

COURSE SYLLABUS
SPAN 3311– Readings in Spanish Literature II
Fall 2014

LOCATION: N/A – Taught entirely on the internet.

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PURPOSE: This course is a survey of Spanish Literature from the 19th century to the present. Anthologized works representing the various genres and literary periods will be evaluated and discussed in both oral and written form.

TEXT: Méndez, Harpring, and Ballesteros (eds.) *Voces de España, 2ª ed.* Thomson-Heinle. ISBN #9781285053837

Other readings will be distributed by download from the Blackboard course page. (<http://bbsrsu.sulross.edu>) under “Additional Readings”.

OBJECTIVES: **The student will:**

1. Apply literal reading skills for understanding written materials, including stated main idea, topic sentence, and sequence of events, supporting details, and summarized information.
2. Apply interpretive reading skills for understanding written materials, including the main idea or theme, cause-effect relationships, outcomes, and conclusions.
3. Show understanding of the use of literary conventions, including author’s point of view or purpose, the interpretation of figurative language, and the contribution of grammatical structures to the meaning of various passages.
4. Apply vocabulary skills, including the use of context clues to define ambiguous words, identification of words to fit various contexts, and cultural and conceptual characteristics of literary language.
5. Apply knowledge of idiomatic usage, including distinctions among the possible interpretations of words and phrases in different idiomatic contexts.

PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

The student who graduates with a degree in Spanish will

PLO 1: demonstrate advanced level proficiency in reading Spanish.

PLO 4: demonstrate awareness and understanding of the cultural characteristics of the Spanish speaking world.

EVALUATION: The following forms of evaluation will be used to determine the level of success of the student in mastering the course objectives:

Examinations (2).....	50%
Discussion Board	20%
Reading quizzes (4).....	30%
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Total:	100%

PROCEDURES: Since this course will be delivered over the Internet, there is no class meeting time as such. All assignments, discussions, quizzes and exams will take place via the Blackboard course page indicated above. Further instructions can be found on this page once you have logged in. The exams will be given on the Blackboard site according to the following schedule:

Midterm exam: Available from 8am October 16 to 11:59pm October 19.

Final exam: Available from 8am December 4 to 11:59pm December 7.

For more detailed instructions, please see the “General Instructions” further below on this syllabus.

Online Course Non-Participation Policy:

Policies in effect for on-campus, traditional classroom instruction courses also apply to students enrolled in distance education courses, including Web-based and ITV courses. The University allows a maximum of 20% absences in a course before an instructor may drop a student for excessive absences. In Web courses, this policy is interpreted as not participating for more than 3 weeks in a long semester or 1 week in a summer session. Any student dropped for non-participation will receive an F in the course dropped. Inactivity may include the following:

- not logging on to the course
- not submitting assignments
- not participating in scheduled activities
- not communicating with the instructor by phone or email, and/or
- not following the instructor's participation guidelines stated in the syllabus

Distance Education Statement:

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, library resources, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should submit online assignments through Blackboard or SRSU email, which require secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

NOTE: Students with any disability which would affect their performance in this course are encouraged to inform the instructor so that methods and materials may be altered in such a way as to insure an equal opportunity for success.

If you have difficulties with this course and need to consult with me, please call my office phone above, or for faster response, send me a message through the Message Center in Blackboard.

COURSE PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

WEEK	Dates	TOPICS AND READINGS
1	Aug 25-31:	El Siglo XIX (pp. 277-282) Características del Romanticismo (download document) José de Espronceda (pp. 283-289)
2	Sep 1-7:	Mariano José de Larra (pp. 291-299) Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer (pp. 421-422 and download document)
	READING QUIZ 1:	Available from 8am Sep 4 to 11:59pm Sep 7.
3	Sep 8-14:	José Zorrilla (pp. 300-416)
	DISCUSIÓN 1:	Due by 11:59pm Sep 14
4	Sep 15-21:	Rosalía de Castro (pp. 432-438) Notas sobre el Realismo (download document) Benito Pérez Galdós (pp. 439-457)
5	Sep 22-28:	Notas sobre el Naturalismo (download document) Emilia Pardo Bazán (pp. 458-463)
	READING QUIZ 2:	Available from 8am Sep 25 to 11:59pm Sep 28.
6	Sep 29-Oct 5:	Leopoldo Alas, "Clarín" (download document) Juan Valera (download document)
	DISCUSIÓN 2:	Due by 11:59pm Oct 5
7	Oct 6-12:	Vicente Blasco Ibáñez (download document)
8	Oct 13-19	MIDTERM EXAM: Available from 8am Oct 16 to 11:59pm Oct 19.
9	Oct 20-26:	El Siglo XX en España (pp. 467-471) La Generación del 98 (download document) Miguel de Unamuno (pp. 472-483)
10	Oct 27-Nov 2:	Ramón María del Valle-Inclán (pp. 484-498) Antonio Machado (pp 499-500 and download document) Juan Ramón Jiménez (download document)
	READING QUIZ 3:	Available from 8am Oct 30 to 11:59pm Nov 2.

11 Nov 3-9: Federico García Lorca (pp. 530-575)
Vicente Aleixandre (pp. 578-579 and download document)

DISCUSIÓN 3: Due by 11:59pm Nov 9

12 Nov 10-16: La guerra civil, la posguerra, y la España franquista (pp. 585-590)
Camilo José Cela (pp. 591-595)
Ana María Matute (pp. 596-602)

13 Nov 17-23: Alfonso Sastre (pp. 603-621)
Carmen Martín Gaité (download document)

READING QUIZ 4: Available from 8am Nov 20 to 11:59pm Nov 23.

14 Nov 24-30: **Thanksgiving Holiday**

DISCUSIÓN 4: Due by 11:59pm Nov 30

15 Dec 1-7: España en la actualidad (pp. 623-629)
Antonio Muñoz Molina (pp.630-635)
Lourdes Ortiz (pp. 640-648)

FINAL EXAM: Available from 8am Dec 4 to 11:59pm Dec 7

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPN 3311 ON THE WEB

Please Note:

If you do not have reliable access to a computer with an internet connection several days a week you should not take this class. If you do not have a computer at home, you may use the computers in one of the Rio Grande College computer labs. Please be advised that the RGC computer labs are only open Monday through Thursday from 8am to 9pm and Friday 8am to 5pm. As of this writing, there are no lab hours during the weekends at RGC. You may access the internet at the SWTJC labs, however.

- Now that you have successfully logged on to this course, please familiarize yourself with the information available on the system. Most everything you do will start by clicking on one of the buttons on the left side of the main course page. Feel free to experiment to familiarize yourself with the site. If you have trouble, click the **"Help"** button on the left side of the page.
- Every time you log on, check for new announcements by clicking on the **"Announcements"** button. This is how I will communicate general information to the class. I recommend logging on several times a week just to be sure.
- For all matters pertaining to this course, I will use the **"Message Center"** in Blackboard, so please check your messages **daily**. If you need to ask me a question or make a comment about the course, use **ONLY** the "Message Center". We will only use email for matters **unrelated** to the course. For example if you want to ask me a question regarding your degree plan, use email.
- Some of the course documents you will access in this course are in PDF format. The PDF format is used by Adobe Acrobat Reader which allows you to view and print out any document, independent of the word processing or image viewing software you are using. In order to view these documents, your computer must have Acrobat Reader installed on it. All the computers at SRSU-Rio Grande College already have

this program installed. If you are using a computer at home that does not have the Acrobat Reader, you can download a free copy by going to <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> and following the instructions.

The basic format of this course is summarized here:

- Each week you will complete the reading for that week ON YOUR OWN. You can find the assignments for each week on the syllabus.
- The reading quizzes and the two major exams for this course will be given on Blackboard on the dates and times indicated on the syllabus. The exams will be available **only** at those times. Once you begin taking the exam, you will have a maximum amount of time to complete it. You **will** be able to restart the exam if you decide to stop before completing it, however, you will automatically resume where you left off, and you will not be able to see previously answered questions. The time limit applies even if you log out and get back in, so don't waste time off line. Be sure to use a reliable computer to avoid such problems as drop offs, freezes, etc. I suggest using the computers in one of the Rio Grande College computing labs. Finally, **don't wait** until the last minute of the exam period to begin your exam.
- Class discussion topics will be posted frequently and will be announced under the "Announcements" on the main course page. You can find activity this by clicking on the "**Discussion Board**" button on the left side of the main course page. Once on the discussion board, you will find topics of discussion that you can respond to, or if you like, you can post your own topic or "thread". A thread is a topic of discussion which any number of people can participate in. It is not in "real time" so you can contribute whenever you like, as long as it is within the time allotted for each topic. Your course participation grade will be determined primarily by the quantity and quality of your comments throughout the semester.

Information about your instructor, such as office hours and telephone number, can be found by clicking on the "**Your Instructor**" button.

NOTE:

ALL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ONE OF THE RGC TECHNICAL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS BELOW. THIS INCLUDES QUESTIONS ON HOW TO LOG ON TO BLACKBOARD, HOW TO OBTAIN AND USE A SUL ROSS EMAIL ACCOUNT, HOW TO USE EMAIL ATTACHMENTS, ETC.

Uvalde:

Mr. George Hernandez Phone: 830-279-3045 Email: gbernandez2@sulross.edu

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Mr. Francisco Rodriguez Phone: 830-7034818 Email: frodriguez2@sulross.edu

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Mr. Juan Garza Phone 830-758-5010 Email: jgarza@sulross.edu

IF YOU CANNOT GET HELP FROM ONE OF OUR LOCAL TECHNICIANS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON THE ALPINE CAMPUS USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

LoboTechnologyAssistanceCenter Support Staff

Phone: 432-837-8888 (ext. 8888/8765)

Online: [Lobo Technology Assistance Center \(LTAC\)](#)

For Service Requests: <https://techassist.sulross.edu>