



## SPA 322: The Spanish Language in the World

This course is a general overview of the Spanish language in the world: the birth of the Spanish idiom, the evolution of the language throughout the centuries, and its place in today's society. The instruction focuses on the following basic aspects of the language: the study of the diversity of the communities that speak the language in today's world and the interpretation of the chronology of this romance language as an organized linguistic system. Special attention is given to the Spanish language in immigrant communities. Texts used to study the language include fiction, poetry, critical essays, and audio-visual materials (films, CDs). Prerequisite: SPA 321 or permission of the instructor. Three lecture hours per week.

### Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Develop the ability to identify the various communities of Spanish speakers in the world.
  2. Recognize some important differences between classic and contemporary Spanish.
  3. Appreciate the importance of other languages in the formation of the Spanish language.
  4. Recognize specific themes and motifs of the periods of Spanish literature.
  5. Connect some of their own life experiences with the Spanish immigrant literature.
6. Develop a better understanding of literary text written in Spanish.

**Credits:** 3

**Program:** Spanish