

# Department of Literature, Journalism and Modern Languages

# SPA 320 Mexican American Literature and Culture

3 units

# **Spring 2018**

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Final Exam: F 10:30-1:00	Office location and hours: BAC 109 MF 1:30-2:30

## **PLNU Mission**

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Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Spanish 320 is a survey of major 20th century Mexican American writers and their cultural heritage in the United States. Genres for consideration include short story, poetry, novel, and drama. Conducted in Spanish.

#### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- 1. Identify (knowledge, analysis) key authors, movements, ideas, and values of the Mexican American experience in literature, film, art, and other cultural forms; (PLO 4,6)
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding (knowledge, analysis) of the historical perspective, social structures and social conflicts of the Mexican American experience; (PLO 4,6)
- 3. Demonstrate a reasonable ability to analyze (analysis) literature, film and other artistic modes; (PLO 4)
- Recognize (knowledge ) basic lexical variations and linguistic phenomena present in Southwest Spanish;
   (PLO 4,5)
- 5. Show (knowledge, application ) continued improvement of language skills as evidenced in written and oral assignments. (PLO 1,3,5)

# **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Reading of required materials, including text and handouts.

- Participation in classroom discussions based on assigned questions in the text, including POP quizzes.
- 3. Presentation of oral reports ("discursitos") as assigned.
- 4. Writing of one in-depth literary study. (8-10 pages).
- 5. Successful completion of written examinations.

# Written and oral evaluations

Evaluation of oral performance in the Spanish language (class discussions and comments) is an everyday, ongoing process. Specific oral assignments are evaluated for content and appropriate use of the language and written assignments, as indicated on the "Calendario," are evaluated for content as well as appearance and accuracy.

# REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

José Antonio Burciaga, Drink Cultura: Chicanismo (1877741078) 1st Ed., Joshua Odell Editions, 1993,.

Sandra Cisneros, The House on Mango Street (067934775) Vintage Contemporaries Edition, 1984.

Gary Soto, Gary Soto: New and Selected Poems (0811807584) Chronicle Books, 1995.

Helena María Viramontes, Under the Feet of Jesus Plume, Penguin Books, NY, 1995.

Luis J. Rodríguez, Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A., 1995.

### **ASSESSMENT AND GRADING**

•	Written exams: Oral presentation/Final Project: Cultural Experiences: Written Analyses: Homework/quizzes/participation	300 100 100 300 200	930+ 900 880 830 800 780	= A = A- = B+ = B = B- = C+	730 700 680 620 600 599	= C = C- = D+ = D = D- = F	
Total	1000 point	S					

### **INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

## FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day, Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 10:30am - 1:00pm. No requests for early examinations or alternative days will be approved.

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#### PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic <u>dis</u>honesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See <u>Academic Policies</u> for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

#### PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

If you have a diagnosed disability, please contact PLNU's Disability Resource Center (DRC) within the first two weeks of class to demonstrate need and to register for accommodation by phone at 619-849-2486 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:DRC@pointloma.edu">DRC@pointloma.edu</a>. See <a href="mailto:Disability Resource Center">Disability Resource Center</a> for additional information.

#### PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent from more than 10 percent of class meetings, the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. See <a href="Academic Policies">Academic Policies</a> in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog.

# **COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS**

Please read everything before attending class, and be prepared to discuss the material as well as present on your assigned topics:

9	Introducción/ "Chicano identity"
10	Ilan Stavans on "The Sounds of Spanglish":
<u>http://</u>	digitalcommons.imsa.edu/great_minds_lectures/18/
12	"Introduction: The Search for Wholeness" pp. lxii-lxxi from TNALL
	Gina Valdés Poem : " Where you From?"
15	No hay clase.
17	"Yo soy Joaquín" poem:
	/www.google.com/search?q=yo+soy+joaquin+en+espanol&rlz=1C1GGRV_enUS774US774&oq=yo+soy+joen+espanol&aqs=chrome.0.69i59.7608j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8
19	"Poema de identidad"
22	Drink Cultura Essay presentations
24	Drink Cultura Essay presentations
26	Drink Cultura Essay Presentations
29	Drink Cultura Essay Presentations
31	Teatro Campesino: Luis Valdés
febrer	
2	"Los Vendidos"
5	Zoot Suit
7	Zoot Suit
9	Zoot Suit
12	Culture Clash: Video clips
14	Education: "Qué hay otra voz"
16	"Cajas de cartón"

enero

19	"The Scholarship Jacket"
21	Repaso
23	Examen 1
26	Chicano Art
28	Chicano Art
marz	ZO
2	Ensayo: Tema 1
5-9	No hay clases.
12	BorderLands
14	BorderLands
16	Sandra Cisneros "My wicked, wicked ways."
19	House on Mango Street
21	House on Mango Street
23	House on Mango Street
26	Ensayo: Tema 2
28	Examen 2
30	¡No hay clases! ¡Felices Pascuas!
abril	
2	¡No hay clases!
4	Under the Feet of Jesus
6	Under the Feet of Jesus
9	Under the Feet of Jesus
11	"The Apple Orchard"
13	Ensayo: Tema 3
16	Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.
18	Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.

20	Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.
23	Presentaciones: Proyecto final.
25	Presentaciones: Proyecto final.
27	Presentaciones: Proyecto final.

Examen Final: viernes, 4 de mayo de las 10:30 de la mañana a las 3:00 de la tarde. No hay excepciones.