

Course GS-01

SPAIN'S CLASSICAL HERITAGE: BETWEEN HISTORY AND MYTHOLOGY

(45 contact hours)

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Program:

The main goal of this course is to give students an **overview of Spain's Classical heritage**. The course pays special attention to Phoenician, Greek and Roman presence in Spain, not only from a **historical** point of view, but also taking into account the **mythological construction of Spain's past and key cultural traditions**. The course also explores Spain's religious background, mainly the long process of Christianization of Southern Spain.

The course is divided in classes and **field trips** that will be key elements in helping the student to have a clearer perception of each historical period.

The program is divided as follows:

1. - Eastern traders and warlords in Spain: Phoenicians and Carthaginians.
2. - Travelling Heroes: Greeks and their myths in Spain.
- 3.- The coming of Rome and the creation of Hispania: Conquest and cultural changes.
- 4.- Pagans and Christians: the long process of Christianization of Spain.

The classes are combined with the following field trips:

1. - Sevilla. Roman remains in Seville. The old city in the Alfalfa and Encarnación area. Pagan Temple of Calle Mármoles. 4 hours.
2. - Sevilla. Roman remains in Seville. The river and the ancient port. The foundations of the Cathedral. Early Christian temples and the Iglesia del Salvador. 4 hours.
3. - Archaeological Museum of Seville. 4 hours.

Assessment:

There will be **two exams**, one mid-way through the course and the other at its conclusion. These two exams are 80 % of the final grade. Attendance to all activities is compulsory and it will be checked daily. Participation in class and during field trips is extremely important (up to 20 % of the final grade).

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