

COURSE: LITERARY TOUR THROUGH SPAIN

Language	Spanish
Level of Spanish required	Intermediate (or above)
Hours of class	45 hrs.
Credits	6 ECTS

Course description

The main aim of this course is to learn about the Spanish provinces through a wide range of literary texts by Spanish writers, most of which are from the twentieth century. Through these pieces of literature, the students will discover the similarities and differences in customs, ways of thinking, mentality, etc. in the regions that comprise a country as rich and diverse as Spain.

Methodology

In each session, groups of students will study a selection of texts on a region or province. They will try to define some characteristics of the province which will then be shared with the rest of the class, analyzed and discussed in depth. In some cases, the texts will be accompanied by excerpts of film adaptations that can help to clarify the information.



Assessment

Attendance and participation in class: 40%

Mid-term exam: 30%

Final exam: 30%

Syllabus

For each topic, books by the most representative authors of the region will be examined. The subject will also include a literary reflection of each geographical area.

1. **Catalonia:** Jacinto Verdaguer, Victor Catalá, Josep Pla, Salvador Espriu, Maria Barbal.
2. **Catalonia-Barcelona:** Josep Maria de Sagarra, Mercè Rodoreda, Carmen Laforet, Juan Marsé, Juan Goytisolo.
3. **Valencia/Murcia:** Vicente Blasco Ibáñez, Manuel Vicent, Carmen Conde.
4. **Andalucía:** Juan Ramón Jiménez, Federico García Lorca, Rafael Alberti, Luis Cernuda, María Zambrano, etc.
5. **Extremadura:** Miguel Delibes – “Los santos inocentes”.
6. **Castilla la Mancha:** Miguel de Cervantes, Azorín, Antonio y Manuel Machado.
7. **Castilla León:** Rosa Chacel, Carmen Martín Gaité, Jesús Fernández Santos.

8. **Madrid:** Benito Pérez Galdós, Concha Méndez, Ernestina de Champourcin, Josefina de la Torre, Dámaso Alonso, Rafael Sánchez Ferlosio, Camilo José Cela, Francisco Umbral, Josefina Aldecoa, Javier Marías.
9. **Aragón / La Rioja:** Ramón J. Sender, Soledad Puértolas, Julio Llamazares.
10. **Basque Country/Navarra:** Valle-Inclán, Pío Baroja, María de Maeztu, María Goyri, Bernardo Atxaga.
11. **Asturias / Cantabria:** Leopoldo Alas “Clarín”, Pedro Garfias, Dolores Medio, Ramón Pérez de Ayala, Gerardo Diego, Álvaro Pombo.
12. **Galicia:** Rosalía de Castro, Emilia Pardo Bazán, Elena Quiroga, Gonzalo Torrente Ballester, Manuel Rivas.
13. **Balearic Islands:** Ramon Llull, Joan Alcover, Miquel Costa i Llobera, Maria Antonia Salvà, Llorenç Villalonga, Baltasar Porcel.
14. **Canary Islands:** Victorina Bridoux, Tomás Morales, Rafael Arozarena, Domingo Pérez Minik.

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