

INSTRUCTIONAL PROSPECTUS FOR SPAN 1800 – SPRING 2025

CONTEXTS OF HISPANIC CIVILIZATION: ALL SECTIONS

COURSE STRUCTURE:

- All sections are scheduled to meet two times per week, 90 minutes per class. All classes are taught in Spanish.
- Occasionally, your instructor may design an assignment in place of an in-class meeting. These activities may consist of watching a film out of class and posting to a Canvas discussion board, small group projects, visits to on-campus collections and museums, or virtual visits to collections outside of Penn. These are designed at the discretion of the individual instructor and may vary across sections. You must be available for all regularly scheduled class meetings.
- The semester-long calendar of historical readings common to all sections and the due dates for assignments and exams will be detailed in the course syllabus, to be published at a later date. Supplementary readings may vary by section.
- Detailed weekly plans will be published at least a week in advance on Canvas Announcements or through email.
- Course prerequisites (one of the following):
 - Successful completion of SPAN 1200 or AP/IB credit for SPAN 1200
 - A grade of A or A- in SPAN 1000
 - AP/IB credit for SPAN 1000 plus one year of post-AP/IB Spanish in high school. Please consult the SPAN 1800 coordinator first: esposito@sas.upenn.edu
 - Explicit permission from Prof. Espòsito: esposito@sas.upenn.edu

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING POLICY:

- Your grade will be based on the following criteria:
 - 45% -- Three exams, dates to be published on the course syllabus. These may be a combination of in-class and take-home exams.
 - 25% -- Two essays consisting of a draft and a revision. There will be individual writing conferences between each draft and revision.
 - 15% -- two drafts
 - 10% -- two revisions
 - 10% -- Final essay due during the final examination period.
 - 20% -- Engagement, interaction, and collaboration. You will be evaluated on the quality and consistency of your contributions to course activities. Excessive absences (more than three class meetings) will affect this grade.

ATTENDANCE:

- Given the emphasis that must be placed on participation and interaction in this class, students are required to attend all classes. You are allowed a maximum of 3 absences

during the semester, which you should reserve for short illnesses and unforeseen emergencies. All absences must be reported through the Course Action Notice system on PATH. The purpose of the Course Action Notice system is to facilitate communication between instructors, advisers, and students when a student misses several consecutive classes. In case of a serious illness or emergency, it is important that your school's advising office be able to respond to a student's situation and coordinate resources if needed. Never hesitate to reach out to your instructor for guidance or support!

- If you accumulate 4 absences, your final participation grade for the course will be lowered by one sign (e.g., a grade of A- will be lowered to a B+). For each subsequent absence, your final participation grade will be lowered by an additional sign. You are expected to arrive to class on time; repeated tardiness will be counted as an absence.

COURSE MATERIALS:

- All course materials and readings will be delivered through Canvas.