

BCEA Course Descriptions

SPAN 400 Advanced Spanish Conversation and Composition

Location: BCEA

Credits: 6 (90 hours plus cultural series - see below)

Times: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

Instructors: TBD

Prerequisites: 5 semesters college Spanish or equivalent proficiency level.

Course Description

SP400 is an intensive, 6-credit advanced-level course in Spanish conversation and composition which covers material traditionally taught over two semesters in post-300 level Spanish. The course aims to verify and to broaden the linguistic competence already acquired, enriching linguistic and socio-cultural knowledge and focusing on communicative and functional competence that will allow a practical and advanced use of the language. The focus of the class is on verbal exchanges and conversation which are based on a specific grammatical point and are meant to develop and reinforce that point. Contextualization is absolutely necessary to avoid abstract theorizing on grammar alone. On all occasions, the point is to provide the linguistic tools needed to face real-life and real-language situations. Group activities will also take place with the aim of increasing linguistic exchange and experience. One work of Spanish literature will be assigned; written and oral assignments based on the text will provide students with the opportunity to refine their linguistic skills and to develop more specific and critical knowledge of Spanish.

At the end of the course, the student should be able to analyze different types of written material: newspaper articles, reviews, poems and demonstrate linguistic competence in real-life situations. At this level, the student should already be fluent or near-fluent; the objective is to increase flexibility and fluidity in all situations, written and spoken, utilizing a greater level of complexity.

The Barcelona Experience

A rich cultural activities series outside of the classroom, utilizing various linguistic and communicative forms will be presented, allowing students to apply their skills and learn from real-life situations in relation to social and cultural aspects of Spanish life.

Texts

Prisma - metodo de español para extranjeros – Nivel C2 Equipo Prisma, Editorial numen. Libro del alumno - Libro de los ejercicios.