

## **Modern-day Spain**

10 contact hours

Fall: Spain in Transition: from the dictatorship to democracy (1975-1982)

1. Political crisis of Franco's regime. The death of the general and immobilism. Franco's legacy and changes in Spanish society.
2. The debate between reform and rupture. Key points of the transition. The birth of consensus.
3. Suárez's government and political reform (1976-77). The dismantling of Franco's regime. Political freedoms and the elections of 1977.
4. The era of the constituent. Political parties. Organization of democracy. The constitution of 1978.
5. Spain of the autonomies. Nationalism and the autonomies.
6. The economic crisis in Spain. Differentiating characteristics. The Moncloa Agreements. The dismantling of Franco's nationalist system.
7. The governments of the UCD. The elections of 1979. Accumulation of tensions. The political coup of February, 1981.

Winter: Spain in the 1980's. Economic and social modernization and consolidation of the democracy

1. The electoral triumph of the PSOE in 1982. The idea of change.
2. Socialist governments and the absolute majority. 1982-93. Political parties and unions. The consolidation of freedoms.
3. Spain in the international context. Incorporation into the CEE. Entrance into the OTAN.
4. Economic transition. Growth and economic modernization. Economic liberalization.
5. Modernization of Spanish society. Demographic and social changes.
6. Spanish culture and its international diffusion.
7. Economic and political tensions. The economic recession of 1989 and internal debates about socialism.

Spring: Spain in the 1990's

1. Functioning and evolution of the political system. Parties and elections of 1993 and 1996. Political debate.
2. The territorial articulation of the State. The State of the autonomies.
3. Spain in the international context. The European Union.
4. The faces of economic modernization. The Euro. Unemployment.
5. The state of well-being. Characteristics and debate.
6. Spanish society. Demographic, social and cultural aspects.
7. Problems of Spanish society and the challenges of the next horizon.