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General Syllabus

FORL 2313 Portuguese for Spanish Speakers

Credit Hours: 3 **Lecture Hours:** 3

Prerequisite: SPAN 2803 or permission of department chair

Effective Semester: Spring 2010

I. Course Information

Catalog Description

The development of Portuguese language skills, including listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural insight for those who have a working knowledge of Spanish or another Romance language. Emphasis is on communication.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, students will

1. read, write, listen, understand and converse with ease and confidence when dealing with most routine tasks and social situations.
2. handle uncomplicated tasks and social situations requiring an exchange of basic information related to work, school, recreation, particular interests and areas of competence, though hesitation and errors may be evident.

B. University Learning Outcomes

Communication Skills

Communicate in Portuguese (orally and in writing) in a clear and grammatically correct manner with a variety of audiences. Clear enunciation and pronunciation is also required.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Knowledge of the culture of the Portuguese-speaking world by way of reading / writing / research assignments and class discussions in order to reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with Portuguese-speaking people.

Technological Skills

Use technology as a learning tool to communicate in Portuguese, and to conduct research on cultural topics.

III. Major Course Topics

A. Vocabulary

B. Portuguese sound system

Vowel sounds

Consonant sounds

C. Grammar

- Affirmative and Negative Commands
Superlatives
- Reflexive Verbs
- Preterit vs. Imperfect
- Subjunctive
- Present Progressive
- Conditional Tense
- Future Tense
- Writing basic compositions

D. Presentation skills in Portuguese.