Nebraska Wesleyan University

MSPAN 3460 U.S. Hispanic Literature and Society

Catalog

2026-2027

Course Description

Gives students an introduction to the wide variety of literature written in Spanish in the United States within its greater cultural and historical context. Students will enhance their reading skills, vocabulary and background knowledge in order to comprehend, summarize, discuss and analyze these literary works in Spanish. Relevant historical and cultural readings are also included to aid students in their comprehension of the distinct perspectives (native, exile, immigrant) from which these works were written and that relationship within the greater context of U.S. society. Primary emphasis will be on the short story, but students will also be exposed to poetry and excerpts from other genres. Students at the 4460 level are also required to read a novel or play and do a related reflective paper and presentation. MSPAN 4460 meets with MSPAN 3460, with differentiated assignment lengths and expectations by level.
Prerequisite(s): 6 credits from MSPAN 3000-level coursework or instructor permission.

Archway Curriculum: Essential Connections: Diversity Instructive: U.S.
Archway Curriculum: Foundational Literacies: Modern Language Literacy

Course Hours

2 hours

Departments

1. Modern Languages