

LANG 1330: Spanish and the Other America

1. Course Information

LANG 1330 is a three-credit, one-semester elective course offered to all UG students with no previous knowledge of Spanish. Students attend three hours of class and complete up to six hours of out-of-class work, per week. The course is offered in Fall and Spring semesters.

2. Pre-requisites and co-requisites

None.

3. Aims of the course: Intended Learning Outcomes

In LANG 1330 students learn not only the Spanish language but also about the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. It provides learners with situations in which they can begin to express themselves at an elementary level in Spanish, both oral and written. The course also presents aspects of Spanish and Latin American cultures, from flamenco to salsa and from the architecture of Gaudi to the temples of the Incas.

After completing the course, students will be able to:

1. gain an introductory insight into another European language and culture;
2. develop a sense of confidence when dealing with Spanish-speaking people and Spanish-language materials in their daily lives;

and, *more specifically*:

3. understand conversational enquiries and simple instructions, notices and information that they might encounter on a visit to a Spanish-speaking country;
4. make and respond appropriately to everyday conversational enquiries that they might encounter, and give straightforward opinions;
5. acquire a sufficiently accurate pronunciation and intonation of Spanish to be understood by native speakers of the language;
6. understand simple messages relating to people's lives and interests;
7. produce simple messages relating to people's lives and interests;
8. develop basic intuitions about Spanish vocabulary and learn the fundamental principles of Spanish grammar;
9. understand and appreciate aspects of the cultures of Spain and Latin America.

4. Course assessment

Assessment type	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Writing short texts					√	√	
Cultural presentation			√			√	√
Cultural essay						√	√
Spoken recording		√	√			√	
Spoken interview		√	√			√	
Listening comprehension	√					√	
Vocabulary and Grammar tasks						√	
Reading comprehension	√			√		√	
Cultural discussion						√	√

5. Course content

- Understanding and demonstrating a basic knowledge of Spanish phonology
- Greeting and getting to know each other
- Introducing oneself and others
- Asking for and giving personal information
- Referring to physical and psychological states
- Talking about country, town, or village of origin
- Asking for phone numbers and making phone calls
- Telling the time and date
- Telling someone's age and birthday
- Talking about work and professions
- Talking about family
- Describing people
- Talking about likes, dislikes and hobbies