

Spanish linguistics II

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Course aims

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the geographical and demolinguistic aspects of Spanish language and its diffusion throughout the world and the society; it also aims to present the main lexicographic resources of the Spanish and Italian languages and the essential aspects of the normative orthography of the Spanish language for their application in the analysis and production of texts.

Course contents

The teaching methods of the course include lectures on the following main topics:

1. Geography, Demolinguistic aspects and Academies of the Spanish language;
2. Introduction to dictionaries and other lexicographic resources of the Spanish and Italian languages;
3. Aspects of the normative orthography of the Spanish language;
4. Analysis of expository and argumentative texts in Spanish.

Exam

The exam, in the form of a written test, lasting 1 hour and 15 minutes, will focus on the programme carried out during the lessons, the teaching materials and the bibliography of the course: it will be administered in Spanish and will consist of multiple-choice questions or short answer, open ended questions and textual analysis exercises. The student must answer in Spanish and will be subjected to verification of the breadth of knowledge gained on the topics in the programme, as well as the terminological precision and the ability to connect the knowledge acquired in a systemic form; some questions will require metalinguistic reflection and the ability to identify phenomena covered during the course and to propose examples of the same.

Bibliography

- Class notes.
- Class slides and any further material used during the course that will be uploaded onto Google Drive.
- MORENO-FERNÁNDEZ, Francisco/ OTERO-ROTH, Jaime (2016), *Atlas de la lengua española en el mundo*, Madrid: Fundación Telefónica, 3rd edition [solo cap. 2-3-4: pp. 32-98]; available online: <https://publiadmin.fundaciontelefonica.com/media/publicaciones/539/Atlasdelalengua.pdf>
- TORRES TORRES (2013), "Del castellano de «un pequeño rincón» al español internacional", *Normas. Revista de estudios lingüísticos hispánicos*, n.3, pp. 205-224; available online (click "texto completo pdf"): <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/servlet/articulo?codigo=4501330>
- RAE-ASALE (2010), *Ortografía de la lengua española*, Espasa Libros [only the materials distributed during the course].