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## SYLLABUS

# SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSE

## LANGUAGE

**The Diversity of Spanish  
Language in the World**

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### General Description

This course, designed for upper-intermediate and advanced students, aims to provide students with basic theoretical and practical knowledge of the different linguistic varieties within different idiomatic registers: academic language opposite familiar language, taking into account the historical, geographical and social setting, and contact with other languages of Spain.

The students will also acquire a general vision of the most relative aspects which differentiate present-day Spanish language from the Spanish of America and other places in the world, paying attention to grammatical, lexical, phonetic and pragmatic aspects.

The proposed content of this course will enable the students to acquire an attitude of respect, understanding and assessment of other languages, other linguistic varieties and of other cultures.

### Content

I. Basic theoretical concepts on the study of Spanish and its linguistic variations.

II. Levels of linguistic formality and familiarity in the Spanish language. Linguistic rules.

1. Communicative functions: advice, messages, congratulating, praising, greeting, saying goodbye.
2. Communicative functions: Agreeing, disagreeing, refusing, hypothesis and probability.

III. Colloquial Spanish and the different contexts for its use:

3. Colloquial expressions related to food, clothing, the body, animals and other semantic fields.

IV. Critical analysis of the main social differences of present-day Spanish: Geographical variations (diatópicas), social and cultural variations (diastráticas) and social situational variations (diafásicas) of present-day Spanish.

4. Linguistic features of southern Spanish.
5. Linguistic features of central peninsular Spanish.
6. Linguistic features of American Spanish.
7. Linguistic features of Spanish from other places in the world.

### Assessment

- Class participation: 20%.
- The average of mid-term and end-of-term exams: 50%.
- End-of-term project: 30%

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