

SPAN3119 – Overseas Immersion Language Course (Spanish)

Category: Elective Course

Year: Third or fourth year of study

Medium of instruction: Spanish

Semester: Offered in both semesters

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an opportunity to study Spanish and to experience linguistic and cultural immersion in an institution located in a Spanish-speaking country. The intensive course usually takes place during the summer months (e.g., June, July and/or August) and the duration of the stay may vary from two weeks to one month, but must include at least 60 hours of formal class tuition. Students typically take part in this summer course after the completion of their second year of language studies at HKU (after completion of SPAN2002). The course is designed to build on and to reinforce the language competence acquired during the previous years of study as well as to prepare the participants for more advanced work in the final years of the programme.

The aims and objectives of this course are as follows: i. to expand the participants' proficiency in all aspects of the language; ii. to offer a first-hand cultural and linguistic experience of the environment where the language is spoken; iii. to better prepare the participants for more advanced work upon their return.

1.1 COURSE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course students will be able to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply a range of skills and strategies aiming at improving effectiveness of interaction and communication in the language
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate renewed confidence in handling the written and spoken language through the acquisition of new vocabulary items and structures
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show evidence of enhanced intercultural awareness and global perspective acquired through first-hand experience and engagement in an overseas Spanish-speaking environment

1.2 PRE-REQUISITES

Students wishing to be admitted to SPAN3119 must have completed SPAN2002. Spanish II.2. They must also have attended a summer intensive language course in a Spanish-speaking country before applying for the course. Students wishing to be admitted to SPAN3119 without having previously completed SPAN2002. Spanish II.2 should contact the Spanish Programme Director, Ms. Rocío Blasco (roblasco@hku.hk).

1.3 ASSESSMENT

In order to be granted a grade and credits for this course, participants are requested to check with the teacher in charge (Ms. Rocío Blasco, roblasco@hku.hk) prior to their enrolment and departure whether the course they have chosen is suitable for the purpose. Important points:

- Course must be taken in a Spanish-speaking country
- Course must have a minimum of 60 contact hours
- Level of the course should be an equivalent of level B1.1 according to CEFRL

After completing the summer intensive course and previous to enrolment students must submit the following:

(1) A formal statement of attendance and certified transcript bearing mention of the final grade(s) obtained from the host institution, as well as the level attained according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL);

(2) A portfolio including:

- i. a learning journal written in Spanish relating to daily class activities and
- ii. samples of assessments (written assignments, tests, examinations, projects etc.) along with evaluation results

2. COURSE CONTENTS

Course content is set by the host institutions and as such may vary slightly from one place to another; however, it should cover linguistic features associated with a level B1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL).

For further information please contact Ms. Rocío Blasco (roblasco@hku.hk), Spanish Programme Director.