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## **HISTORY OF SPAIN**

### **FALL 2017**

**Course Code:** HIST 3310

**Prerequisites:** --

**Language of Instruction:** English

**Contact Hours:** 42

**Credits:** 3

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## **1. DESCRIPTION**

This course is a general introduction to the history of Spain from its early beginnings to our days. A special attention will be given to Andalucía, and the importance of Sevilla, linking its past with what can be seen and appreciated around the city. This course provides the student a first-hand experience with a historical time period that clearly marked the history and society of Andalucía. Class sessions, together with readings, activities, discussions, student presentations, field trips, watching documentaries, and viewing some pictures, is how the students will learn about the history of Spain.

## **2. COURSE SYLLABUS**

1. Introduction/ Geography/ People.

2. Prehistory of the Peninsula (8000 BC – 219 BC).

- Paleolithic / Neolithic / Bronze Age

- Iberians / Celts / Tartessians /- Phoenicians / Greeks / Carthaginians

3. Roman Hispania (219 BC – 409 CE).

- Conquest and Invasion. The Romanization of the peninsula.

- The Empire's influence in Hispania

4. Middle Ages: Germanic Invasions (409 CE – 711 CE).

- Causes of the invasions

- The Visigoths and the Kingdom of Toledo

5. Middle Ages: Islamic Splendor (711 – 1248).

- Conquest, and the main historical stages in Al-Andalus

- The Caliphate of Cordoba

- The Taifa Kingdoms

- The Almoravids and the Almohads

6. Middle Ages: Christian Reconquest (711- 1492).

- Beginning of northern Christian states : the early Christian kingdoms in Spain

- Navarra / Aragon and Cataluña / Castilla – León and Galicia

- The last islamic kingdom in the Iberian peninsula : the Nasrid kingdom of Granada

- The end of Islamic Spain

- The Catholic Kings – Isabel and Fernando

7. The Era of the Discoveries – 16th C (1492 – 1598).

- The end of the Catholic Kings Era

- Charles I, the first Hapsburg

- Philip II

The end of the Hapsburg

8. The “Austrias” – 17th C (1598 – 1700).
    - Spain’s Golden Age
  9. The Bourbons – 18th C (1700 – 1808).
    - The War of Spanish Succession
  10. 19th C Spain - Crisis of the Old Regime (1808 – 1833).
    - Napoleonic invasions
    - Fernando VII, the Traitor
  11. 19th C Spain –Restoration & Regency (1833 – 1902).
  12. 20th C Spain – Alfonso XIII (1902/1931).
    - Constitutional and parliamentary monarchy
    - Dictatorship of Primo de Rivera
  13. 20th C Spain – Era of turbulence and Dictatorship (1931/1975).
    - Second Republic
    - Spanish Civil War
    - Franco
- Transition & Democracy (1975/2017).

### 3. EVALUATION

The final course mark will result from the average of the marks obtained in three exams and the **other 10% will be completed with a paper and its presentation in class**, in addition students will make short presentations of their papers around 20 minutes.

#### EXAMS

There will be **three examinations (EACH ONE WORTH 30%)** in which students will be assessed on the topics covered in each different part of the course. **The exams are not accumulative; each exam will include the lectures giving in class**

Exam 1	30%	16 October
Exam 2	30%	13 November
Final Exam	30%	11 December

#### PAPER AND PRESENTATION

The other 10% will be completed with a paper and its presentation in class, the student has to write a paper .The paper will be 5-6 pages long about one of the topics studied and discussed throughout the course. using MS WORD and Arial 12 and will be double-spaced. Including the index, footnotes, a biography and illustrations. Papers due on

the **November 28<sup>th</sup>** and must be printed out. Your teacher will let you know the day of your presentation in class.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Whether total or partial plagiarism (Idea, paragraph, text, sources, even internet material) are against the norms of the SAIE, the consequence includes failure for the assignment and the student receives F a zero in his/her paper.

#### **4. GRADING**

97-100 A+	87-89 B+	77-79 C+	67-69 D+
93-96 A	83-86 B	73-76 C	63-66 D
90-92 A-	80-82 B-	70-72 C-	60-62 D-
Below 60 F			

#### **5. CLASS RULES.**

For a successful completion of this course it is fundamental a regular attendance, preparation for possible class discussions, completion of possible assigned reading, and mainly passing grades on examinations.

- You only have two unjustified absences. For every other class you miss without an excuse due to serious health reasons or verifiable family emergencies, you will miss 5 point from you final grade(Average)
- Classes will not be repeated if you have missed any. Get the notes from another student.
- If you ever have ANY problems, consult with your instructor.
- Try to come prepared for every class by having completed the assigned readings. Take notes while you read, as well as in class, and make sure you understand the significance of the events under consideration.
- Any necessary tutoring, doubts, review of exams, an arrangement can be made with your instructor.

#### **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Simon Barton, A History of Spain 2004. Publisher Palgrave Macmillan UK. June 2009
- Elliot, J. H. (1989) Spain and its World. 1500-1700. Yale University press 1989
- Joseph F. O'Callaghan, a History of Medieval Spain, Cornell University Press, 1975
- Carr Raymond \_Modern Spain 1875-1980 march 2001, Edited and Distributed by Oxford University Press 1980

## **CLASS MATERIAL**

There is no Textbook for this course. Your instructor will give copies and handouts to you. The student will use a course pack including class notes. The pack is available in our library.

Students have access to the public library services in Sevilla, especially the Infanta Elena library located in the Avd. Maria Luisa s/n, and the central library of the University of Sevilla in C/ San Fernando n°4.