

Linguistics

SPA 321 History of the Spanish Language 3-3-0

This course focuses on the evolution of the Spanish language from its origins to the present. This diachronic analysis will encompass linguistic aspects such as phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

Prerequisite: SPA 202 or SPA 204 or permission from the instructor

SPA 325 Advanced Spanish Grammar 3-3-0

The main objective of this course is an intensive review of the more complex aspects of Spanish grammar for non-native speakers. The curriculum will cover specific areas of grammar: indicative/subjunctive, ser/estar, prepositions

Prerequisite: SPA 202 or SPA 204, or SPA 203 allow concurrent, or permission from the instructor

SPA 329 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics 3-3-0

This course introduces students to the study of the main areas of Hispanic linguistics (morphology, syntax, and semantics). General theories on the formation of languages and on language change will be examined. Attention will also be given to the distinct geographical and sociological varieties of contemporary Spanish.

Prerequisite: SPA 202 or SPA 204 or permission from the instructor

Seminars

SPA 342 Seminar in Literature 3-3-0

Research and individual projects within an area of Peninsular or Spanish American Literature.

Prerequisite: SPA 331 or SPA 332 or permission from the instructor

SPA 443 Advanced Research Methods: Honours Thesis Proposal 3-3-0

This course explores the theory, methodology, and practice behind the creation of a research project in Spanish or Latin American literatures, cultures, or Spanish linguistics. In consultation with a supervising member of the Hispanic Studies faculty, students will prepare a research proposal that outlines the specific topic to be explored, establishes clear objectives and parameters for the study, and provides a preliminary bibliography of key primary and secondary sources. This course constitutes the first step in the completion of the Honours Thesis in Hispanic Studies.

Prerequisites: SPA 331 and SPA 332 or equivalent

SPA 444 Honours Thesis 3-0-0

This course constitutes the second step in the realization of the Honours Thesis as students will complete the research project outlined by their work in SPA 443.

Prerequisite: SPA 443

Independent Studies

SPA 315 Independent Studies I 3-0-0

Individual study projects within an area of Spanish linguistics, literature or civilization.

Prerequisite: SPA 331 or SPA 332

SPA 316 Independent Studies II 3-0-0

Individual study projects within an area of Spanish linguistics, literature or civilization.

Prerequisite: SPA 331 or SPA 332

Japanese Studies

Students who wish to complete a Japanese International Concentration within the Major in Modern Languages, or an Adjunct Concentration, or a Minor in Japanese Studies, must go on exchange in Japan. Courses to be taken on exchange are chosen in consultation with the departmental Chair.

Modern Languages Major: Japanese International Concentration (30 credits for concentration)

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Minor in Japanese Studies (24 credits)

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List of Japanese Courses

Japanese Language Courses

JSE 100 Introduction to Japanese Language I-II Intensive Course 6-6-2

This course covers the contents of JSE 101 and JSE 102 in one semester.

JSE 101 Introduction to Japanese Language I 3-3-1

The purpose of the course is to equip students with grammatical patterns and basic vocabulary of present day, standard Japanese. Hiragana, one of the three writing systems of the language, will be gradually introduced, followed by Katakana and Kanji. Grammar sessions will be conducted in English while in drill sessions maximum use of Japanese will be expected. Concurrent registration of JSE 150 strongly recommended for exchange programs.

JSE 102 Introduction to Japanese Language II 3-3-1

Continuation of Introduction to the Japanese Language I.

Prerequisite JSE 101 or equivalent

JSE 201 Intermediate Japanese Language I 3-3-1

This course introduces students to more grammatical (as well as lexical) items that can be put to immediate use. The purpose of the course is to equip the students with comprehensive grammatical patterns and vocabulary of present-day, standard Japanese at the basic level.

Prerequisite JSE 100 or JSE 102 or equivalent

JSE 202 Intermediate Japanese Language II 3-3-1

Continuation of Intermediate Japanese Language I.

Prerequisite JSE 201 or equivalent

Courses on Japan

JSE 150 Japanese Society and Culture 3-3-0

This course is designed to give a basic level of knowledge on the main aspects of modern Japanese society and culture. The aim is twofold: first, to present modern Japan as it might be seen by the Japanese themselves, in hope that the student might learn to perceive Japanese society and culture from a Japanese point of view, and; second, to introduce some of the minute details – the intricacies – of everyday life in Japan which the student might not be aware of, yet which will help him or her to better understand and experience the ways of Japan. Concurrent registration of JSE 101 strongly recommended for exchange programs.