



Instituto Universitario de Investigación en Estudios Norteamericanos "Benjamin Franklin"

# STUDENT'S GUIDE TRADITIONS OF SPAIN: ORAL COMMUNICATION



#### **Course Description**

The course is centered on developing the student's ability to understand and express himself in Spanish. Students will learn the necessary vocabulary to cope with everyday life and also the specific vocabulary related to the topics that will be dealt with: the description of places, cities, famous people, celebrations and popular festivities, gastronomy and sports events through oral and written exercises.

The course focuses on understanding and expressing the culture and traditions of contemporary Spain. Students will work through a variety of texts, images, films and songs in which they will discover and apply the contents in forums, presentations, elaboration of

brochures and murals. The objective is to promote the student's critical analysis through the development of his or her reading, writing and oral communication skills so that he or she acquires a complete perspective of the traditions and customs in Spain while practicing his or her expression in Spanish

NOTE: This course explores different cultural themes (such as bullfighting or religious manifestations) that can hurt the student's sensibility.

## Introduction of the Professor Laura Rey Carretero



multicultural exchange in the classroom.

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Has worked as a teacher and social educator. She teaches different courses such as Elementary Spanish, Spanish Literature and and Traditions of Spain.

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**Learning Results** 

Practical application of the course

This course will help the student acquire a good level of Spanish by learning about different popular traditions of Spain. The student will learn how to describe these traditions using different tools such as texts, videos, presentations and individual work. That way the student will discover the richness of Spain and the differences and similarities that exist within the regions of the country.

#### **Objectives**

The objective of this course is to introduce Spain and the different traditions that exist in the country. Spanish traditions are used to help students improve their oral communication in Spanish. Students will learn about the geography and the type of government, while developing their Spanish language skills.

### Competences

The course's teaching approach is student-centered and competency-based. The course will have as an objective the development of the following competences:

Competence 1.	Understanding of texts, images and audiovisual material related to the contents of the course.
Competence 2.	Application of vocabulary in specific exercises and oral production in presentations or class activities.
Competence 3.	Acquisition of language skills to employ formal or informal discourse depending on the situation or target audience
Competence 4.	Recognition of the different popular manifestations and celebrations of Spanish folklore
Competence 5.	Analysis and understanding of the social function of folklore in the different geographical regions
Competence 6.	Participation in group activities that allow the student to become aware of the group and the knowledge acquired by the contributions of others.

#### **Bibliography**

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