

COURSE DESCRIPTION FOR SPANISH

1. Bachelor Degree: Hotel and Relationship Management/
Tourism and Relationship Management
2. Course: Spanish
3. Semester: 2
4. Credits: 5
5. Lecturer: Hanne Stavelie
6. Contact hours: 30
7. Prerequisites: This course requires that the student has completed the 10 credit course in the autumn term.
8. Academic description:

This course further develops the language skills acquired in the previous course. The communicative aspect is central in the learning process, and the development of oral skills such as speaking, listening and understanding are in focus. Reading and writing proficiencies are also central in the development of the students' communicative competence.

In addition to the language syllabus, the course includes certain aspects of Spanish society and civilization. Students who spend this term in Seville will be able to link this part of the syllabus to relevant excursions, and interdisciplinary cooperation will be encouraged between Spanish and tourism subjects.
9. Course aims:

The course aims to further enhance the students' mastery of the Spanish language. At the end of the course they should be able to understand, speak, read and write Spanish at a basic level, and to use the language in practical situations in work and leisure, and in situations related to tourism. The communicative skills continue to be central, and the students should be able to lead a conversation in Spanish within a selection of general themes in the present, past and future tenses. The language proficiency is further developed, including a number of new verb tenses. The students are expected to master a more varied and nuanced expression than required in the autumn term. Furthermore, they are expected to possess basic knowledge of Spanish civilization, according to the syllabus.

10. Course content:

1. General themes

Central elements are oral and written communication in every day speech, including some professional situations related to travel and tourism. The students should be able to:

- Relate own experiences and make descriptions in the present, past and future
- Speak about vacations and travel experiences
- Communicate in a travel agency and in a hotel
- Write a brochure about a tourist destination
- Write letters (formal and informal)
- Describe vacations in the past
- Make descriptions in the past
- Communicate with a doctor about illness
- Express knowledge of public celebrations in Spanish speaking countries
- Understand authentic Spanish texts

2. Language and grammar

The vocabulary is further developed and suited the above mentioned situations. The students should enhance their knowledge of the language system, and special attention is given to the verbal system. The students are expected to master a higher degree of grammatical correctness than in the previous course.

The following “new” verb tenses are obligatory:

- The Preterite and the Imperfect (correct use of the these two past tenses)
- The Imperative
- The Future tense
- The Condicional

Important themes within the nominal system will also be developed, such as the use of object pronouns.

3. Spanish Civilization

The students should be able to express their knowledge of Spanish speaking cultures in Spanish, based on themes treated in the text book and other authentic texts used in the classroom. The students will need to seek further cultural knowledge in relation to the oral mid-course evaluation. In addition to the syllabus in Spanish there is a compendium in Norwegian treating aspects of Spanish culture.

11. Teaching methods:

Language will be taught in relatively small groups. Oral and written skills are acquired through practical exercises, such as dialogue and role play, presentations, listening

exercises, reading and writing, as well as grammar explanations.

The students are expected to take an active part in the learning process, and the course requires them to work regularly and intensely outside the teaching hours, in order to learn the language structure and the necessary vocabulary for both oral and written communication.

Participation in the Spanish classes is obligatory.

The maximum absence permitted is 20%. With medical documentation a higher percentage will be accepted.

12. Assessment:

Written final exam – 100%

A written exam of 3 hours is given at the end of the course.

Evaluation in groups – pass/fail

Continuous and mid-course evaluation will be mainly oral. One part will be linked to the syllabus in Spanish civilization.

13. Required readings:

Görrisen etc (2003): *Caminos I*, text book and work book, Gyldendal (old edition) Chapters 11-16 (100 pages)

Price text book: 345 kr

Price work book: 245 kr

Stavelie (2006): *Kompendium: Spansk Kulturkunnskap* (90 pages)

Price: 70 kr.

Additional hand-outs: Authentic and prepared Spanish texts.

14. Supplementary readings:

Drange and Friis (2004): *¡Claro que sí!*, Cappelen

Salkjelsvik og Pitloun (2004): *Gyldendals spanske lommegrammatikk*

Caminos I – Cd's

Dictionary

Gyldendals blå ordbok

Dictionary permitted in written exams:

Larousse diccionario del español moderno/Larousse práctico del español moderno/Diccionario bolsillo