SPN 3343 Advanced Spanish for Native Speakers.

Mondays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Classroom: GC 274.

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**Prerequisites:** SPN 2340 or professor's permission.

**Course Description:**

SPN 3343 Advanced Spanish for Native Speakers is an advanced course on grammar and composition with special emphasis on Hispanic literatures and cultures. Different grammar topics will be examined in class as well as a selection of journalistic and literary readings. Students will be required to go over grammar exercises and write compositions on diverse topics. They will also be expected to translate texts from English into Spanish and to become familiar with different periods and topics of Hispanic cultures.

**Course Objectives:**

- To improve writing, reading and comprehension skills through exercises and readings.
- To improve the understanding and knowledge of Hispanic cultures and literatures.
- To familiarize students with present issues of Hispanic societies.
- To introduce students in the techniques of translation.

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the semesters, students will be expected to write short essays with minimum mistakes. They will have improved their Spanish vocabulary and they will be expected to be capable to discuss and describe coherently -in writing- on a variety of topics.

**University Drop-Date:** March 23rd. Last day to drop a course with DR grade.

**Readings:**

No textbook is required but a selection of texts by the following authors are available in the course blackboard:

Ana Lydia Vega, Julio Cortázar, Juan José Arreola, Emilia Pardo Bazán, Benito Pérez Galdós, Pedro Antonio Alarcón, Tomás de Iriarte and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz.

Articles on current events will be added to the blackboard in a biweekly basis.
General Course Policies (See information on attendance, participation and make-ups):

1. Cell phones must be disconnected. No texting. During exams, cell phones must be left on my desk.
2. Compositions and translations must be turned in typed.
3. Compositions, translations and other exercises must be turned in when assigned. I will not accept anything turned in late.
4. Because an incomplete only can be given in a pending paper and you don't have to submit any papers, no in-completes will be possible under any circumstances.
5. No make-up exams or quizzes will be given to students who miss class because only the best 8 quizzes of a total of 10 will be counted. Please consider these 2 quizzes as make-ups for missing quizzes or to improve grade.
6. Attendance to classes is mandatory. Students missing class (regardless of the reason) will see their participation and attendance grade affected.
7. Comments and questions on grades must be done 48 hours after the test or exercise has been returned corrected.
8. Participation is expected and encouraged, but students are also expected to be tactful and neither be confrontational nor interrupt class lectures or another student participation.
9. There will not be extra work to improve grades.
10. Laptops should be only used for class related work.
11. Cheating and/or plagiarism will be penalized with an F and University policies will be followed.

Florida International University is a community dedicated to generating and imparting knowledge through excellent teaching and research, the rigorous and respectful exchange of ideas, and community service. All students should respect the right of others to have an equitable opportunity to learn and honestly to demonstrate the quality of their learning. Therefore, all students are expected to adhere to a standard of academic conduct, which demonstrates respect for themselves, their fellow students, and the educational mission of the University. All students are deemed by the University to understand that if they are found responsible for academic misconduct, they will be subject to the Academic Misconduct procedures and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Grading System:

8 Quizzes.......................................70%
6 Compositions................................10%
6 Translations...............................10%
Attend/Part....................................10%
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Schedule


March 30: Review of Grammar topics seen in the preceding classes. Grammar quiz 7 on all the Grammar topics seen so far. Composition 5. Dictation 5.

April 6: Review of Hispanic literary periods. Grammar quiz 8 on all the Grammar topics seen so far. Translation 5.
| April 20 | Last day of class. Translation 6. Quiz 10: comprehensive. |