

A Course in Spanish Language, Culture and Teaching

FOR US AND CANADIAN TEACHERS OF SPANISH

Universidade de Vigo

Course

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Dates

July 1 -19, 2019

Requirements

To have a B1 level in Spanish

Credits

4 ECTS credits

Description of the course




This is a practical course which focuses on the most novel aspects of the Spanish language and culture and provides students with the necessary methodological tools to teach these aspects in the classroom.

Aims of the course



- Introduce students to the Spanish linguistic, historic, literary and artistic environment and provide them with information related to the specific features of Galician geography, culture and folklore.
- Work thoroughly on grammar, lexis and culture through aspects which present problems to Anglophone speakers.
- Provide theoretical and teaching support to S/FL teachers and offer a wide range of teaching resources that can be implemented in the classroom.
- Improve teaching skills and develop innovative methodological strategies.
- Provide new resources to implement course contents in the classroom.

Schedule



Week 1

	Monday 1st	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th	Saturday 6th Sunday 7th
Morning 9:30 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Student reception · Presentation and delivery of course materials. Academic guidance 	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes	Trip to Cies Islands (Atlantic Islands National Park) Route to the Monte Faro lighthouse Lunch on the beach 	Free
11:30 12:00	Break					
Morning 12:00 14:00	Language and culture classes Needs analysis	Methodology classes	Methodology classes	Methodology classes		
Lunch						
After-noon 17:00-19:00	Sightseeing and cultural visit around the city of Vigo 		Boat trip to the <i>Ría de Arousa</i> mussel cultivation rafts 			

Week 2

	Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th	Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th	
Morning 9:30-11:30	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes	Way of St James	
11:30-12:00	Break						
Morning 12:00-14:00	Methodology classes	Methodology classes	Methodology classes	Methodology classes	Methodology classes		
Lunch							
After-noon 17:00-19:00		Visit to the Sea Museum 	Typical food Gastronomic workshop 				

Week 3

	Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
Morning 9:30-11:30	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes	Language and culture classes
11:30-12:00	Break				
Morning 12:00-14:00	Methodology classes	Methodology classes	Methodology classes	Methodology classes	Exam
Lunch					
After-noon 17:00-19:00		Educational visit to the Museum of the Atlantic Islands Park	Educational visit to a winery making <i>Albariño</i> , with Designation of Origin from the <i>Rías Baixas</i> 		Course farewell dinner at 21:00 

NOTE: days and hours of workshops are only indicative, subject to availability of entities collaborating in 2019.

Assessment: Criteria and activities

Assessment will be periodic and based on different tasks such as a portfolio, activities in a blog, wikis, a virtual platform (Moodle) and a final exam.

Class attendance is compulsory. To get the course certificate it is necessary to attend at least 85% of the classroom sessions and academic visits included in the programme.

Deadline for submission of main tasks, projects and exams

All tasks and entries in the blog, portfolio and virtual platform must be finished by the last week of the course. Participation in these activities is a requirement to get the course diploma.

Texts and materials for compulsory reading

All texts and materials for student work will be provided by the teacher and made accesible on the virtual platform or in the university libraries.

Teaching staff curricula

Mercedes Álvarez Piñeiro

She holds a first degree in Hispanic Philology (University of Santiago de Compostela), a Master's degree in teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language (Nebrija University) and the Advanced Studies Diploma, *DEA* (University of Vigo). She has broad experience as an SFL teacher in Spain and abroad. Lecturer in the postgraduate and master's course in Methodological Approaches to the Teaching of S/FL and Assessment. Member of the *DELE* Exam Board since 2001. Lecturer in SFL at the Language Centre of the University of Vigo Foundation. She participates in teacher training seminars and in conferences, and has published articles in journals specialised in SFL as well as works published by *SGEL* (*Español en marcha 4*, *Cuaderno de ejercicios* and *Guía didáctica*) and by *Edinumen* (*Prisma Evaluación*).

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She holds a PhD degree in Hispanic Philology (University of Vigo) and a first degree in Galician-Portuguese Philology (University of Santiago de Compostela). She was a lecturer of Spanish as a Foreign Language at the Universities of Santiago and Vigo, and a native language tutor at Charles University (Prague). She was also a lecturer and academic coordinator at the Cervantes Institute (CI) in Leeds (United Kingdom). As a teacher trainer she taught courses at the CI in Leeds, in Vigo and in Santiago. She has published a number of articles on the Spanish language and on linguistics. Among her most important publications are *De lo posible a lo necesario: Semántica de la Modalidad* and *Las fuentes de la información: tipología, semántica y pragmática de la evidencialidad*. At present she is an SFL lecturer at the Language Centre of the University of Vigo Foundation.