Bemidji State University

SPAN 4420: Environment in Hispanic Literature and Culture

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION
   Credits: 3
   Lecture Hours/Week: 0
   Lab Hours/Week: 0
   OJT Hours/Week: *
   Prerequisites: None
   Corequisites: None
   MnTC Goals: None

   Study of Hispanic cultural products that describe and express concerns about the environment. Topics
discussed in this class include representations of nature, civilización o barbarie (civilization or barbarism),
land appropriation, environmental justice, ecofeminism, and Buen Vivir (Good Living). Through primary
sources (films, stories, artwork, poetry, and other texts) and historical accounts, students become familiar
with the diverse perspectives on nature, environment, and non-humans in the cultural history of Spain and
Latin America. This class provides opportunities to improve students' proficiency in Spanish through oral
and written communication in Spanish. Prerequisite: SPAN 3311 or SPAN 3312 or consent from
instructor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/02/2023 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS
   1. Literature and cultural products as expression of Hispanic/Latino societies and cultures
   2. Cultural and media representation
   3. Communication in Spanish
   4. Cultures and cultural products of Hispanic/Latino societies

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)
   1. analyze literary and cultural products.
   2. contextualize literary and cultural products from Spain and Latin America with their cultural,
      political, historical and economic circumstances.
   3. use Spanish as language of communication for class interaction and class assignments.
   4. appreciate cultural diversity in matters of nature-human relation.
   5. perceive the interdependency between social and natural communities.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies
   None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
   None noted