



Course FA-04 THE WRITING AND COMPOSITION OF TEXTS

(45 class hours)

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OBJECTIVES

This Course is designed to help students improve on, and take better advantage of, their communication skills with regard to the writing of Spanish, focusing on orthographic correctness, on the grammatical and lexical-semantic aspects involved in the writing process, as well as on the techniques involved in different categories and genres of text composition.

METHODOLOGY

A methodological approach of a highly practical kind will be employed, based on composition work, as well as on-going exercises.

SYLLABUS

1. The Graphic System of Spanish: Graphies and Sounds.
2. The Spelling of Words: Accents, Capitals, Abbreviations, Symbols.
3. Matters of Grammar in relation to Composition Writing. Punctuation Rules.
4. Adjectives: Use and Placement.
5. Lexical-Semantic Aspects. Precision in the Use of Language: Ambiguity, Synonymy, Barbarisms, Solecisms. Expression and Style.
6. Composition Writing: the Techniques involved.
7. Procedures: Description, Narration, and Dialogue.
8. Types of Text. Brief Texts: Notes, Announcements, Notices.
9. Types of Text: Curriculum vitae. Cookery Recipes.
10. Types of Text. Debate-based Texts: Expressing Opinions. Journalistic Texts: the News Item.

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During class sessions further bibliographical titles will be cited.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Given the character of this Course, assessment will be dynamic and on-going. In this sense, the following factors will be kept in mind:

- Regular Attendance.
- Grades obtained in compositions and in other kinds of written exercises.
- The final-exam grade.
- The exam to be held at the end of the Course will consist of a written composition, together with a second kind of written exercise which will be set at that moment (e.g. dictation, the completion of sentences in terms of the kind of exercises undertaken during the semester, etc.).