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"Your Life Experience; Your Education"



UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN - PLATTEVILLE

History of Spain

Course Code: HIST 3310

Prerequisites: None

Language of Instruction: English

Contact Hours: 42

Credits: 3

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A. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a general introduction to the history of Spain from its early beginnings to our days. A special attention will be given to Andalucía, and the importance of Sevilla, linking its past with what can be seen around the city.

This course provides the student a first-hand experience with a historical time period that clearly marked the history and society of Andalucía. Class sessions, together with readings, activities, discussions, student presentations, field trips, watching documentaries, and viewing some pictures, is how the students will learn about the history of Spain.

B. REQUIREMENTS:

For a successful completion of this course it is fundamental a regular attendance, preparation for possible class discussions, completion of possible assigned reading, and mainly passing grades on examinations.

There is no textbook for this course. Your instructor will give copies and handouts to you. The student will use a course pack including class notes. **The pack is available in our library.**

Students have access to the public library services in Sevilla, especially the Infanta Elena library located in the Avd. Maria Luisa s/n, and the central library of the University of Sevilla in C/ San Fernando n°4.

C. ASSIGNMENTS & EXAMINATIONS:

There will be 3 examinations:

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| Exam 1 | 30% |
| Exam 2 | 30% |
| Final Exam | 30% |

The other 10% will be completed with a paper. In order to obtain their grade, the students will have to **write a paper** on one of the topics discussed throughout the course; it must be handed in by **April 10th**.

The paper will be 5-6 pages long, using MS WORD and Arial 12 and will be double-spaced.



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D. CLASS ATTENDANCE:

- You only have three unjustified absences. For every other class you miss without an excuse due to serious health reasons or verifiable family emergencies, **you will miss 5 point from you final grade(Average)**
- Classes will not be repeated if you have missed any. You will have to get the notes from another student.
- If you ever have **ANY** problems, consult with your instructor.
- Try to come prepared for every class by having completed the assigned readings.

Take notes while you read, as well as in class, and make sure you understand the significance of the events under consideration.

Any necessary tutoring, doubts, review of exams, an arrangement can be made with your instructor.

E. GRADING:

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| 97-100 | A+ | 87-89 | B+ | 77-79 | C+ | 67-69 | D+ |
| 93-96 | A | 83-86 | B | 73-76 | C | 63-66 | D |
| 90-92 | A- | 80-82 | B- | 70-72 | C- | 60-62 | D- |
| | | | Below 60 | | | | |
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F. COURSE SYLLABUS:

1. Introduction/ Geography/ People.

2. Prehistory of the Peninsula (8000 BC – 219 BC).

- Paleolithic / Neolithic / Bronze Age
- Iberians / Celts / Tartessians
- Phoenicians / Greeks / Carthaginians

3. Roman Hispania (219 BC – 409 CE).

- Conquest and Invasion
- The Empire's influence in Hispania

4. Middle Ages: Germanic Invasions (409 CE – 711 CE).

- Causes of the invasions



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- The Visigoths and the Kingdom of Toledo
- 5. Middle Ages: Islamic Splendor (711 – 1248).**
- Conquest
 - The Caliphate of Cordoba
 - The Taifa Kingdoms
 - Almoravids and Almohads
- 6. Middle Ages: Christian Reconquest (711- 1492).**
- Beginning of northern Christian states
 - Navarra / Aragon and Cataluña / Castilla – León and Galicia
 - The Nasrid Granada
 - The Catholic Kings – Isabel and Fernando
- 7. The Era of the Discoveries – 16th C (1492 – 1598).**
- The end of the Catholic Kings Era
 - Charles I, the first Hapsburg
 - Philip II
- 8. The “Austrias” – 17th C (1598 – 1700).**
- Spain’s Golden Age
- 9. The Bourbons – 18th C (1700 – 1808).**
- The War of Spanish Succession
- 10. 19th C Spain - Crisis of the Old Regime (1808 – 1833).**
- Napoleonic invasions
 - Fernando VII, the Traitor
- 11. 19th C Spain –Restoration & Regency (1833 – 1902).**
- 12. 20th C Spain – Alfonso XIII (1902/1931).**
- Constitutional and parliamentary monarchy
 - Dictatorship of Primo de Rivera
- 13. 20th C Spain – Era of turbulence and Dictatorship (1931/1975).**
- Second Republic
 - Spanish Civil War
 - Franco
- 14. Transition & Democracy (1975/2013).**



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G. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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