

Oral and Written Discourse in Spanish

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Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2504211 Spanish Language and Literature	FB	1	2
2504386 English and Spanish Studies	FB	1	1
2504388 Catalan and Spanish Studies	FB	1	1

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)
 Some groups entirely in English: No
 Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
 Some groups entirely in Spanish: Yes

Prerequisites

In order to attend this subject, students must have a general linguistic knowledge and a command of oral and written expression comparable to those obtained after completing the baccalaureate.

A level of English that allows students to read bibliography in this language is recommended.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The objectives of this course are, on the one hand, to begin introductory discourse analysis and, on the other, to develop oral and written expression skills in Spanish so that they allow an academic and professional use of the language. To do this, it is intended to improve and consolidate the ability to use the language in formal situations, both orally and in writing.

At the end of the course the student should:

1. reflect in an informed way on the topics covered during the course,
2. analyze basic questions of discursive practice,
3. identify the basic textual typologies,
4. master the characteristics and application of the linguistic strategies and resources presented, and
5. prepare and produce academic texts -oral and written- that are correct, coherent and appropriate to the communicative function for which they are intended.

Competences

Spanish Language and Literature

- Act in one's own field of knowledge evaluating inequalities based on sex/gender.
- Analyse the main phenomena of linguistic variation in Spanish (historical, diatopic, semantic and pragmatic variation).
- Analyse the main phonetic, phonological, morphological, syntactic, lexical and semantic properties of the Spanish language, its evolution throughout history and its current structure.

- Carry out effective written work or oral presentations adapted to the appropriate register in different languages.
- Demonstrate a normative knowledge of the Spanish language and a command of it in all its applications in the academic and professional spheres.
- Introduce changes in the methods and processes of the field of knowledge to provide innovative responses to the needs and demands of society.
- Typologically identify the main phenomena of the Spanish language and relate them to similar phenomena in other languages.
- Use digital tools and specific documentary sources to gather and organise information.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse a situation from a linguistic point of view and identify points for improvement.
2. Analyse inequalities due to sex or gender from a linguistic point of view.
3. Analyse the stages in the construction of an oral discourse and the strategies for its oral execution.
4. Communicate using a non-sexist use of language.
5. Construct written texts of different discursive typologies with linguistic accuracy.
6. Correctly use the different registers of Spanish according to the context of which they form part.
7. Describe the varieties of oral and written discourse, their appropriateness and degrees of formality.
8. Detail the stages in the construction of written discourse.
9. Detect the characteristics of Spanish in bilingual or multilingual contexts.
10. Distinguish the systematic from the normative aspects in the study of language.
11. Express ideas with a specific vocabulary appropriate to the discipline, following the rules of the Spanish language.
12. Interpret and use the main linguistic concepts and relate them to pan-Hispanic and pluri-centric variation.
13. Interpret the different linguistic levels from a pan-Hispanic and pluri-centric perspective.
14. Plan and orally produce texts of different discursive typologies with linguistic accuracy.
15. Recognise and describe the varieties of Spanish and evaluate them in the context of diversity.
16. Use digital tools to collect, classify, interpret and analyse relevant data related to the study of linguistic variety.

Content

The following contents constitute a framework for the subject. A more detailed syllabus will be provided at the beginning of the course.

1. Pragmatic appropriateness and degrees of formality. Oral and written academic or professional speech.
2. Text typology.
3. Topics of normative correctness.
4. Text organization. Coherence and cohesion.
5. Writing. Planning, writing and reviewing the written speech. The edition of written texts: orthotyography and adaptation to the support.
6. Public speaking. Planning of oral discourse and strategies to carry it out. Formal oral speeches in public: phonic aspects, non-verbal communication and use of support material. Main problems in the articulation and prosody of a formal oral speech.

Methodology

Directed, supervised and autonomous activities will be carried out, which includes evaluative activities.

The subject is developed following an active methodology, based on the flipped classroom. It is essential to have consulted the materials provided and to study before the classes (instead of waiting, as in the traditional method, to first receive an explanatory class in the classroom).

The previous work of each student will serve as a starting point for the practices and activities developed: verification through questionnaires, question answering, clarification of topics, discussion, correction of

exercises, comments and practices. The class is conceived as an environment in which to carry out forums and workshops, in which both individual practice and interaction within small groups of students and with the group-class is possible.

Critical thinking will be promoted, both in the face of problems, data or situations of a linguistic nature and when reflecting on one's own learning.

It is necessary to use the virtual campus regularly, because through this platform any matter related to the subject is reported, materials are provided and activities are delivered.

To work on current public speaking, a set of 25 explanatory videos, with examples and automatic correction questions, will be used as an essential reference.

It is convenient to carry out a continuous and active monitoring of the subject.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Theory classes and practical sessions with guidance	60	2.4	3, 1, 7, 8, 10, 16, 13, 12, 14
Type: Supervised			
Tutoring and supervised activities	15	0.6	2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 13, 12, 14, 15, 6
Type: Autonomous			
Study and preparation of activities	75	3	2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16, 12, 14, 15, 6

Assessment

Requirements to pass the subject

- To pass the subject it is necessary to take all the tests.
- To pass the subject, a global grade equal to or greater than 5 is required.
- To qualify for reassessment, it is necessary to have taken all the tests and to have obtained an overall mark higher than 3.5.
- Oral activity 1 is not subject to reassessment.
- A "not evaluable" will be obtained if a maximum of 50% of the evaluation has been carried out.
- When the course is assessable, if any test is left pending, its grade will be 0 and it will be included in the calculation of the overall mark. In this case, the maximum possible grade in the course will be a 4.9.

Assessment

1. Exam: 30 %
2. Written activity: 20 %
3. Oral activity 1: 20 %
4. Oral activity 2: 30 %

Comments

In regards to writing, it's understood that the student will write paragraphs with full content. Obviously, spelling errors, punctuation and speech structure will be taken into account. Oral expression must be coherent, organized, correct and appropriate to the communicative situation.

It is also expected that students know the general rules of preparation and submission of an academic work.

The aspects related to the gender perspective are taken into account in the content of the subject.

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

At the beginning of the course both the methodology of the subject and the evaluable tests will be explained. Specific guidance will be later provided for each test. The guidelines with the detailed description of the evaluable activities content and the dates of submission can be consulted in the virtual teaching space of the subject. The procedures to be followed for reviewing all grades awarded can change depending on the type of test and will be announced in due course.

In the event that tests or exams cannot be taken onsite, they will be adapted to an online format made available through the UAB's virtual tools (original weighting will be maintained). Homework, activities and class participation will be carried out through forums, wikis and/or discussion on Teams, etc. Lecturers will ensure that students are able to access these virtual tools, or will offer them feasible alternatives.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
(1) Exam	30%	0	0	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 13, 12, 15, 6
(2) Written activity	20%	0	0	4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 13, 12, 6
(3) Oral activity 1	20%	0	0	3, 1, 4, 7, 10, 11, 16, 14, 15, 6
(4) Oral activity 2	30%	0	0	3, 1, 4, 7, 10, 11, 16, 12, 14, 15, 6

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Other online resources will be provided during the course.

Software

Guidance will be provided during the course.