

Spanish House
Breaking News

Casa Hispánica
Noticias del día



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Fall 2018

Course code: **SPAN-180**

Meetings: **MW, 7-8pm**

at Gregory College House
(Class of 1925 building)

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Course description

¡Bienvenidxs a la Casa Hispánica de Gregory College House!

The Spanish House (or La Casa Hispánica) is a series of scheduled meetings for students interested in developing their Spanish skills. Moreover, it is an opportunity for Gregory residents to earn credit while practicing their Spanish through **conversation** and cultural activities. The students will learn about Latinx, Latin American, and Spanish cultures in an **informal environment**.

All Gregorians (both advanced speakers and beginners) are welcome to participate in the activities of *Casa Hispánica*. As a consequence, students arrive with varied interests, skills, motivations, goals, and backgrounds. This **multi-level** and **multi-cultural** environment recreates real-life situations and fosters collaboration between students.

Class structure

Regular meetings (25 sessions):

Monday: **Café con Goyo** (12 sessions)

Wednesday: **Pasatiempo** (12 sessions)

Last day: **Cena fin de semestre** (1 session)

Additional meetings:

Cultural events and activities (TBD)

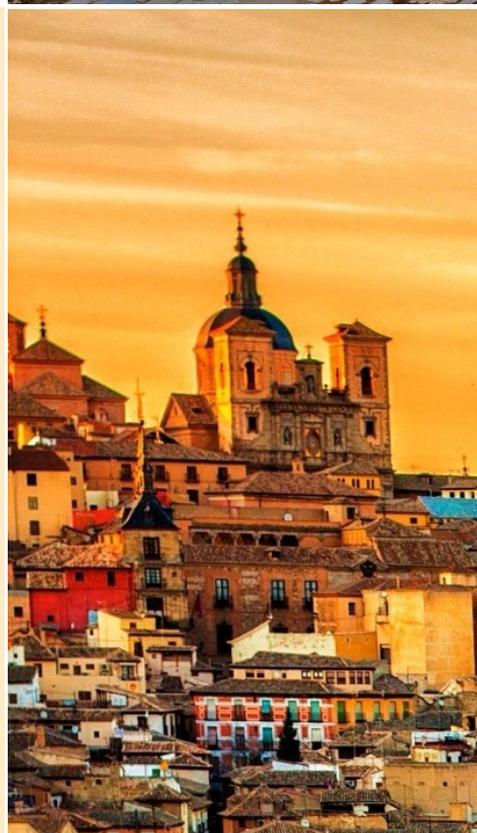


Requirements

Students who choose to participate in *Casa Hispánica for credit* will accumulate **1 point** for each event that they attend. Each enrolled student **starts with 75 points** (C grade). Mandatory meetings worth a total of 25 points. That is: if you attend all the mandatory meetings, you will obtain 100 points. In addition to regular events, additional meetings will work as arrangements to make up for missing events.

Students must accumulate a minimum of 94 points in order to receive an A in the course. You **will not receive** points if: you are late to class; you are attentive but not at all active; you are disruptive to the class. Good participation is an opportunity to practice your Spanish in a communicative context!

Registration: notify me as soon as possible to secure the permit from the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.



Grading Scale

A+ +100*	B 87-84
A 99-94	B- 83-80
A- 93-90	C+ 79-78
B+ 89-88	C 77-75





Regular meetings

Café con Goyo:

"Goyo" is the Spanish diminutive of Gregorio. This nickname captures the essence of our Spanish conversation table: we will have casual talks about a wide variety of topics. This semester's theme is "Noticias del día," so we are going to talk about breaking news from Penn, Philadelphia, the US and the Spanish speaking countries. In the first part of the meeting, we will divide the class into small groups (they provide an intimate environment). In the second part, students will share their ideas with the whole class.

Pasatiempo:

"Pasatiempo" means 'hobby' in Spanish. We will have four different "pasatiempos":

- 1. Cocina.** Cooking and tasting the most delicious Hispanic recipes, from *tortilla de patatas* to *tacos al pastor* and *quesadillas*.
- 2. Noche de juegos.** Play *Scrabble*, *¿Quién es quién?*, card games like *mus* or *chinchón*, *futbolín*... in Spanish.
- 3. Excursión.** Outings to West Philadelphia, the Center for Hispanic Excellence (La Casa Latina), and the Italian Market, including a *cena de fin de semestre* in a Mexican restaurant.
- 4. Cine.** Once a month, we are watching and discussing a film. Make your own suggestion!

Additional meetings

Cultural events:

In addition to our regular scheduled sessions, we are going to attend events related to the Hispanic and Latino community in Philadelphia. Previous events have included music shows, flea markets and food fests.

Monthly Schedule:

Regular meetings

MONDAY
7 pm

WEDNESDAY
7 pm

CAFÉ CON
GOYO

PASATIEMPO
(Cocina)

CAFÉ CON
GOYO

PASATIEMPO
(Noche de juegos)

CAFÉ CON
GOYO

PASATIEMPO
(Excursión)

CAFÉ CON
GOYO

PASATIEMPO
(Cine)

