

Minnesota State University Moorhead

SPAN 121: Introduction to Iberian Culture and Civilization

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 07 - Human Diversity

This course is taught in English. It provides an introduction to the study of Iberian culture and civilization. Iberia is the area now occupied by Spain & Portugal. The course includes historical perspectives, political issues, the arts, and cultural mores among other topics. Students will be engaged in small group activities, debates, and discussions and the course will include contrast and comparison of Iberian culture with that of the U.S. and other nations. MnTC Goal 7.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 04/18/2006 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Class discussions, debates, presentations based on readings in the following areas:

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will study the major geographical features of the Iberian Peninsula.
2. Students will study Spain's political history.
3. Students will learn basic Spanish terminology related to general discussions of issues in Spain.
4. Students will study Spanish music and its origins.
5. Students will study basic concepts of humor in Spain.
6. Students will study cuisine and food exports from Spain.
7. Students will study basic business practices and commercial interaction between the US and Europe.
8. Students will study art and architecture unique to Spain
9. Students will study the educational system and its variations in Spain.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
2. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
3. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted