

## Spanish Conversation Through Cinema

Spanish 302

Section: E100

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Discussion Topics: The purpose of this course is to enhance conversational skills by introducing students to Latin American culture and society through the cinema. Film not only offers the experience of authentic language, but it also provides a context for the language in history and culture. Students will not only learn about the Mexican Revolution, life in Castros Cuba, or the reality of migration, but they will also learn about how people from different races, classes and ethnicities in Latin America live and communicate.

The course introduces films presenting a wide variety of themes, genres and cultural contexts. Film selection is based on quality, cultural and historical content, appeal to the students, and, last but not least, availability. Many excellent films are produced throughout Latin America and Spain but are often very difficult to get in Canada, so the course will rely mostly on productions from Mexico, Argentina, Cuba and Spain.

By the end of the course students will have been exposed to several cinematic examples from Latin America and Spain; they will have an understanding of social and cultural issues in the Hispanic world; they will have learned to differentiate from at least four regional dialects, levels of formality and other cultural practices; and they will have improved their aural and oral skills in Spanish by participating in weekly class discussions.

This course is four contact hours, once a week.

### Grading:

Class Participation 20%  
Two Tests 40%  
Oral Presentation 15%  
Final Paper 25%

Required Texts: Instructor will provide course material.

Recommended Texts:

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Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: SPAN 202 or equivalent. This course can be taken concurrently with Spanish 302, 303 and 304.

Notes: This course is a component for the Certificate Program in Spanish Language Proficiency. It is strongly recommended that you see the Departmental Assistant regarding your degree requirements, at least one semester before you plan to graduate. Unless you meet both faculty and Major/Minor Program requirements, your graduation cannot be approved.

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