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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SPAB16, Spanish: Day of the Dead in Mexican Culture, 7.5 credits

Spanska: De dödas dag i mexikansk kultur, 7,5 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2022-11-01 and was last revised on 2023-05-24. The revised syllabus applies from 2023-05-24, spring semester 2023.

General Information

The course is offered as a stand-alone course. It can normally be included in a general qualification for first or second-cycle studies.

Language of instruction: Spanish

The course is mainly taught in Spanish, but some components may also be taught in Swedish if the lecturer deems this appropriate.

Main field of studies

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- give an account of literary texts, non-fiction texts and films that treat Latin-American society in relation to *the Day of the Dead*, with focus on Mexico
- give an account of knowledge on historical, cultural and societal factors that have made this day one of the most important events in Mexican culture

Competence and skills

- independently summarise and analyse issues that concern how *the Day of the*

- *Dead* characterises present day society and culture in Mexico
- use rich, varied and appropriate Spanish, orally and in writing
- apply the basic rules of academic writing

Judgement and approach

- critically assess information from different sources.

Course content

The course provides advanced knowledge on contemporary Mexican society through film, fiction and non-fiction texts based on *the Day of the Dead* as a social, artistic and cultural phenomenon. The films and texts included in the course have different genres and are discussed orally. The students practice applying critical perspectives to the course material as well as presenting the perspectives in genre-appropriate Spanish.

Course design

The course includes lectures, group exercises and independent study. Attendance at at least 80% of the lectures and group exercises is required.

The opportunity to compensate for or resit compulsory components will be offered to students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances out of their control such as accidents, illness or similar. This also applies to students who have missed teaching sessions because of duties as a student representative. There are otherwise no opportunities to compensate for compulsory components.

Assessment

The course is assessed through an oral presentation, and through an assignment written in Spanish comprising 10-12 pages, in which one or more topics is developed in essay form.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

For the grade of Pass, the student must pass the written assignment and the oral presentation. For the grade of Pass with distinction, the student must receive this grade on the written assignment and the oral presentation.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have completed SPAA10 Spanish: Level 1, or have equivalent knowledge.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The number of credits allocated for course content that is shared in whole or in part with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details, see current registration and information materials.

Subcourses in SPAB16, Spanish: Day of the Dead in Mexican Culture

Applies from V23

2301 Day of the Dead in Mexican Culture, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction