

# CIEE in Seville, Spain

**Course name:** Flamenco in Andalusia: Culture, Language, Music and Dance

Course number: HISP 3001 CSCS

Programs offering course: Liberal Arts, Advanced Liberal Arts, Business and Society and

Communication, New Media and Journalism Programs

Language of instruction: Spanish
U.S. semester credits: 3 credits
Contact hours: 45 hours
Term: Spring 2019

# COURSE DESCRIPTION

Flamenco should be considered not only as an ensemble of musical forms, but as a complex socio-cultural phenomenon as well. This course will analyze all the aspects of flamenco as a performance that influences and shapes the artistic personality of the singers, dancers and guitarists. In and of itself, flamenco is a constant reference throughout Spanish literature, Andalusian literature in particular. We will focus on the presence of flamenco in Spanish poetry and narrative and consequently the effects of poets and writers on the very development of flamenco, emphasizing the ideological construction of the Andalusian archetype, on a theoretical level.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Therefore, the objective of this course is to present this rich musical tradition and impressive Andalusian art form, through a study of its evolution and the defining characteristics of its songs, within a historical and anthropological context.

# METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

This course has both theoretical and practical components and is designed for students with no previous academic knowledge of flamenco. The objective is to develop the students' capacity to differentiate between the numerous styles on an experimental



level, and on a theoretical level, for the student to acquire a greater understanding of the extra-musical factors that affect this Andalusian artistic manifestation. To this end, the classes will utilize audio and visual aides and complementary texts in addition to spending a significant part of class in music and singing workshops.

# **Content dossier and readings:**

Given the characteristics of this course and the diverse resources used, our primary instrument will be a dossier of notes and digitalized texts organized by the topic as listed in this syllabus and composed of related materials. The files will be found on our google groups web page.

#### Selection of Texts and Movies:

Text 1: Selections from Romantic travelers (Davillier, Ford, etc.)

Text 2: Demófilo. Colección de cantes flamencos (Prólogo)

Text 3: Antonio and Manual Machado. La Lola se va a los puertos (Drama)

Text 4: Federico García Lorca. "Juego y toería del duende".

### **ASSESSMENT AND FINAL GRADE**

CIEE classes are not graded on a curve nor is there extra credit work. The final grade will be based upon the following criteria:

Mid-term Exam: 25%
 Final Exam: 25%
 Final Project: 20%
 Class Participation: 30%

# **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**



**Exams:** The exams will consist of a theoretical section, which will cover themes and ideas discussed in class, as well as a practical portion, in which students will have an opportunity to demonstrate the musical knowledge learned through listening activities and the recognition of distinct branches of flamenco.

Written project: Each student will complete a research project during the course. The topic of the written project will be chosen by the student and a proposal (an outline) should be handed in <u>by the date announced in class (typically midsemester)</u>. The paper should be between 6-8 pages, double spaced and written using UNIVERSAL 12pt font. <u>The written project will be handed in the week prior to the final exam.</u> The student may present his/her research project during class, however this will only affect the participation grade.

### **Linguistic Resource Center**

Students who have difficulties expressing their ideas in Spanish are required to have their assignments and essays reviewed at the Writing Center BEFORE HANDING IT IN TO THE PROFESSOR. Don't forget to make an appointment in advance.

### **Attendance policy**

Students are not allowed to miss class for unjustified reasons. For each unexcused absence, the participation portion of the grade will be lowered. Hence, it will be very difficult to receive a 100 in the class. Please keep this in mind.

If a student misses class once without a valid excuse (a note from a physician in the event of an illness), then the professor will automatically lower the final grade by 10 points (on a 100-point scale) for each class missed thereafter. Students with 3 or more absences will fail the course.

Students should arrive to class on-time. Arriving more than 15 minutes late for a class will count as an unexcused absence. Please note that an excused absence is



one that is accompanied by a doctor's note: signed stamped and dated. Travelling and/or travel delays are not considered valid reasons for missing class.

# **Academic Honesty**

Students are expected to act in accordance with their university and CIEE's standards of conduct concerning plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Use of online translators for work in Spanish will result in an automatic failure.

# **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

#### Week 1

Introduction

#### HISTORY:

- The origins of Flamenco (XVIII-1850)
- Flamenco as an oral tradition. Lyrics, themes, development and geographic location of folk singing

# Week 2.

### HISTORY:

The Golden Age. Singing Cafés

# WORKSHOP

Song rhythm (palmas): tangos, alegrías and sevillanas

#### Week 3.

- Exoticism and the Romantic travelers of the 19th century: The creation of the Andalusian stereotype.
- Analysis of the texts of the Romantic travelers and their most iconic painting at the Fine Art Museum



#### Week 4.

### **HISTORY:**

- Ópera Flamenca (1)
- o Film: La Argentinita

### DANCE:

✓ Analysis of choreography

#### Week 5.

# **HISTORY:**

- The Ópera Flamenca (2): El Franquismo y la Coplas
- Film: La Lola se va a Los Puertos
   Analysis of the play and its characters

Text : Federico García Lorca. "Juego y teoría del duende".

o Walking tour: Flamenco on the street. Main monuments, tablaos and peñas.

# Week 6.

- Review
- Midterm Exam

# Week 7.

### **CULTURE:**

• Beginning of Flamencology

Text: Antonio Machado and Álvarez "Demófilo". Colección de cantes flamencos

o Presentation of your favorite flamenco piece



#### Week 8.

### **HISTORY:**

Neoclassicism (1955-1970)

### **WORKSHOP**

• Interview of a flamenco guitar player. Traditions and techniques

# Week 9.

#### **HISTORY:**

- Fusion Flamenco (1970-1980)
- New Flamenco (1980)

### Week 10.

Flamenco today

#### Week 11.

• Presentation of the final paper

### Week 12.

- Review
- Final Exam

### **READINGS**

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