

Department: MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

Course number: SPAN 291W

Title: Advanced Spanish Composition

Credits: 3

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Competency Group: W only

Catalog Copy: SPAN 291W. Advanced Spanish Composition. Either semester. Three credits.
Recommended preparation: SPAN 278 or SPAN 278W.

Treatment of the finer points of Spanish grammar. Exercises in translation and free composition. Stylistic analysis of texts chosen from Spanish or Latin American authors, newspapers and magazines.

Course Information: SPAN 291W is an advanced writing seminar for Spanish majors that aims to improve students' skills in writing correct and sophisticated Spanish. To this end, some of the finer points of Spanish grammar and idiom are addressed through regular exercises in composition and revision. This course is taught entirely in Spanish.

b. Describe course requirements (Specify exam formats, nature and scope of weekly reading assignments, nature and scope of writing assignments, problem sets, etc.) Regular writing and revising assignments are required. Evaluation will be based on participation in class, written assignments, a midterm and a final exam.

c. List the major themes, issues, topics, etc. to be covered. Advanced Spanish grammar. Writing styles and forms. Strategies for writing and revision.

W Criteria : SPAN 291W is an advanced writing seminar for Spanish majors. The course includes formal academic writing and revision, as well as creative writing, in Spanish, as a key components and course goals. Writing assignments may include book reviews, shorter textual analyses and commentaries, paper abstracts, and research term papers, as well as letters, short stories, poems and other genres. In total, the page requirements of revised text amounts to well over 15 pages, usually with at least 2 pages per week. In general, the written component requirements amount to 50% or more of the final grade. Writing instruction for drafts and revisions is primarily conducted through written commentary and individual tutorials, along with some in-class formal instruction. Draft revisions are a scheduled component of the course program, with schedule and grading policies an integral part of the course syllabus. The syllabus will also inform students that they must pass the "W" component of the course in order to pass the course.

Role of Grad Students: none

Supplementary Information: This course proposal is designed to create W-in-the-major offerings for the Spanish major under the new General Education requirements.