U912-326: Survey of Spanish American Literature

Course Format: Online

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Course Credits: 3

Prerequisites: Completion of U912-224 Introduction to Hispanic Literature, and U912-225 Third Year Language Practice or U912-226 Third-Year Language Practice and Composition with a C or better or the equivalent.

Course Level: Advanced; Appropriate for third-year or higher college or graduate student.

Course Description:
This course offers a survey of Spanish American literature. The first half of the course begins with the chronicles of discovery and conquest and continues through the late 19th century. The second half of the course focuses on the 20th century and includes contemporary authors (e.g., Gabriel García Márquez, Isabel Allende). Besides the chronicles of discovery and conquest, genres studied are the short story, poetry, and theatre, as well as specifically Spanish American genres such as the tradición and gauchesca literature. The major canonical texts are studied, including a variety of authors, both men and women, from a variety of countries. Lessons are written in Spanish.

Required Course Materials:

Hardware Requirements
- You will need a webcam, speakers, and a microphone. You will complete your exams through an online proctor, requiring all three components.

Course Learning Objectives:
- Read the writing of the most distinguished authors of Spanish-American literature from the Pre-Colonial period to the present.
- Analyze the writing of the most distinguished authors of Spanish-American literature from the Pre-Colonial period to the present.
- Evaluate the writing of the most distinguished authors of Spanish-American literature from the Pre-Colonial period to the present.
- Demonstrate your ability to communicate in writing at the ACTFL advanced level in Spanish.

Course Overview:

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<th>EVALUATED ACTIVITIES</th>
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<td>Cristóbal Colón, Bartolomé de las Casas, Bernal Díaz del Castillo</td>
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### Evaluation Methods:
Your final grade will be based on your performance on the following:

1) **Written Assignments (50%)**
2) **Midcourse Exam (20%)**
3) **Final Exam (30%)**

#### Written Assignments (50%)
Reading comprehension questions are assigned in each unit of this course and will cumulatively account for 50% of your final course grade.

#### Midcourse Exam (20%)
The midterm exam assesses understanding of literature from the first thirteen units and accounts for 20% of your final course grade.

#### Final Exam (30%)
The final exam assesses understanding of literature from units 14-24 and accounts for 30% of your final course grade.

### Online Proctoring
Online exam proctoring policies can be found on our Web site:
- **Proctoring information:** [https://il.wisconsin.edu/current/examity.aspx](https://il.wisconsin.edu/current/examity.aspx)

If you have questions about examination procedures, contact Student Services at il@uwex.edu.

### Grading Scale:
The following grading scale is used for evaluating all course requirements and determination of final grade earned:

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<th>Grade</th>
<th>A = 93-100</th>
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<td>AB = 88-92.9</td>
<td>BC = 78-82.9</td>
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Pass/Fail Option
Students who enroll in an Independent Learning (IL) course under the pass/fail option will receive a final grade of S in place of a final grade equivalent to an A, AB, B, BC, or C and a final grade of U in place of a final grade equivalent to a D or F.