



UNIVERSIDAD PABLO DE OLAVIDE

Centro de Estudios para Extranjeros

His 341 Early Modern and Modern Spanish History: From Isabella and Ferdinand to the Euro (1450-the present)

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OBJECTIVES

The main goal in this course is to give students an overview of Spain's history and culture, with special emphasis on events that have marked Andalusia more profoundly over the past 500 years. Additionally, this course will provide students with basic historical vocabulary and knowledge pertaining not only to Spain: empire, 'tolerance' vs. 'intolerance', Old Regime, mercantilism, revolution, liberalism, industrialization, labor movement, fascism, democracy...

Field trips, projection of slides and videos, will all be key elements in this course helping the student to have a clearer perception of each period.

CLASS FORMAT

Students will come prepared to class, after working with the assigned pages from the coursepack, key questions and other material supplied by the instructor. Primary sources will be extensively discussed.

There will be a midterm exam and a final exam. Students will work on articles and books relevant for specific areas of Spanish History assigned by the instructor, and write a report on them. This report will be 5-6 pages long, using MS WORD and TIMES NEW ROMAN 12 font, and will be double-spaced. Additionally, students will give a short oral presentation on their reports. Due dates will be announced. Key elements in class will be original documents from each period, which will be discussed regularly. We will do field trips in Seville and surrounding area, in order to see *in situ* monuments, buildings, works of art, and places relevant to our course. They are mandatory for members of this course. Field trips will be announced with due notice.

REQUIRED TEXT

Course pack available for purchase in the copy center.

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

Simon Barton (2004) *A History of Spain*.

Carr, R. (ed., 2000) *Spain: A History*.

Constable, O.R. (ed., 1997) *Medieval Iberia. Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*.

Cowans, J. (ed., 2003) *Early Modern Spain. A Documentary History*.

Cowans, J. (ed., 2003) *Modern Spain. A Documentary History*.
Domínguez Ortiz, A. (2000) *España. Tres milenios de historia*.
Elliot, J. H. (1989) *Spain and its World. 1500-1700*
Hooper, J. (1995) *The New Spaniards*
Pierson, P. (1999) *The History of Spain*

GRADING. Oral participation is very important, and every student is expected to contribute energetically and courteously. Attendance will be checked daily. The participation grade will take into account the student's initiative and creativity during the different activities scheduled for the course.

The final grade is broken down as follows:

Participation	20%
Oral Presentation	5%
Short Essay	20%
Midterm	25%
Final Exam	30%

USEFUL INTERNET SOURCES

<http://papi.upo.es/>
<http://libro.uca.edu>
<http://library.byu.edu/~rdh/eurodocs/spain.html>
<http://vlib.iue.it/hist-spain/periods.html>
http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org/default_eng.asp

UNITS

Unit 0: Introduction. Cultural and geographical diversity.

The land and its many shapes. The Autonomous communities (*Comunidades autónomas*) and the Constitution of 1978.

Unit 1: The Iberian peninsula up to 1450. Roman *Hispania* and Visigothic rule. The hegemony and decay of al-Andalus. The Ascendancy of Christian Iberia.

Unit 2: The Universal Monarchy. The fifteenth/sixteenth century. The Catholic Monarchs. A new monarchy? Reconquest completed. The advance of empire and the quest for religious unity. The Habsburg succession. Charles V and the defense of empire. Spain and the New World. Philip II and the peak of Spanish power. The 'Black Legend' and the strains of empire.

Unit 3: The seventeenth century. The end of the Habsburgs. Philip III and the *Pax Hispanica*. Philip IV and Olivares: the defense of reputation. Social, economic, and cultural developments. Charles II, last Habsburg.

Unit 4: The Enlightened Despots. The War of Spanish Succession and the new dynasty. Philip V. Ferdinand VI. Charles III. Charles IV and the crisis of *ancien régime*. Society and economy in Bourbon Spain. Spain and the Enlightenment. Spain and its American empire. War of Independence. The independence of Spanish America. Revolution and reaction.

Unit 5: Liberalism and Reaction. Demographic change. Agrarian society: expansion and stagnation. A failed Industrial revolution? Political change: the liberal ascendancy. Praetorian politics. The Moderate decade. The ‘Glorious Revolution’ and the First Republic. The Restoration (*Restauración*) system. The Cuban Disaster. Other critics of the regime. Church and society. The crisis of Liberal Spain. The dictatorship of Primo de Rivera.

Unit 6: The Modern Era I. The Second Republic: ‘the reforming years.’ The ‘two black years.’ The road to civil war. The Spanish tragedy. The Nationalist zone. The Republican zone.

Unit 7: The Modern Era II. The fall of the Republic. Francoism triumphant. Spain and World War II. The ‘Sentinel of the West.’ Change and its consequences. The transition to democracy. The triumph of PSOE in 1982 and the triumph of PP in 1996. The new Spaniards.

Unit 8: Current Issues. Spain and the European Union. Nationalism. The Catholic Church. Spanish Society today.