In this course, we will study the evolution of the Spanish language in the Iberian Peninsula and other Spanish-speaking countries. We will explore the influences of other languages, such as Latin and Arabic, on the vocabulary, syntax, phonology, and morphology of Spanish. We will also discuss the gradual development of modern Spanish, including varieties of Latin American Spanish and Spanish in the United States.

Students will be graded on their forum participation (Moodle), a midterm exam, a final exam, and a final project/paper on a topic related to historical Spanish.

*Required text:* David A. Pharies. *A Brief History of the Spanish Language.* 978-0226666839
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STUDIES IN FRENCH LITERATURE:
BALZAC ET FLAUBERT

FRENCH 6197-O001 (ONLINE)
CLASS # 40588, 3 CREDITS
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Students will read and discuss the following landmark texts, which happen to be on the 19th-Century French Literature Reading List preparing students for the M.A. Comprehensive Exam: Le père Goriot (novel), Madame Bovary (novel), Un coeur simple (short story). All texts are provided in Moodle, but students who enjoy having an actual book in their hands may want to procure a copy of the novels.
This course examines the history of ideas in Spain. We will study a series of texts constituting significant contributions to political, social, scientific, religious, philosophical, and aesthetic discourse, all throughout Spanish history: e.g., Seneca and St. Isidore in Antiquity; the Spanish-Jewish thinkers and King Alphonse the Wise in the Middle Ages; humanists like Luis Vives and Juan de Valdés; mystics like Teresa de Jesús; Cadalso and Jovellanos in the Enlightenment; liberal, romantic, and krausista essayists during the 19th Century; postmodern Ortega y Gasset; Unamuno’s existentialism…

The course will be conducted in Spanish. Lessons and questionnaires will be sent to students every Friday, to be answered by the following Friday before 11:00 pm. As a term paper, graduate students will write a 8/10 pages MLA formatted essay, in Spanish.

Text (not required to be bought, as the Professor will send you PDF’s of some of its chapters); anyway, it could be found in libraries of major universities, or through interlibrary loan:

An Exploration of French Chanson in the 20th and 21st Century

If you have heard of Jacques Brel and Edith Piaf, you know that the French take their chanson seriously. Do you know that Piaf is considered one of the last representatives of a genre of chanson that emerged in the late 19th century? Do you know that chanson incorporated jazz music very early on and with such success that a number of songs now part of the American standard repertoire were actually composed in France?

This course proposes to explore many aspects of French popular music throughout the twentieth century and beyond, with a particular focus on the transformations of the genre of chanson over time. We will look at the significance of chanson from a variety of perspectives: historical (wars, labor movements, decolonization, youth movement, etc.) cultural (evolution of the way people shared and experienced songs: cabaret, phonogram, radio, cinema, concert halls, video, internet) and literary (the relationship between chanson and the French literary tradition and movements).

We will listen and analyze a selection of songs, each week. The lyrics will be made available in pdf format via moodle where links to the songs will be posted. Students may also have to access song recordings via Youtube.

We will read a selection of articles and chapters from books in French or English (see bibliography below) that will be made available by pdf (either on Moodle or on electronic reserve at the library).

Lectures (all in French) will be posted on Moodle once a week. Twice during the summer session, students will be asked to respond in French to assigned material and questions via a discussion forum on Moodle. There will be a mid-session exam (after four weeks of class) and a final exam at the end of the session. Students will not have to purchase any books for this course.

Selected bibliography:

This course, conducted in Spanish, aims at offering the student a comprehensive account of modern Spanish culture, tracing its dramatic and often unexpected development from its beginning after the revolution of 1868 to the present monarchy of King Felipe VI. A series of brilliant essays by experts in history, culture, journalism, politics, economics, etc. will show the realities of the autonomous communities that make up the nation, especially Catalonia, Castile, the Basque Country and Andalusia. The development of letters and arts during the period will also be observed, as well as candid issues such as the immigration of Africans and Latin Americans and their integration in the country; the problem of separatism; the status of co-official languages such as Catalan, Basque, Galician; the contributions of Spain in the field of international cooperation and development, and the special relations with the peoples and governments of Latin America.

Requirements: weekly readings and submission of corresponding questionnaires, plus a 10/12 pages essay according to MLA format of style.