

Culture and Society of the Spanish-speaking World (A005864)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0 **Study time 150 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2024-2025

A (semester 2) Dutch, Spanish Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

Goethals, Patrick	LW22	lecturer-in-charge
De Wilde, July	LW22	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025

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Bachelor of Arts in Applied Language Studies: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Spanish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Applied Language Studies: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French, Spanish)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Applied Language Studies: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, German, Spanish)	5	A
Exchange Programme Applied Language Studies	5	A
Linking Course Master of Arts in Multilingual Communication: a combination of at least two languages	5	A
Linking Course Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Interpreting: a combination of at least two languages	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Multilingual Communication: a combination of at least two languages	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages	5	A

Teaching languages

Spanish, Dutch

Keywords

Spain, Latin America , society, history, politics, the economy, environment, education, image, rights of minorities

Position of the course

This course offers a structured insight into recent social developments in Spain and Latin America. Exchange students may take up this course unit. Exchange students may take up just one module, worth 3 credits, of this course unit. No prior knowledge of Dutch is required for this module.

Contents

This course unit has two sub-units.

Spain: This sub-unit focuses on specific topics related to the recent history of Spanish society from 1982 to the present. Topics are introduced thematically and include: (a) the electoral system, political parties and major political events; (b) regional autonomies in Spain (Basque Country and Catalonia); (c) multilingualism in Spain; (d) the image of Spain abroad; (e) the economical strengths and weaknesses.

Latin-America: This module focuses on society-related developments in Latin American and the Caribbean countries, thereby covering the following perspectives: demography, healthcare, social issues, politics, the economy, finance, human rights. The course addresses important debates which continue to dominate Latin American society such as North-South relations (in particular USA

versus LA and Caribbean countries), guerrilla, regional leadership, leftist/rightist regimes, economic boost, war against drugs, corruption, violence, women's rights, rights of the indigenous people. This course also includes reading material (reader). Details will be communicated via the electronic learning environment.

Initial competences

The knowledge acquired in the courses from the first year Spanish program.
Spanish language skills at least B1.

Final competences

- 1 Having a command of Spanish at level B2 of the CEFR [M.1.1. ; assessed]
- 2 Having advanced knowledge of the cultural and institutional backgrounds of Spain and Latin America and, based on that knowledge, critically reflecting on social developments and intercultural transfers in Spanish. [M. 1.2.; assessed]
- 3 Actively following new developments in the general context of the language and culture of Spain and Latin America; reflecting on these critically and placing them in a broad context [M. 3.1. ; assessed]

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: Latin-America

Indicative price: € 5

Optional: no

Type: Syllabus

Name: Spain

Indicative price: € 5

Optional: no

Type: Other

Name: Novel: title to be communicated

Indicative price: € 25

Optional: no

References

Course content-related study coaching

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Calculation of the examination mark

Oral exam (100%)

Spain (50%, including the compulsory reading)

S4MO_LA (50%)

Second session: same

To pass this course, you achieve an average of 10 and your minimum score for

neither of the two parts is lower than 8/20. If you achieve a minimum of 10/20 for one of the two parts, you do not have to take that part again in case of a second examination period.

Facilities for Working Students

Absence from lectures is allowed but not additional supporting teaching material is provided (slides and course book are available) Lectures are recorded and can be viewed afterwards It is possible to take the exam at a different time within the regular exam period (the catch-up day for students who were ill during the exams) Possibility to receive feedback at another time: by appointment