

Course Syllabus

I. Catalogue Description

SP 400 History of the Spanish Language 3 credits
3 lecture hours

Traces phonological, morphological, lexical and syntactical evolution of Castilian dialect from its origins in vulgar Latin through its development, perfection and ultimate recognition as the official language of Spain and Spanish America. Places Castilian linguistically with relation to other Romance languages and considers features peculiar to Spanish of Latin America.

II. Course Objectives

1. Students are introduced to Spanish as one of the 10 Romance languages.
2. They study its characteristics and evolution from Vulgar Latin.
3. They trace diachronically the changes in its morphology and phonology together with the chronology of such changes.
4. They examine features of syntax and style as well as those of lexicology and semantics.

III. Course Outline

- A. Introduction. Bibliography. Concept of 'Romania'. Romance Languages, their classification and general characteristics. (2 to 3 lectures)

B. The Romance and Germanic Languages. Philological terms and their

COURSE ANALYSIS QUESTIONNAIRE: SP 400

Section A: Details of the Course

1. May be used as a departmental elective for science and history. (See 1)

SP 400 History of the Spanish Language

University of New Hampshire

733. History of the Spanish Language
Evolution of the Spanish language from the
period of origins to the present