

EUH 3052 History of Spain

Fall 2009 / Spring 2010

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides a basic knowledge of the history of Spain, placed within a European and international context. After evaluating the impact of Roman, Visigoth, and Muslim rule on Spain, we will consider Spanish contributions and responses to historical phenomena including the Renaissance, the Reformation, the Napoleonic Wars, the Enlightenment, industrialization, fascism, and the European Community. Students will analyze primary sources in order to enter scholarly debates over aspects of Spanish history.

Success in this course demands consistent attendance and participation. Please bring comments and queries to class, along with the required reading for easy reference. The project for this course will include a short essay (3-5 pages) incorporating the use of at least one primary source. Each student will also give a five-minute oral presentation on the same topic, selected in consultation with the professor. The midterm and final exams will feature essay questions and the identification of key terms from the lecture outlines.

TEXTBOOK

A packet of maps, lecture outlines and required readings will be available for purchase in the library.

GRADING CRITERIA

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Attendance & Participation	20%
Oral Presentation	5%
Short Essay	20%
Midterm	20%
Final Exam	35%

COURSE SCHEDULE

1. Introduction. Cultural and geographic diversity
2. Early Settlers & Traders: Iberians, Celts, Phoenicians & Greeks (Williams, 8-25)
3. The Romans & their Legacy (Williams, 27-42)
4. Visigoth Spain & the Spread of Islam (Williams, 43-48)
5. The Caliphate of Cordoba (Williams, 49-60)
6. The Taifa Kingdoms, Almoravids & Almohads (Constable, 175-179)
7. The Christian Kingdoms & "Reconquest" (Williams, 61-76)

8. The "Catholic Monarchs" (Williams, 77-93)
9. Spain & the Americas (Williams, 93-102)
10. Philip II & The Inquisition (Williams, 103-120)
11. Favorites & Finances (Williams, 120-128)
12. Golden Age or Decline? Bring questions for REVIEW

MIDTERM EXAM

13. The Early Bourbons & the Enlightenment (Williams, 129-140); Cowans I, 238-11.
14. Napoleon & the Birth of Liberalism (Williams, 140-149; Cowans II, 26-33)
15. Liberalism & Reaction (Williams, 149-161)
16. National & Political Identities (Williams, 161-165; Cowans II, 90-94)
17. Primo de Rivera (Williams, 167-181)
18. The Second Republic (Williams, 181-191)
19. The Civil War (Williams, 193-209)
20. The Franco Regime (Williams, 211-225; Cowans II, 211-214)
21. The Transition to Democracy (Williams, 227-231)
22. Spain Today
23. REVIEW

FINAL EXAM

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Barton, Simon. *A History of Spain*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.

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Constable, Olivia Remie, ed. *Medieval Iberia: Readings from Christian, Muslim & Jewish Sources*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1997.

Cowans, Jon. *Early Modern Spain. A Documentary History*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2003.

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Pierson, Peter. *The History of Spain*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1999.

Williams, Mark. *The Story of Spain*. Fuengirola (Málaga): Ediciones Santana, 1996.