ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES
SPA 220
SPANISH COMMUNICATION THROUGH CINEMA
Intermediate-High level

Semester: Classroom Schedule:


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MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

The mission of the OCC Modern Languages Department is to enable students to acquire a better appreciation of other languages and cultures. Accordingly, the Department supports the College’s mission by enabling students to acquire skills needed to “live, work and thrive in our global community.” To this end the Modern Languages Department,

- offers instruction in French, German, Italian, Spanish as well as American Sign Language.
- provides courses that fulfill the foreign language requirement for the AA in Humanities degree at OCC, SUNY General Education purposes, and New York State teacher certification.
- promotes a fuller understanding of the differences and similarities among global communities through course work, community involvement and study-abroad opportunities.
- fosters critical thinking through linguistic analysis and the comparison of diverse cultures.
- prepares students for further study and professional careers requiring competence in foreign languages and the understanding of other cultures.
SPA 220 - Spanish Communication through Cinema

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course will focus on the linguistic and cultural diversity of the Spanish-speaking world as represented in cinema. It includes intensive work in conversation and composition. Solid preparation in grammar is recommended. This class is conducted entirely in Spanish.
Pre-requisite: SPA 202 or equivalent or POI (see FL Placement Policy attached)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the end of a semester of study, students will be able to perform as indicated in each of the following areas:
- Demonstrate an understanding of complex grammatical structures, including morphology and syntax of simple and complex sentences.
- Read and comprehend authentic movie reviews and cultural information related to the countries studied and the movies show in class.
- Demonstrate an understanding of most of the content in the Spanish movies.
- Write compositions or reports on given themes or readings.
- Maintain conversations entirely in Spanish, with little hesitation, in order to provide or request information, present simple ideas and/or express feelings and opinions.
- Compare and contrast the linguistic and cultural differences within the Spanish-speaking world with those of the United States.

EVALUATION AND GRADING
Informal evaluations will take place daily in the form of written and oral classroom activities. Students are expected to take exams as scheduled. The final grade will be based on the following:

*Class participation/homework  20%
Written assignments            20%
Oral presentations             20%
Mid-term examination           20%
Final exam                     20%

A  (94-100) Superior      A- (90-93) Outstanding  B+ (87-89) Excellent
B  (84-86) Very good       B- (80-83) Good        C+ (77-79) Average
C  (74-76) Inconsistent    C- (70-73) Poor        D  (65-69) Insufficient
F  (0-64)      Failure

Note: See Student Handbook if you want to request a grade of Incomplete.
Please remember that a grade of C- or below will not transfer to other institutions.
ACADEMIC RULES - STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT OCC

- Rules: Visit http://students.sunyocc.edu/academics or find them in your Student Handbook.
- Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities: See Student Handbook
- Academic Integrity: See Student Handbook

**ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION**

Attendance in this course is required and, therefore, inconsistent attendance will negatively impact your homework/participation grade. Note that although class attendance is important, it is not the same as class participation. You must be actively involved in each class to receive a good grade in participation. The participation grade will be based on the students’ daily level of preparedness, engagement in the learning process, participation, spontaneous volunteering, and respect for others and for the cultures being learned.

Out of courtesy, please e-mail or call your professor when you must miss a class. Turn your cell phones off during class time.

HOMEWORK

Students should review material presented in class and complete all homework daily in order to be able to be fully engaged during class lectures and discussions.

QUizzes AND EXAMS

All exam dates will be announced in advance but quizzes may not always be announced in advance. Students are expected to take all exams as scheduled. **No make-up tests, quizzes or exams will be allowed,** but I will drop your lowest quiz grade. If you are late for a test, you will miss the listening part. **You will not be able to retake that part either.**

EXTRA CREDIT

Extra credit opportunities may be provided by your instructor, but will not have a great impact on your final grade.

*Please consult the ML Department web page for information on tutoring and other resources.*