

SPA 411: Language and Society in The Spanish-Speaking World

This sociolinguistic course expands understanding of the historical development of Spanish and awareness of the great sociocultural diversity within the Spanish-speaking world and its impact on the Spanish language. It surveys Spanish as a language which has undergone a series of transformations since its birth in the Iberian Peninsula, and as the offspring of Latin, in order to explain the diversity and regional variety that exists across the Spanish-speaking world today. In addition, this course revises traditional narratives and explores the notion of 'Spanish' as a collection of speaker-based language systems that have been shaped historically by many different forms of multilingual and multidialectal language settings.

Units: 3 Prerequisites: Completion of a Study Abroad program in Spanish, or Instructor Consent. Program: Spanish