair. otherwise, lectures fascinating.

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Please describe your Independent Study (if applicable).

Independent Study

Spanish Golden Age Literature

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

small presentations in class, final paper

Describe course content

context and criticism of works studied provided in lectures or articles. works studied were these: La Celestina, Lazarillo de Tormes, La Gitanilla, and La vida es sueño

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

lectures and independent readings of novels and critical articles

Other comments about this course:

fascinating. professor Layna is expert in field and a very effective instructor

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Oral Expression in Spanish

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Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

presentations, final project/paper

Please describe the course content:

we learned and reviewed expressions, phrases and vocabulary in spanish.

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lecture, active participation, video analysis

Other comments about this course:

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Phonetics and Pronunciation

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exams, papers, in class work

Describe course content

pronunciation of all consonants and vowels, accents.

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examples, audio, practice

Other comments about this course:

i really enjoyed this course and learned a lot!

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Cultural Studies Seminar

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers

Describe course content

spanish civil war, poetry, art, theater, economics and politics

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lecture and examples

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Ideology and Composition of Don Quijote

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers and exam

Describe course content

analysis of don quijote

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lecture

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Spanish as a Second Language: Theory

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exams and final paper/investigation

Describe course content

learned about the process of learning a second language and effective teaching methods

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seminar style course; lecture and discussion

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Translation: Genre and Literary

Rafeal Castillo

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exams, oral translations,

Describe course content

Packet of verbs and short stories that we translated

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Different approach to translation than what I had previously thought.

Other comments about this course:

I thought we were going to spend more time on the techniques on how to translate. We spend very little time on this area and instead, we went right into translating verbs and stories.

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Contemporary Latin American Short Story

Profesor Armanda Figueroa

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Papers, exams, oral presentation

Describe course content

Tough, a lot to read, but extremely worthwhile

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

No complaints--truly enjoyed his teaching methods

Other comments about this course:

Great class! Should be a requirement to take this class!

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Ideology and Composition of Don Quijote

Profesor Francisco Layna

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Paper, exam

Describe course content

Grueling, intense

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Lecture method

Other comments about this course:

Intimidating class only because the amount of pages that needs to be read and the intelligence of the professor.

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Oral Expression in Spanish

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Oral presentations, final research paper

Please describe the course content:

Application and use of expressions in spanish, means of communication

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

The professor directed the material towards the students and we were responsible for applying it to everyday situations

Other comments about this course:

It was not the most organized course that I have taken. Also, it seemed like there was not enough material for an entire semester, as it often became extremely redundant. I don't feel that I really gained anything at all from this course. Instead of giving us the tools for communicating better, we were given phrases and vocabulary to memorize.

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Phonetics and Pronunciation

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exams, homework

Describe course content

We practiced both the speaking and theoretical components of phonetics, which was interesting and helpful.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

She was very effective in teaching the material through a series of photocopies that she had put together.

Other comments about this course:

Overall it was a very helpful and interesting course. I feel that it covered all the bases of the subject.

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Contemporary Latin American Short Story

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Reading, papers, exams

Describe course content

An overview of latin american short stories.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Overall it was a very effective course. The professor clearly knew a great deal about the material and was able to share it with us in a clear and concise manner. He was able to get the entire class involved and participating in the discussions.

Other comments about this course:

He is one of the best literature professors that I have ever had. Although there was a lot of work, in the end it was worth it and I learned a great deal from this class.

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Art in the Museums of Madrid: Prado

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exams, final research paper

Describe course content

An overview of spanish art from the romanesque period until Goya, focusing on the collection in the Prado.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

We had one class day a week at the Sede Prim and one at a museum. We also had class readings that were sometimes rather difficult as they dealt with postmodern theory and did not seem that relevant to the course material.

Other comments about this course:

It is clear that the professor knows a lot about the material. However, his lectures were often dry and did not present the material in a very concise manner. However, his methods did improve after the midterm and he took the time to make sure that we all understood the material.

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Cultural Images of Spain

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Exams, final research paper

Describe course content

An overview of the various cultural images of Spain throughout its history.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

We were given various class readings, which were then discussed and presented by the students. The professor also lectured with slides. We also spent some classes visiting various culture sites within Madrid, as well as a trip to Toledo.

Other comments about this course:

It is clear that the professor knew the material very well and was able to teach it to us in a concise manner. She was very helpful and informative throughout the semester.

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Oral Expression in Spanish

If this is Comunicacion Oral with Mercedes Isla Fernandez, then yes, I took it.

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

homework (skit preparation), final project/paper

Please describe the course content:

We studied Spanish cliches and phrases.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

We read the cliches out of class and then went over them in class. We prepared skits outside of class and presented them in class.

Other comments about this course:

While some of the course (marcadores, e.g.) was helpful, the emphasis on studying the cliches (funciones) seemed disproportionate and excessive.

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Contemporary Latin American Short Story

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers, exams

Describe course content

We read a number of short stories and discussed them. We also had group presentations of a story.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

The material/concepts were conveyed through lecture.

Other comments about this course:

Armando Figueroa is a fantastic professor. Incredible.

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Ideology and Composition of Don Quijote

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

1 paper, 1 exam

Describe course content

We read Don Quijote.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

through lecture

Other comments about this course:

Sometimes overarching concepts seemed to be sacrificed to tiny details.

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20th Century Spain

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exams, papers

Describe course content

20th century Spain

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

We used the professor's text and DVDs/videotapes.

Other comments about this course:

Too much of the graded material was left for the last day of class. The work should have been better spread out over the semester.

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Translation: Genre and Literary

YES!

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

two exams, one oral translation and one written translation

Describe course content

Very similar day after day: come in and translate somewhere around 100 expressions classified by verb.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Well, it was useful, though we went into very little theory regarding translation, which was more of what I was expecting.

Other comments about this course:

Overall it was a course that involved looking for how to translate expressions in sentences. As I said, in the end I feel it was useful to see how to go about researching translated expressions, but at the same time, much of it was simply looking in a dictionary.

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Contemporary Latin American Short Story

YES!

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

3 papers, 2 exams, one presentation, reading two short stories per week

Describe course content

Pretty much reading short stories, sometimes a little bit of theory or essays on the art of the short story.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Pretty straightforward class with the professor and students discussing the potential ways to read the short stories.

Other comments about this course:

I loved it, learned a lot and was inspired (I am a writer). It gave me quite a few different viewpoints and much from which to draw as a writer and as a lover/speaker of Spanish.

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Ideology and Composition of Don Quijote

YES

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

one exam, one final paper, daily reading of chapters from the book

Describe course content

Basically having Paco Layna explain what we read the night before as well as giving us some historical context to the times in which it was written and other, more contemporary interpretations of the novel.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Not different; straight forward.

Other comments about this course:

Paco Layna is the jewel of the class. He's very inspiring as an educator and extremely impressive with his knowledge. From music to philosophy to cooking to romance languages, he's simply a genius and has made me want to never stop reading or writing or learning.

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Advanced Spanish Morphosyntax

YES.

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

one exam and one final paper, several in-class homework assignments.

Describe course content

Basically a top-down investigation as to what the hell morphosyntax is. We followed the professor's own published textbooks on the subject.

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

We used a variety of modern, current texts to study, which was important because not all the language is a simplified S+V+CD structure.

Other comments about this course:

While the professor's knowledge on the subject was impressive, her ability to transfer it sometimes muddled the message. Simply put: she would be asked a question about the syntax of a sentence and 30 minutes later she'd still be talking on the eight tangent that found its way through the Latin and French roots. So sometimes I felt like class dragged on a little simply because she couldn't answer a question directly. Others felt this way too.

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Phonetics and Pronunciation

interesting and helpful

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exams, written and oral/aural

Describe course content

pronunciation and it's variations in Spanish, phonetics

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

explanation and illustration when neccessary. Lots of student participation.

Other comments about this course:

A useful and interesting course. I think I got a lot out of it, but it was not the most demanding class I had.

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Contemporary Latin American Short Story

great class

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers, exams

Describe course content

a chronological look at short stories in Latin America

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

students read short stories to prepare for class. The stories, along with info about the author and the historical setting/significance, were discussed in class.

Other comments about this course:

Probably one of my favorite courses. I had more work for this class than most others, but the professor was great and I learned a lot.

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Ideology and Composition of Don Quijote

great class

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

exam, paper

Describe course content

Don Quijote, by Cervantes

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

we read and discussed parts I and II of Don Quijote; mostly lecture

Other comments about this course:

this course is incredible; it's important content taught very enthusiastically by Prof. Layna. Wonderful.

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Spanish as a Second Language: Theory

a very helpful and interesting class

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

research/investigation project, exams

Describe course content

theory of the acquisition of second languages

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

reading outside of class, discussion/lecture in class

Other comments about this course:

this class made me think a lot; gave me a lot of ideas that I think will be helpful in developing my career later on.

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Please describe your Independent Study (if applicable).

Independent Study

Spanish Golden Age literature

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

final paper

Describe course content

major works from the Golden Age of Spanish lit

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

reading outside of class and discussion with professor once a week

Other comments about this course:

This course was very interesting. It might be better to devote the whole semester to just one of the works as they are so rich.

Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

"I learned a great deal in this course."

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Oral Expression in Spanish

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

presentations, paper

Please describe the course content:

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Written Communication in Spanish

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers

Describe course content

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Phonetics and Pronunciation

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Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

paper, exams

Describe course content

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Cultural Studies Seminar

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers

Describe course content

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Other comments about this course:

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Contemporary Latin American Short Story

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers, exams, presentation

Describe course content

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Other comments about this course:

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Oral Expression in Spanish

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Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Weekly informal presentations; graded presentations; final project; in class informal assessment

Please describe the course content:

Phrases, vocabulary, intonation, pronunciation, grammar in order to make oral communication more expressive with an emphasis on everyday situations and colloquial modes of communication

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Reading at home and discussion in class; lecture; application/practice in class; examples from real life and from videos (Spanish TV, for example)

Other comments about this course:

My vocabulary and the variety of ways in which I can convey a message have vastly improved. I came away with many more ways to express myself in Spanish that make me sound more fluent and more confident in the language. The presentations were fun, but sometimes felt more like memorization, rather than spontaneous communication.

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Art in the Museums of Madrid: Prado

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Two exams and one written paper

Describe course content

Panoramic view of art found in the Museo del Prado; European art history from Medieval to mid 19th century

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Lecture; visits to musuems; application exercises while in the museums; readings

Other comments about this course:

I loved this class. I found it interesting and challenging, and I came away with a much better understanding of art than before.

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Cultural Images of Spain

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Two exams; one written paper; informal presentations

Describe course content

An overview of art in Spain from ancient to modern times and its influence in the way Spain is viewed

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Lecture; visits to museums and excursions; readings; presentations by other students

Other comments about this course:

I liked the content of the course a lot and it gave me a good understanding of Spanish culture and history in relation to art. Sometimes the lectures felt a bit disjointed and they moved so fast that I think I missed a lot of important information.

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Please describe your Independent Study (if applicable).

Independent Study

Film

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

One small paper and one large written paper; watching movies and discussion in and outside of class

Describe course content

Major Spanish films from the 1950s, 60s, 70s ad 80s

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

We watched films and then had discussion and lecture. We also emailed back and forth about ideas.

Other comments about this course:

This course really shouldn't be an independent study. There is enough to discuss in Spanish film that it could easily be a course like any other.

Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statement:

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Oral Expression in Spanish

Different than I expected; felt like an acting class because we did so many skits; professor was quick to criticize but not very open to giving us useful tips to improve (pronunciation, for example). Was hostile towards non-Spain spanish and hostile and condescending towards students who did not already speak perfectly.

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

Paper, skits

Please describe the course content:

oral communication

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

we went over expressions in a book every class and then did skits. class always felt disorganized and random. expected us to know things we never discussed (linguistic terms)

Other comments about this course:

professor was an arbitrary grader. made comments such as "your intonation is too english sounding" but then admitted not to having any suggestions to improve that.

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Cultural Studies Seminar

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers

Describe course content

politics, economics, literature, theatre, civil war and art of Spain

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

five different professors, though interesting, was confusing and effected the atmosphere of the classroom.

Other comments about this course:

not enough time dedicated to subjects to provide for a clear understanding. disappointed final grading because none of the professors had the time to get to know the students or gauge class participation.

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Ideology and Composition of Don Quijote

Paco is a wonderful professor. We achieved a lot in a short amount of time

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers exam

Describe course content

quijote

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Would have liked to have had more class discussion

Other comments about this course:

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Art in the Museums of Madrid: Prado

Best class of the semester. Wonderful opportunity to visit the Prado. Brilliant professor

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers, exams

Describe course content

Survey of history of art from Romanesque to Goya using works of art available for viewing in the Prado

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Other comments about this course:

I loved this class. I learned so much. It was challenging and engaging.

If taken, please evaluate the following course, otherwise, please skip this and the next two questions.

Translation Gender and Literary

more useful in bettering my understanding of written and spoken Spanish than Oral Communication

Means of assessment (e.g., papers, exams, homework, etc.)

papers exams

Describe course content

Learning to translate general things (such as verbal phrases) and literary sources

Please describe the means by which the material/concepts for this course were conveyed, particularly if the teaching style was different from what you are used to.

Other comments about this course:

Great, knowledgeable professor. Interesting, worthwhile, useful class