

SPANISH & PORTUGUESE COURSES



Introduction

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IAS 200Y1Y Ibero-America: History, Civilization, Culture

Instructor(s): V. Rivas

Enr: 36	Resp: 19							Retake: 94%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	5	0	0	0	47	47	6.3
Explains	0	0	5	0	5	36	52	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	31	68	6.7
Teaching	0	5	0	0	5	31	57	6.3
Workload	0	0	5	57	15	21	0	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	5	57	21	15	0	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	0	11	11	35	41	6.1

Rivas was "a dynamic and inspiring instructor." Students enjoyed "his careful selection of themes and successful linkage between different topics in the course." He demonstrated the cultural aspect of the subject well.

PRT 100Y1Y Beginners Portuguese

Instructor(s): S. Lino

Enr: 19	Resp: 15							Retake: 80%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	20	80	6.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	6	93	6.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	7.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	6	93	6.9
Workload	0	0	0	45	45	6	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	50	35	14	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	7	0	7	7	23	53	6.0

Lino was a favourite among students! She was "very effective, encouraging, helpful, organized, passionate and genuinely caring towards her students". Her instructions were very clear and always presented with so much enthusiasm. The course was fast-paced but she motivated students to keep up.

Instructor(s): S. Lino

Enr: 28	Resp: 24							Retake: 82%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	4	8	37	50	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	0	12	25	62	6.5
Communicates	0	0	0	0	4	12	83	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	4	8	25	62	6.5
Workload	0	0	0	45	25	16	12	5.0
Difficulty	0	0	0	37	16	29	16	5.2
Learn Exp	0	0	5	15	5	55	20	5.7

Lino was a very good language instructor. She was very friendly, passionate and easy to follow. "She did a great job of giving challenging yet fair evaluations". Students loved her willingness to help and ability to make a language class so much fun and interesting.

PRT 110Y1Y Elementary Portuguese

Instructor(s): I. Marques

Enr: 18	Resp: 16							Retake: 80%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	6	37	37	18	0	4.7
Explains	0	0	18	31	31	18	0	4.5
Communicates	0	0	6	13	40	33	6	5.2
Teaching	0	0	0	62	37	0	0	5.4
Workload	6	0	20	60	13	0	0	3.7
Difficulty	0	0	13	66	13	6	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	60	26	13	0	4.5

PRT 220Y1Y Intermediate Portuguese

Instructor(s): E. Barbone

Enr: 30	Resp: 19							Retake: 89%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	21	47	31	6.1
Explains	0	0	0	5	26	47	21	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	26	47	26	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	5	68	26	6.2
Workload	0	5	31	57	5	0	0	3.6
Difficulty	0	11	27	55	5	0	0	3.6
Learn Exp	0	0	11	11	38	27	11	5.2

Barbone's teaching methods were praised by her students. She ensured that lessons were taught at a comfortable pace and that students really understood the material.

Instructor(s): J. Ferreira

Enr: 26	Resp: 19							Retake: 77%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	5	15	21	36	10	5	5	3.7
Explains	10	15	21	21	15	15	0	3.6
Communicates	0	10	10	21	21	15	21	4.8
Teaching	10	5	10	42	15	10	5	4.0
Workload	10	0	26	57	5	0	0	3.5
Difficulty	11	0	5	72	5	5	0	3.8
Learn Exp	8	8	8	41	16	16	0	4.0

PRT 255H1S The Brazilian Puzzle: Culture and Identity

Instructor(s): R. Sternberg

Enr: 29	Resp: 18							Retake: 76%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	11	17	35	29	5	5.0
Explains	0	0	0	17	29	35	17	5.5
Communicates	0	0	0	5	5	52	35	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	0	11	47	41	6.3
Workload	0	5	0	35	23	35	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	64	23	5	5	4.5
Learn Exp	0	7	0	21	28	14	28	5.3

Sternberg was very good at "stimulating class discussions". He allowed students to "offer their opinions and backgrounds on the course". He was also very approachable, enthusiastic and understanding of students' needs. The course required too much reading and was fast-paced.

PRT 258H1F Introduction to Luso-Brazilian Studies

Instructor(s): K. Sternberg

Enr: 9	Resp: 9							Retake: 88%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	22	33	44	0	5.2
Explains	0	0	0	11	55	11	22	5.4
Communicates	0	0	0	11	11	33	44	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	0	11	44	44	6.3
Workload	0	0	0	66	11	22	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	55	22	22	0	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	40	60	0	0	4.6

Sternberg explained the material clearly and with much enthusiasm. He ensured that students understood the concepts well before moving on to the next lesson. Students appreciated his willingness to help and answer questions thoroughly.

PRT 320Y1Y Composition and Oral Practice

Instructor(s): J. Marques

Enr: 15	Resp: 10							Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	10	50	0	30	10	4.8
Explains	0	10	10	40	30	10	0	4.2
Communicates	0	0	0	20	20	40	20	5.6
Teaching	0	0	10	30	40	10	10	4.8
Workload	20	0	20	60	0	0	0	3.2
Difficulty	10	0	10	70	10	0	0	3.7
Learn Exp	0	0	11	44	11	33	0	4.7

Instructor(s): J. Ferreira

Enr: 13	Resp: 9							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	33	22	33	11	5.2
Explains	0	0	0	33	11	33	22	5.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	66	11	22	5.6
Teaching	0	0	0	11	44	22	22	5.6
Workload	11	0	11	77	0	0	0	3.6
Difficulty	0	11	11	77	0	0	0	3.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	12	62	12	12	5.2

Students thought Ferreira was "very well-informed, enthusiastic and a clear lecturer" despite being new at teaching. In time, he would be a very good instructor.

PRT 358H1S Topics in Portuguese Studies

Instructor(s): R. Sternberg

Enr: 16	Resp: 14							Retake: 84%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	14	35	35	14	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	7	28	42	21	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	14	50	35	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	7	14	50	28	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	50	42	0	7	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	57	28	7	7	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	25	33	16	5.4

"Sternberg was a very wise man who enjoyed teaching". Though there was a lot reading for the course, students still found the experience enjoyable and highly valuable because he was "readily available to help anyone in need." He was fun to listen to, but was sometimes intimidating to approach.

PRT 420Y1Y Advanced Portuguese

Instructor(s): J. Ferreira

Enr: 9	Resp: 7							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	14	14	28	42	0	5.0
Explains	0	0	28	14	14	42	0	4.7
Communicates	0	0	0	14	14	57	14	5.7
Teaching	0	0	0	42	0	57	0	5.1
Workload	0	0	14	71	14	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	0	83	16	0	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	14	42	42	0	5.3

Students thought Ferreira was quite good for a new instructor. He was enthusiastic and wanted students to understand the material well. Sometimes he was a bit confusing and disorganized.

PRT 452H1F Camoes

Instructor(s): J. Blackmore

Enr: 9	Resp: 7							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	14	28	57	6.4
Explains	0	0	0	0	14	14	71	6.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	14	85	6.9
Teaching	0	0	0	0	14	0	85	6.7
Workload	0	0	0	71	14	14	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	16	16	33	33	5.8

Blackmore was viewed as an "extremely dedicated and knowledgeable" educator. Students enjoyed coming to class and discussing the material for the course.

PRT 458H1F The Luso-Brazilian Short Story

Instructor(s): J. Blackmore

Enr: 8	Resp: 6							Retake: 83%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	16	16	66	6.5
Explains	0	0	0	0	16	16	66	6.5
Communicates	0	0	0	0	16	16	66	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	16	16	66	6.5
Workload	0	0	16	66	16	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	16	66	16	0	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	60	0	0	40	5.2

Students thought that Blackmore's teaching was very effective. He sparked interest from most of his students. He was open to ideas and was appreciative of students contribution to the discussions.

SPA 100Y1Y Spanish for Beginners

Instructor(s): S. Figueroa

Enr: 35	Resp: 23							Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	19	33	42	4	5.3
Explains	0	0	4	17	39	30	8	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	4	9	63	22	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	13	18	54	13	5.7
Workload	0	0	9	80	9	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	9	61	19	4	4	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	35	23	35	5	5.1

Figueroa was accommodating, friendly and helpful. Students enjoyed her instruction very much. Some wished there had been more examples presented and more oral practice in class.

Instructor(s): M. Ramirez

Enr: 40	Resp: 18							Retake: 64%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	11	22	61	5	5.6
Explains	0	0	11	0	16	44	27	5.8
Communicates	5	0	0	5	27	38	22	5.6
Teaching	0	0	0	11	16	44	27	5.9
Workload	0	0	11	44	22	16	5	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	5	50	33	5	5	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	18	43	25	6	6	4.4

The instructor was effective in teaching - he was clear, enthusiastic and used "easy to remember examples."

Instructor(s): C. Rodriguez

Enr: 42	Resp: 23							Retake: 80%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	20	35	45	0	5.2
Explains	0	0	0	23	38	19	19	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	5	20	40	35	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	15	25	30	30	5.8
Workload	0	9	0	52	23	9	4	4.4
Difficulty	0	4	9	57	19	0	9	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	36	15	26	21	5.3

Rodriguez was positively evaluated by her students. She was enthusiastic, very organized, clear and provided lots of examples. Some students felt there was too much covered in the one-hour lectures.

Instructor(s): S. Rupp

Enr: 42	Resp: 25							Retake: 72%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	4	33	41	16	5.6
Explains	0	0	4	0	41	37	16	5.6
Communicates	0	0	8	4	29	37	20	5.6
Teaching	0	0	4	8	20	58	8	5.6
Workload	0	4	8	54	8	16	8	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	12	50	20	12	4	4.5
Learn Exp	0	5	10	31	21	21	10	4.7

Rupp's lectures were well-organized, effective and fun. He made learning easy and comfortable by providing many useful examples and grammatical points. A few suggested having more conversations in class to enhance language learning.

Instructor(s): S. Rupp

Enr: 35	Resp: 23							Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	22	18	36	18	5.4
Explains	0	0	9	9	13	45	22	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	9	31	27	31	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	13	9	54	22	5.9
Workload	0	4	14	38	33	4	4	4.3
Difficulty	4	9	13	36	22	13	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	20	20	50	10	5.5

Students loved Rupp's teaching style, which was fun, interactive and very effective. The lessons on grammar were helpful. The tutorials were valuable. Students highly recommended taking Rupp's course.

Instructor(s): M. Batiz

Enr: 45	Resp: 28							Retake: 77%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	3	10	35	50	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	7	3	42	46	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	7	7	17	67	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	10	35	53	6.4

Workload	3	0	17	32	35	3	7	4.4
Difficulty	3	0	10	60	17	3	3	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	17	21	34	26	5.7

Batiz explained concepts clearly and provided a very comfortable environment for students. She encouraged class participation. She also taught the class some aspects of Mexican culture and tradition, which many found fun and interesting. The use of many examples really helped students.

Instructor(s): M. Ramirez

Enr: 39	Resp: 19							Retake: 94%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	5	31	42	21	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	16	38	44	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	5	21	42	31	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	21	47	31	6.1
Workload	0	0	15	52	15	10	5	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	15	47	21	15	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	7	50	28	14	5.5

Instructor(s): C. Rodriguez

Enr: 42	Resp: 17							Retake: 93%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	5	0	41	29	23	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	5	47	23	23	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	23	35	41	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	5	35	23	35	5.9
Workload	0	5	0	58	35	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	76	23	0	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	7	15	30	7	38	5.5

Rodriguez was an effective language teacher. She communicated the goals and expectations clearly. She also injected humour into her lectures.

Instructor(s): M. Batiz

Enr: 30	Resp: 11							Retake: 81%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	10	90	6.9
Explains	0	0	0	0	9	18	72	6.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	9	9	81	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	27	72	6.7
Workload	0	0	27	36	18	0	18	4.5
Difficulty	0	9	0	45	9	18	18	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	11	11	33	44	6.1

Instructor(s): L. Biswas-Sen

Enr: 42	Resp: 18							Retake: 77%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	11	33	50	5	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	33	5	61	0	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	16	16	33	33	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	16	11	66	5	5.6
Workload	5	0	5	52	17	11	5	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	5	50	33	0	11	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	6	25	18	43	6	5.2

SPA 220Y1Y Intermediate Spanish

Instructor(s): R. Palacios

Enr: 40	Resp: 33							Retake: 90%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	9	33	30	27	5.8
Explains	0	3	6	9	24	27	30	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	3	24	36	36	6.1
Teaching	0	0	3	3	27	48	18	5.8
Workload	0	0	9	46	34	6	3	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	3	48	27	18	3	4.7

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Learn Exp 0 0 3 30 26 26 11 5.1

Palacios was very enthusiastic, friendly and willing to answer questions. A few students thought that the test was too long for the amount of time allotted.

Instructor(s): M. Ramirez

Enr: 35	Resp: 19							Retake: 76%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	5	29	29	11	17	5	4.2
Explains	0	0	10	15	36	21	15	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	11	33	27	27	5.7
Teaching	0	0	11	11	33	27	16	5.3
Workload	0	0	20	46	20	13	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	6	26	33	26	6	5.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	41	16	16	25	5.2

Ramirez was "easy to understand, cheerful and helpful". A few students felt that they needed more language skills than just SPA 100 to take this course.

Instructor(s): M. Ramirez

Enr: 26	Resp: 15							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	7	0	7	76	7	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	7	0	42	50	6.4
Communicates	0	0	7	0	15	30	46	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	15	0	69	15	5.8
Workload	0	0	6	86	6	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	6	53	26	13	0	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	7	23	15	53	0	5.2

The instructor explained concepts in a "simple and straightforward manner." He was very effective as a language teacher because of his patience, openness to questions and helpfulness. Students felt very comfortable participating in class.

Instructor(s): M. Ramirez

Enr: 32	Resp: 17							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	17	41	29	11	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	11	17	58	11	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	11	29	52	5	5.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	41	52	5	5.6
Workload	0	0	5	64	29	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	11	47	41	0	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	9	63	0	27	0	4.5

The instructor "knew how to teach a language course!" He was clear, enthusiastic and thorough. He answered questions well and used many examples to explain the concepts.

Instructor(s): J. Sanchez-Naranjo

Enr: 35	Resp: 25							Retake: 75%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	16	32	52	6.4
Explains	0	4	0	0	12	32	52	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	4	0	8	87	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	4	8	32	56	6.4
Workload	0	0	8	44	28	16	4	4.6
Difficulty	0	4	4	44	24	16	8	4.7
Learn Exp	4	0	0	38	23	23	9	4.9

The instructor was outstanding - she explained concepts clearly and was very effective. She provided a variety of exercises and other ways of approaching grammar points. She marked assignments promptly and was helpful. However, many students were unhappy with the difficult tests and the poorly written textbook. Many complained that it was unacceptable that someone who didn't attend the classes wrote and marked

the tests.

Instructor(s): S. Munjic

Enr: 26	Resp: 21							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	5	0	30	45	20	5.8
Explains	0	0	5	5	23	47	17	5.6
Communicates	0	0	5	5	5	47	36	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	5	15	30	50	6.2
Workload	0	0	5	73	10	10	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	65	15	15	5	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	18	43	18	18	5.4

Students loved Munjic's fun lectures! She was "very helpful, approachable and sympathetic". Many thought the transition from SPA 100 to this course was difficult - the former did not adequately prepare students for the challenges and requirements of SPA 220. The textbook was inadequate as it didn't provide enough grammar exercises.

Instructor(s): D. Rojinsky

Enr: 32	Resp: 21							Retake: 95%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	14	33	28	19	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	4	38	28	28	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	4	28	33	33	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	4	14	52	28	6.0
Workload	0	0	14	61	23	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	4	52	33	9	0	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	0	31	43	12	12	5.1

Rojinsky was a fun, helpful, effective and knowledgeable instructor. He provided supplementary texts to students who needed extra help. Many complained about the lengthy exams that the department designed saying these were unmanageable and difficult.

Instructor(s): S. Figueroa

Enr: 24	Resp: 12							Retake: 66%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	8	16	25	41	8	5.2
Explains	0	8	0	16	33	16	25	5.2
Communicates	8	0	0	0	33	33	25	5.5
Teaching	0	8	0	8	16	58	8	5.4
Workload	0	9	27	45	18	0	0	3.7
Difficulty	0	0	27	36	36	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	11	33	22	33	0	4.8

Figueroa was a patient and approachable instructor. She explained the material clearly and enthusiastically.

SPA 258H1S Introduction to Hispanic Literary Studies

Instructor(s): A. Percival

Enr: 50	Resp: 37							Retake: 84%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	11	42	28	17	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	8	35	26	29	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	2	20	31	45	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	2	17	50	29	6.1
Workload	0	0	8	72	11	5	2	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	2	55	30	8	2	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	7	25	32	25	10	5.1

"Percival took the time to clarify and explain concepts to the class." He was enthusiastic, inspiring and very friendly. He graded assignments promptly and encouraged students to participate in discussions. The course was a good introduction to Hispanic literature, but was difficult for students who were not fluent in Spanish.

SPA 259H1S Introduction to Hispanic Cultural Studies

Instructor(s): V. Rivas

	Enr: 50							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	2	14	19	33	23	7	4.8
Explains	0	0	2	21	30	35	9	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	7	19	28	45	6.1
Teaching	0	0	10	12	27	45	5	5.2
Workload	0	0	9	62	13	11	2	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	7	48	21	12	9	4.7
Learn Exp	0	3	10	30	16	23	16	5.0

Rivas was obviously passionate about the subject, but students felt he was a bit disorganized and confusing. Many thought that the tests and assignments needed better direction, and feedback should have been provided. Some thought that non-native speakers were at a huge disadvantage because Rivas spoke too quickly. When asked for help, he was approachable and willing to assist students.

SPA 319Y1Y Spanish for Bilingual and Native Speakers

Instructor(s): L. Colantoni

	Enr: 20							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	11	47	41	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	5	17	11	64	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	17	35	47	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	5	35	58	6.5
Workload	0	0	0	43	37	18	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	41	41	17	0	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	15	15	30	38	5.9

Colantoni's class was always well-planned and the concepts were explained very clearly.

SPA 320Y1Y Advanced Spanish

Instructor(s): R. Sarabia

	Enr: 28							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	23	47	29	6.1
Explains	0	0	0	0	17	29	52	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	11	29	58	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	17	41	41	6.2
Workload	0	0	5	76	11	0	5	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	70	23	5	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	22	22	33	22	5.6

Sarabia was "enthusiastic, organized and articulate". She gave many examples, supplemental work and encouraged class interaction. Her expectations were high, but students appreciated that as they really learned a lot from her teaching.

Instructor(s): A. Cuza

	Enr: 28							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	5	5	30	40	20	5.7
Explains	0	0	5	5	25	50	15	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	20	40	40	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	5	20	45	20	6.0
Workload	0	0	15	65	20	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	90	10	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	26	33	40	0	5.1

Cuza's energetic approach to teaching made classes very enjoyable. He gave additional handouts and was clear with his instructions. Some students were disappointed that the class was taught entirely in Spanish - it was difficult for non-native speakers to fully engage themselves in the discussions.

Instructor(s): N. Rodriguez

	Enr: 27							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	29	41	29	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	0	17	41	41	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	5	11	82	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	52	47	6.5
Workload	0	6	6	81	0	6	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	12	43	31	12	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	36	18	18	27	5.4

Rodriguez was "extremely competent, encouraging, and frequently hilarious". He gave students many opportunities for participation and lots of real life examples to help them learn the vocabulary easier. Many said he was their favourite teacher from the department.

Instructor(s): V. Rivas

	Enr: 24							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	5	0	23	23	23	11	11	4.4
Explains	0	0	11	11	23	35	17	5.4
Communicates	5	0	0	5	11	29	47	5.9
Teaching	0	0	11	11	23	29	23	5.4
Workload	0	0	5	58	35	0	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	11	41	41	0	5	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	7	28	21	35	7	5.1

Students didn't like the textbook for the course calling it useless. Rivas was enthusiastic, engaging and encouraging. The test was difficult and students felt it did not reflect what they learned in class.

Instructor(s): M.C. Cuervo

	Enr: 23							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	11	29	35	23	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	11	29	35	23	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	11	17	29	41	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	29	41	29	6.0
Workload	0	0	11	41	17	29	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	52	11	23	11	4.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	33	26	26	13	5.2

Cuervo was thorough, effective and helpful. However, some students thought that there was "too much focus on vocabulary" and tests consisted of too many chapters all at once. Some would have liked examples not taken directly from the textbook to enhance the learning experience. Overall, the course was good.

SPA 321H1F Spanish Phonetics and Pronunciations

Instructor(s): J. Sanchez-Naranjo

	Enr: 31							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	8	0	17	34	39	6.0
Explains	0	0	4	0	26	39	30	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	4	8	26	60	6.4
Teaching	0	0	4	4	13	30	47	6.1
Workload	0	4	9	77	9	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	13	50	27	4	4	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	18	31	25	18	6	4.6

Most students viewed their experience with the instructor as positive. They liked her helpfulness, accessibility, constructive feedback and well-organized lectures.

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SPA 322H1F Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics

Instructor(s): M. Cuervo

	Enr: 25							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	6	13	53	26	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	13	13	46	26	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	6	13	26	53	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	6	13	40	40	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	46	30	15	7	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	35	42	7	14	5.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	40	20	30	10	5.1

Cuervo was a very good instructor - enthusiastic, knowledgeable and engaging. She was very patient, provided excellent examples and answered questions thoroughly. Many students, however, thought that the workload was quite heavy for a half-year course. There was a lot of homework and too much material was covered. Despite these, the majority of students still enjoyed the course and deemed it worthwhile.

SPA 323H1S Business Spanish

Instructor(s): B. Villagomez

	Enr: 37							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	14	8	52	23	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	8	26	44	20	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	11	14	47	26	5.9
Teaching	0	2	2	8	26	29	29	5.6
Workload	2	0	0	32	35	11	17	5.0
Difficulty	2	0	5	70	17	0	2	4.1
Learn Exp	3	0	13	24	27	20	10	4.8

Villagomez was always helpful, accommodating and organized. She gave plenty of opportunities for students to practice their knowledge through small assignments, tests and quizzes. Some didn't like the group work claiming "it was an inefficient use of time and frustrating". Some were unhappy about the textbook because it only gave students an "American perspective" so it wasn't diverse and was very "stereotypical". A few complained about having too many little assignments with no significant weight.

SPA 345H1F Spanish Cinema

Instructor(s): R. Davidson

	Enr: 43							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	6	3	37	31	21	5.6
Explains	0	0	6	6	21	37	28	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	6	9	21	62	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	12	12	48	25	5.9
Workload	3	0	6	43	21	18	6	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	53	18	25	3	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	12	48	28	12	5.4

Davidson ensured that students with language difficulties got the necessary material to succeed in the course. His choice of movies linked the language with the cultural and historical aspects of Spain well. His lectures were interesting, stimulating and fun to attend. Some thought that the workload was quite heavy and some movies were viewed outside of class time.

SPA 352H1F Writing and Culture in Early Modern Spain

Instructor(s): S. Munjic

	Enr: 16							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	8	8	41	41	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	8	41	50	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	8	66	25	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	66	16	16	0	4.5

Difficulty	0	0	0	58	25	16	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	10	60	30	0	5.3

"Munjic was an enthusiastic teacher who encouraged learning and provided an environment that fostered this". He provided excellent examples, graded fairly, was approachable and clear with her instructions. Students really enjoyed the course and Munjic.

SPA 380H1F Colonial Literatures and Cultures

Instructor(s): D. Rojinsky

	Enr: 27							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	5	52	35	5	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	0	29	64	5	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	11	3	52	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	0	11	64	23	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	62	31	6	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	62	25	12	0	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	0	10	50	30	10	5.4

Rojinsky's effective and passionate teaching methods were appreciated by many. "He was a wonderful instructor and mentor." He helped all students with their work and was really concerned about their learning.

SPA 381H1F Nation, Identity and Literary Modernism in Spanish America

Instructor(s): N. Rodriguez

	Enr: 24							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	5	5	42	47	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	5	0	29	64	6.5
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	5	33	61	6.6
Workload	0	0	0	73	5	21	0	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	0	52	26	15	5	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	21	14	35	28	5.7

Rodriguez provided interesting and extensive material. He was "extremely engaging, enthusiastic, and went out of his way for students." Everyone truly loved him and the class experience.

SPA 384H1F Avant-Garde Movements in Spanish America

Instructor(s): R. Sarabia

	Enr: 21							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	6	0	13	33	46	6.1
Explains	0	0	0	6	13	46	33	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	13	13	73	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	6	0	26	66	6.5
Workload	0	6	0	60	33	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	6	43	20	26	0	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	9	45	18	27	5.6

Most students thought Sarabia was excellent - very clear in her lectures, energetic, very organized, accommodating and really helpful. "The course was put together so well - there was a clear progression that related everything together in a perfect order."

SPA 385H1S Literature and Social Change in Spanish America

Instructor(s): M. Ramirez

	Enr: 30							Mean
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	19	33	33	14	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	14	28	38	19	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	19	19	33	28	5.7
Teaching	0	0	0	14	9	52	23	5.9
Workload	0	0	4	66	14	9	4	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	5	73	5	15	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	47	23	11	17	5.0

Ramirez was very knowledgeable and good at conveying the material. His lectures were fun, interesting, and organized. The course required critical thinking and covered "socially aware writings of Latin American literature".

SPA 420H1F Advanced Grammar

Instructor(s): C. Cuervo

Enr: 31	Resp: 24							Retake: 47%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	8	45	37	8	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	25	25	37	12	5.4
Communicates	0	0	4	8	29	33	25	5.7
Teaching	0	0	4	8	29	37	20	5.6
Workload	0	0	0	29	25	20	25	5.4
Difficulty	0	0	4	13	27	36	18	5.5
Learn Exp	0	5	0	42	31	21	0	4.6

Cuervo was a good teacher. She was patient, helpful, clear and organized. The course was very complex - lots of homework and assignments, long tests and difficult material. Students thought this course should have been taught for a full year as it was very demanding.

Instructor(s): A. Perez-Leroux

Enr: 23	Resp: 15							Retake: 35%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	13	0	20	13	33	13	6	4.2
Explains	13	6	6	26	33	6	6	4.1
Communicates	0	0	6	13	43	26	6	5.1
Teaching	0	0	26	13	46	6	6	4.5
Workload	0	0	0	28	57	7	7	4.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	42	35	14	7	4.9
Learn Exp	7	14	14	57	0	7	0	3.5

Students agreed that this course needed a tutorial. Perez-Leroux was "intelligent, nice and approachable", but somewhat disorganized.

SPA 422H1S Sociolinguistics of Spanish

Instructor(s): L. Colantoni

Enr: 16	Resp: 15							Retake: 46%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	13	20	33	33	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	13	46	26	13	5.4
Communicates	0	0	0	6	33	33	26	5.8
Teaching	0	0	6	6	20	53	13	5.6
Workload	0	0	0	33	40	20	6	5.0
Difficulty	0	0	0	46	13	6	33	5.3
Learn Exp	0	0	8	41	33	8	8	4.7

SPA 438H1F Topics in Modern Spanish Literature

Instructor(s): A. Percival

Enr: 10	Resp: 8							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	12	0	25	50	12	5.5
Explains	0	0	12	0	25	50	12	5.5
Communicates	0	0	0	12	0	25	62	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	57	42	6.4
Workload	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	0	75	12	12	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	20	40	20	20	5.4

Percival's instruction was clear, concise and interesting. He was always helpful and patient. "He made students feel welcome and at ease in his class."

SPA 454H1F Cervantes and Golden Age Narrative

Instructor(s): B. Villagomez

Enr: 34	Resp: 27							Retake: 59%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	3	37	37	22	5.8

Explains	0	0	0	9	33	40	18	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	30	23	46	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	4	40	36	20	5.7
Workload	0	0	0	28	28	32	12	5.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	33	44	14	7	5.0
Learn Exp	0	0	19	28	28	19	4	4.6

The instructor provided interesting material and lectures. She was clear in explaining concepts and was available for individual consultations. Students were unhappy about the mandatory attendance: missing two classes meant losing 10% of the total grade for participation, and coming late or leaving half way through was marked "absent" on the attendance list. Fourth year students felt they were being treated as children. The workload was heavy and the course demanding in general.

SPA 471H1S The Historical Novel in Spanish America

Instructor(s): D. Rojinsky

Enr: 22	Resp: 19							Retake: 82%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	5	36	31	26	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	5	26	42	26	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	5	21	31	42	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	5	26	31	36	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	38	38	22	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	38	33	27	0	4.9
Learn Exp	0	7	7	35	21	7	21	4.8

Rojinsky was a very good, enthusiastic and approachable instructor with high expectations.

SPA 482H1F 20th-Century Spanish American Narrative

Instructor(s): V. Rivas

Enr: 13	Resp: 10							Retake: 70%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	20	30	0	40	10	4.9
Explains	0	0	0	10	30	40	20	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	20	30	50	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	30	30	40	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	33	0	44	22	5.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	40	20	30	10	5.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	25	37	12	5.4

Rivas was "enthusiastic, supportive, encouraging and very engaging". Students enjoyed the reading material and the class discussions. "The course provided a great balance between literary theory and literature."

SPA 486H1S Contemporary Caribbean Literatures and Identities

Instructor(s): S. Figueroa

Enr: 26	Resp: 24							Retake: 77%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	34	34	21	4	4.9
Explains	0	4	4	21	34	17	17	5.1
Communicates	0	0	4	8	13	52	21	5.8
Teaching	0	0	4	13	34	43	4	5.3
Workload	0	0	4	47	34	4	8	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	4	60	26	4	4	4.4
Learn Exp	5	0	5	42	31	10	5	4.5

The class was informative and enjoyable. However, the readings were long and at times difficult, especially for non-native Spanish speakers. The workload was a bit "ambitious for this half-year course - students were unable to analyze and debate the literature adequately as a result. Some thought that it would have been a better learning experience had the class covered all the readings. Figueroa was approachable, helpful and enthusiastic.