

SPN 3314 - Culture & Civilization of Spain  
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Web Course

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## COURSE SYLLABUS

**PURPOSE:** This course explores the development of modern Spain from its beginnings in prehistoric times to the present moment. The historical, cultural, political, and societal characteristics of Spanish people will be studied and discussed in detail.

**TEXT:** Cantarino, Vicente. *Civilización y cultura de España*, 5th ed. New York: Pearson-Prentice Hall. ISBN: 0131946382

**NOTE: You must use ONLY the 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Earlier editions of the textbook differ significantly from the 5<sup>th</sup> edition.**

Other readings and materials will be distributed via the Blackboard course site, <http://sulross.blackboard.com/>

**OBJECTIVES:**      **The student will:**

- Show understanding of major historical and contemporary developments in Spain, including the individuals, groups, and events that shaped the development of Spain as a nation.
- Show understanding of the geographical features of Spain, and how regional geography influenced historical developments.
- Identify the major social, economic, and cultural features of Spain, as well as the significant features of daily life in contemporary Spain.
- Apply knowledge of Spanish art, literature, and music, including the major artists, writers, and musicians and the characteristics of their works as well as the major movements and periods in art, literature and music.

### PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

**The student graduating 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 student's success in achieving the course objectives mentioned above will be evaluated according to the following plan:

<b>Exams (3)</b> .....	<b>50%</b>
<b>Chapter quizzes (5)</b> .....	<b>30%</b>
<b>Essays(2)</b> .....	<b>20%</b>
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	<b>100%</b>

- There will be **three exams** available on Blackboard on the following dates:

**Exam 1 - From 8am February 19 to 11:59pm February 22**

**Exam 2 - From 8am Apr 2 to 11:59pm Apr 5**

**Exam 3 - From 8am May 7 to 11:59pm May 10**

- **Chapter quizzes** will be assigned approximately every two weeks under the "**Assignments**" tab on Blackboard. These will be taken on the textbook author's website. (Please see the "General Instructions for SPN 3314" below). The dates for the quizzes are found under "Course Presentation" below.
- **NOTE:** The exams will only be given on these dates. There will be no makeup exams given or rescheduling of exams. **IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT WITH ANY OF THESE DATES PLEASE DROP THE COURSE NOW.**
- The **essays** will be a response to general questions I will post later in the semester. The format and rules for submission will be posted under "Assignments" at that time.

**PROCEDURES:** Since this course will be delivered over the Internet, there is no class meeting time as such. All assignments and discussions will take place via the Blackboard web page indicated above. Further instructions can be found on this page once you have logged in.

**For more detailed instructions, please see the "General Instructions for SPN 3314 on the Web" section below.**

**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.

## COURSE PRESENTATION

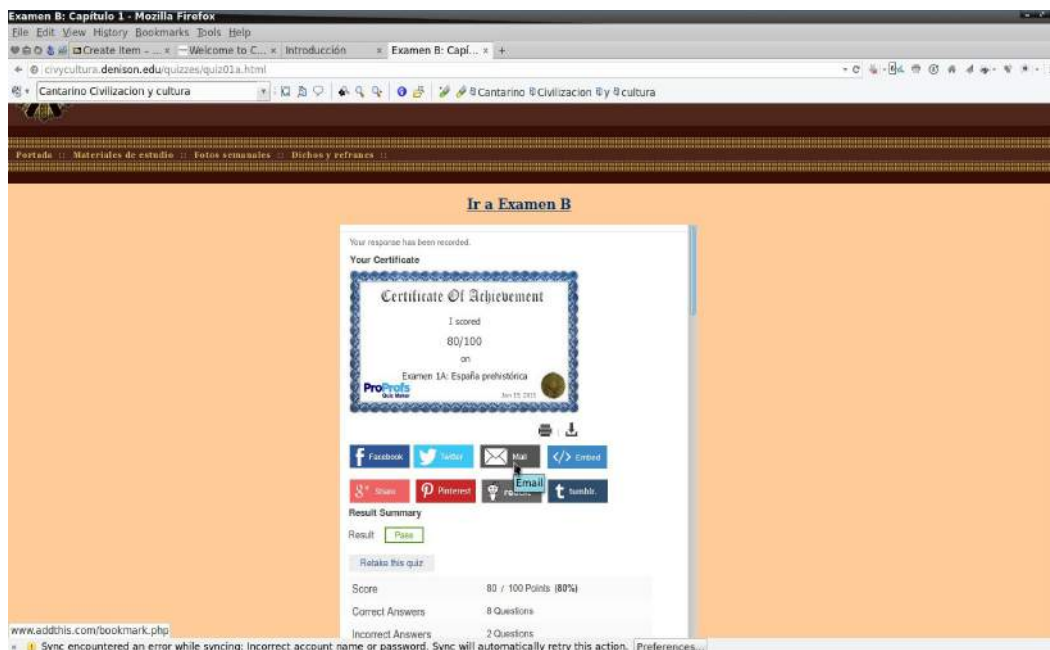
DATES	WEEK	TOPIC	READINGS
Jan 20-25	1:	La geografía de la Península Ibérica	Introducción
Jan 26-Feb 1	2:	La época prehistórica La España romana	Capítulo 1 Capítulo 2
<b>Quiz 1 due by 11:59pm Feb 1</b>			
Feb 2-8	3:	La Edad Media: Los visigodos y los moros	Capítulo 3
Feb 9-15	4:	La reconquista cristiana	Capítulo 4
<b>Quiz 2 due by 11:59pm Feb 15</b>			
Feb 16-22	5:	<b>EXAM I: (Available 8am Feb. 19 to 11:59pm Feb 22)</b>	
Feb 23- Mar 1	6:	La Edad Moderna: Los Reyes Católicos	Capítulo 5
Mar 2-8	7:	El Siglo de Oro: Los Habsburgos	Capítulo 6
<b>Quiz 3 due by 11:59pm Mar 8</b>			
Mar 9-15	8:	El Siglo de Oro: La riqueza cultural	Capítulo 8
<b>MIDTERM ESSAY DUE BY 11:59PM MARCH 15</b>			
Mar 16-22	9:	<b>Spring Break (No assignment)</b>	
Mar 23-29	10:	El Siglo XVIII: El Siglo de los Reyes	Capítulo 9
Mar 30-Apr 5	11:	<b>EXAMEN II (Available 8am Apr 2 to 11:59pm Apr 5)</b>	
Apr 6-12	12:	El Siglo XIX	Capítulos 10-11
<b>Quiz 4 due by 11:59pm Apr 12</b>			
Apr 13-19	13:	El Siglo XX	Capítulo 13
Apr 20-26	14:	El régimen de Franco	Capítulos 14-15
<b>Quiz 5 due by 11:59pm Apr 26</b>			
Apr 27-May 3	15:	España en la actualidad	Capítulo 16
<b>FINAL ESSAY DUE BY 11:59PM MAY 3</b>			
May 4-10	16:	<b>EXAMEN III (Available 8am May 7 to 11:59pm May 10)</b>	

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPN 3314 ON THE WEB

### Please Note:

If you do not have **reliable** access to a computer with a HIGH SPEED (DSL or Cable modem) 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. Be advised that the RGC computer labs are only open Monday through Thursday from 8am to 9pm and Friday 8am to 5pm. There are also computers available at the various computer labs at Southwest Texas Junior College. Check with SWTJC for availability.

1. 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.
2. 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. If I need to communicate urgently, I will use the **Message Center**, so please check your messages **daily**. Remember, you must use **ONLY** the Blackboard **Message Center** to contact me regarding this course. I **will not accept nor answer email** for matters dealing with this course. You may use email to contact me about other matters not pertaining to this course.
3. 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.
4. The basic format of this course is summarized here:
  - a. Every week you will complete the reading for that week, and every two weeks you will take practice quizzes for selected chapters on the textbook author's website, <http://civycultura.denison.edu/quizzes/index.html>. After completing each quiz you will see a certificate of completion. Print that out for your records. Send me a copy by clicking on the mail icon under the certificate as shown in this image:



My email address is found on page one of the syllabus. The quiz assignments will be found under the "Assignments" tab in Blackboard. The questions on the practice quizzes are very similar to those that will appear on the exams.

b. Additional materials, such as handouts, maps, photos, etc. will be posted in the section accessed by clicking the "**Course Documents**" button. The materials are organized by theme and book chapter. As you read a chapter, please click the appropriate link to find the additional information. These supplemental materials are to help you grasp the concepts presented in the text, but they **will not** be used to provide quiz or exam questions that cannot also be found in the text.

c. The publisher of your textbook maintains a web page which presents textual and graphic material to supplement the readings. You can access the website at

[http://wps.prenhall.com/wl\\_cantarino\\_civilizacion\\_5](http://wps.prenhall.com/wl_cantarino_civilizacion_5)

Once you have logged on, you will see a list of the chapters by number at the top of the page. You can access the materials related to the chapter you are reading by clicking on the chapter number. When you choose your chapter, you will see a page with several selection buttons on the left side of the page that will lead you to valuable information related to the chapter topic.

d. The exams in this course will be given 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 limited amount of time to complete it. You **will** be able to restart the where you left off if you decide to stop before completing it, but the time limit clock will continue while you are offline, so do not waste time. Be sure to leave yourself enough time to complete the exam should you stop and restart it. If your internet connection drops off or if you experience another computer malfunction, you will need to notify me via the **Message Center** as soon as possible so I can research the problem. Since I cannot know if your home computer is reliable, I suggest using the computers in one of the Rio Grande College computing labs. Finally, **don't wait** until the last minute of the quiz period to begin your exam. **I will not give anyone another chance to complete the quiz after it becomes unavailable.**

5. Information about your instructor, such as office hours and telephone number, can be found on the course syllabus.

**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.**

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**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 FOLLOWIING RESOURCES:**

**LoboTechnologyAssistanceCenter Support Staff**

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

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

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