



Universidad de Sevilla/Faculty of Geography & History

Course GS-01

SPAIN'S CLASSICAL HERITAGE: BETWEEN HISTORY AND MYTHOLOGY

(45 class 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 Mármol. 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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