Syllabus

INTR. TO THE STRUCTURE OF MODERN SPANISH - 27433

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Romance and Latin American Studies

Academic year: 2

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
This basic, practical course in Spanish linguistics will examine the phonetic and morphological systems of standard Modern Spanish, and will include a detailed analysis of the syntactic theory governing the arrangement of phrases and sentences with emphasis on areas of difficulty for Spanish learners.

Course/Module aims:
Enable students to understand the structure of Modern Spanish and analyze it with full autonomy.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
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- Translate from the Spanish both literary and non-literary texts of intermediate difficulty.
- Understand the main points of clear, standard texts of average difficulty.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the phonological, morphological, and syntactic rules governing Spanish.

Attendance requirements(%):
100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures, reading, practical exercises, analysis of parts of speech and sentences, texts translation, debate, final paper.

Course/Module Content:
1. Introduction to Spanish History
2. Spanish Pronunciation; Demonstrative Pronouns
3. Phoneme-Allophone relations in Spanish; Gender and number in Spanish
4. The Article and the Personal Pronouns; Verb forms. Ser and estar
5. Personal Pronouns; Tense and Aspect
6. Aspect in Spanish
7. Tense in Spanish
8. Mood in Spanish; Possession in Spanish
9. Word order in Spanish
10. Word order in Spanish; Expression of modality in Spanish; Mood and lexical selection
11. The Simple Sentence
12. The Simple Sentence; SE constructions
13. The Simple Sentence
14. Spanish Polarity Systems
15. The Nominal Group
16. The Verbal Group
17. Wh-movement: Interrogatives, Exclamatives and Relatives
18. The Adjectival and Adverbial Groups
19. The Prepositional Phrase
20. Coordination and Subordination
21. Subordination
22. Binding: Deixis, Anaphors and Pronominals
23. Information structuring in Spanish
24. Thematic organization of information in discourse
25. The Thematic organization of the Spanish clause; Theme and Rheme markedness
26. Discourse Syntax
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Required Reading:
  a. Simple grammar descriptions with all kinds of grammatical forms

  b. Introductions

  c. Grammar books

d. Phonology and Morphology:
e. Syntax (General):
f. Specific Issues
Masullo, Pascual José (2012). Covert Exclamatives (in Spanish) and LF. In: Melvin

**g. Terminology**

**h. Dictionaries**
Frequency dictionary:
Nomolinguval dictionary:
Diccionario de la Real Academia Española. 2001. (On-line) http://rae.es/recursos/diccionarios/drae

**Bilingual Spanish – English dictionaries:**

**Additional Reading Material:**
No additional reading material.
**Course/Module evaluation:**
- End of year written/oral examination 0 %
- Presentation 0 %
- Participation in Tutorials 20 %
- Project work 40 %
- Assignments 20 %
- Reports 0 %
- Research project 0 %
- Quizzes 0 %
- Other 20 %

**Additional information:**
Work on the reading list that are not in the library, may be obtained from the course coordinator.