

SPAN4004 – Hispanic Research Project (Capstone)

Category: Capstone Course

Year: Fourth year of study

Medium of Instruction: Spanish

Semester: Offered in the first and second semester

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

SPAN4004 is held in both semesters and Spanish is the medium of instruction. This Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) project allows students to pursue independent research under the supervision of the course instructor within the disciplines of cultural and film studies, literature, applied linguistics, language acquisition, language and society, and Spanish as a Foreign Language (SFL). The course offers a series of seminars designed to provide students with guidance and support in the process of applying the knowledge and skills acquired in their studies to the completion of a research project. Students will develop their research and writing skills and conduct discussion sessions related to their projects. The research proposals must be submitted to the instructor for approval during the first month of the course, and the final projects by the end of the course. These individually supervised projects must be written in Spanish and the maximum extension will be 3,500 words (excluding graphics, captions and bibliographies).

1.1 COURSE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Identify areas of current research interest in the fields of Hispanic Cultural Studies, Film, Literature, Applied Linguistics, Language Acquisition, Language and Society, and Spanish as a Foreign Language (SFL).
- Write a 3,500-word essay on a topic in the fields of Hispanic Cultural Studies, Film, Literature, Applied Linguistics, Language Acquisition, Language and Society, and Spanish as a Foreign Language (SFL).
- Analyse and interpret unabridged texts (print and audio-visual) originally produced in Spanish that are relevant for the project proposed; gather and analyse relevant data for the study of a research topic.

1.2. PRE-REQUISITES

Prerequisite: SPAN3002. Spanish III.2; OR

Co-requisite: SPAN3002. Spanish III.2

This course is open to students who are in year 4 and have successfully completed or are currently enrolled in SPAN3002. Spanish III.2. Priority will be given to Major students. Students wishing to be admitted to SPAN4004 without having previously completed or being currently enrolled in SPAN3002. Spanish III.2 will be required to satisfy the Faculty Board through the Head of the School of Modern Languages and Cultures that they have attained elsewhere the required standard.

1.3 ASSESSMENT

This course is graded on the basis of continuous assessment and is as follows:

- Essay: 100%

Attendance and active participation in class will be taken into account for final grading

2. COURSE PROCEDURES

There will be a series of seminars and group and individual meetings to guide students in their research.