

COURSE SYLLABUS
SPN 3308 - History of the Spanish Language

Term: Spring 2015
Location/Day/Time Eagle Pass Tue 6pm-9pm
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DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to give the student a general introduction to the historical development of the Spanish language from its beginnings in Late Latin to the present day. A detailed description of the pertinent phonetic, morphological, syntactic, and lexical changes will be presented, as will a general overview of dialect variation within the Spanish speaking world.

TEXT: Resnick, Melvin and Hammond, Robert. *Introducción a la historia de la lengua española, 2ª edición*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press.
ISBN 9781589017320

Supplemental handouts will be available in class and on the course page in Blackboard <http://www.sulross.edu/bb>

FORMAT: The course will follow a lecture format with ample time given to student questions and comments. The text and the lectures will be in Spanish, however, students may feel free to use either Spanish or English in class as they wish. Abundant handouts will be used to supplement the textbook, and students will be required to prepare written homework exercises to demonstrate their mastery of the course material.

OBJECTIVES: The following are the learning objectives for this course:

In this course, the student will demonstrate knowledge of...

1) the processes of phonological and morpho-syntactic change in the development of modern Spanish from spoken Latin.

- 2) the major theories of language change as they pertain to the development of Spanish since the 1st century A.D.
- 3) the role of language contact in the development of Spanish.
- 4) the important historical events that impacted linguistic development in the Iberian Peninsula.
- 5) the differences between standard Castilian and regional spoken varieties of Hispano-Romance.

EVALUATION:

The degree of success of the student's mastery of the course objectives will be evaluated according to the following:

Exams (3).....	50%
Participation.....	20%
Portfolio**	30%
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	100%

****A portfolio of all written exercises will be assembled by the student and submitted at the end of the semester to be evaluated for completeness and accuracy.**

POLICIES:

The attendance policy outlined in the SRSU-Rio Grande College General Bulletin will be followed in this class, and the student is responsible for being familiar with that policy.

NO MAKEUP EXAMS will be given. If a scheduled exam is missed, the student will be responsible for the missed material on the next exam. In the case of the last exam, an incomplete (I) grade MAY be assigned until the exam is taken. In all cases the student must notify the instructor beforehand if an exam is to be missed.

NOTE:

Students with a disability which may affect their performance in this class are encouraged to inform the instructor so that appropriate changes in methods and materials may be made in order to ensure the student an equal opportunity for success.

Course Calendar

January	20 -	Introduction to the course/Policies and Syllabus
	27 -	Capítulo Uno; Capítulo Dos
February	3 -	Capítulo Dos; Capítulo Tres
	10 -	Capítulo Tres
	17 -	Capítulo Cuatro
	24 -	Capítulo Cuatro
March	3 -	EXAMEN I
	10 -	Capítulo Cuatro
	17 -	VACACIONES PRIMAVERALES - NO HAY CLASE
	24 -	Capítulo Cinco
	31 -	Capítulo Cinco
April	7 -	EXAMEN II
	14 -	Capítulo Seis
	21 -	Capítulo Seis
	28 -	Capítulo Siete
May	5 -	Capítulo Siete; PORTFOLIOS DUE IN CLASS
	12 -	EXAMEN III