

Department of Spanish & Portuguese



Introduction

ASSU would like to thank the staff and faculty of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese for their assistance in providing the following evaluations.

Editor

PRT 100Y1Y Beginners Portuguese

Instructor(s): M. Marujo

	Resp: 28							Retake: 92%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	3	14	17	57	7	5.5
Explains	0	0	3	3	18	59	14	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	18	25	55	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	3	14	51	29	6.1
Workload	3	0	10	71	10	3	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	7	7	71	10	3	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	21	26	39	13	5.4

Although students felt that the course lacked a little bit of structure, they still seemed to enjoy the course overall. Marujo was an enthusiastic and passionate lecturer.

Instructor(s): A. Jordao

	Resp: 22							Retake: 95%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	9	13	36	40	6.1
Explains	0	0	0	0	18	27	54	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	9	27	63	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	13	27	59	6.5
Workload	0	4	4	86	4	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	4	0	81	9	4	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	27	22	33	16	5.4

While students did not seem to like the textbook for this class, they did enjoy the learning experience. Many students said that they enjoyed having Jordao as a lecturer, and that she was a great language instructor.

PRT 110Y1Y Elementary Portuguese

Instructor(s): J. Abreu Ferreira

	Resp: 18							Retake: 94%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	11	22	33	22	11	5.0
Explains	0	0	5	29	23	29	11	5.1
Communicates	0	0	0	16	44	22	16	5.4
Teaching	0	0	0	16	33	38	11	5.4
Workload	0	0	11	83	5	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	16	61	22	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	6	26	40	20	6	4.9

PRT 220Y1Y Intermediate Portuguese

Instructor(s): J. Abreu Ferreira

	Resp: 10							Retake: 80%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	20	30	50	0	5.3
Explains	0	0	0	10	20	60	10	5.7

Communicates	0	0	0	10	40	10	40	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	40	50	10	5.7
Workload	0	0	30	60	10	0	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	10	0	50	30	10	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	55	11	22	11	4.9

Students liked the instructor's teaching style.

Instructor(s): J. Abreu Ferreira

	Resp: 11							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	27	27	27	18	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	27	36	9	27	5.4
Communicates	0	0	0	18	36	18	27	5.5
Teaching	0	0	0	10	20	40	30	4.9
Workload	0	0	10	70	10	10	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	9	63	18	9	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	37	25	12	5.2

The instructor was described as passionate and knowledgeable. A number of students indicated the need for additional supplementary material to practice grammar and vocabulary. They also remarked that not enough class time was devoted to practice writing.

PRT 234H1F Portuguese Immigration to North America

Instructor(s): M. Marujo

	Resp: 13							Retake: 69%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	15	30	30	15	7	4.7
Explains	0	0	0	23	38	23	15	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	0	46	30	23	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	23	30	38	7	5.3
Workload	0	0	7	76	15	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	84	15	0	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	45	36	9	9	4.8

PRT 252H1F Portuguese Island Culture

Instructor(s): M. Marujo

	Resp: 17							Retake: 87%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	5	11	5	47	17	11	4.9
Explains	0	0	11	11	41	17	17	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	11	29	23	35	5.8
Teaching	0	0	5	11	29	35	17	5.5
Workload	0	0	5	76	11	0	5	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	11	70	11	5	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	15	38	15	15	15	4.8

Students felt Marujo was knowledgeable in the subject matter.

PRT 258H1F Introduction to Luso-Brazilian Studies

Instructor(s): J. Blackmore

	Resp: 14							Retake: 85%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	7	14	28	50	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	21	28	50	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	0	7	21	71	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	7	7	28	57	6.4
Workload	0	0	0	78	14	7	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	50	50	0	0	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	0	7	46	15	30	5.7

Students enjoyed the instructor. He was very passionate and clearly knowledgeable in the course material. He was organized and friendly.

PRT 342H1S Machado de Assis: The Creation of the Modern Self

Instructor(s): R. Sternberg

	Enr: 22							Mean
	Resp: 17 Retake: 94%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	11	58	29	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	23	41	35	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	17	17	64	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	52	47	6.5
Workload	0	0	0	82	11	5	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	94	0	5	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	58	16	25	5.7

A few students suggested that this course be made into a full year one. They enjoyed the material taught in class.

Sternberg was described by students as an enthusiastic and knowledgeable instructor who took an interest in his students.

PRT 351H1F Discovery and Conquest: Literature and Nationhood

Instructor(s): J. Blackmore

	Enr: 11							Mean
	Resp: 11 Retake: 100%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	11	11	77	6.7
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	22	77	6.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	22	77	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Workload	0	0	0	55	11	33	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	55	33	0	11	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	16	0	16	66	6.3

Students said that Blackmore was an attentive instructor who always took the time to answer students' questions. He was organized and enthusiastic.

PRT 358H1S Topics in Portuguese Studies: Transatlantic Africa and Brazil: Monsters, Myths and Realities

Instructor(s): J. Blackmore

	Enr: 24							Mean
	Resp: 20 Retake: 88%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	20	25	55	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	0	15	25	60	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	10	15	75	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	5	35	60	6.6
Workload	0	0	0	60	36	0	5	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	0	50	35	0	5	4.5
Learn Exp	0	7	0	15	15	23	38	5.6

Students said that Blackmore was an energetic and enthusiastic lecturer, who was very knowledgeable about the course material. He kept in touch with his students and was approachable and compassionate.

PRT 420Y1Y Advanced Portuguese

Instructor(s): J. Abreu Ferreira

	Enr: 8							Mean
	Resp: 6 Retake: 83%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	33	16	0	33	16	4.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	66	16	16	5.5
Communicates	0	0	16	0	50	16	16	5.2
Teaching	0	0	0	33	16	33	16	5.3
Workload	0	0	0	66	33	0	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	60	40	0	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	50	16	33	0	4.8

Ferreira was liked by students, however, a few students suggested that the marking scheme be re-evaluated.

PRT 442H1F Eca de Queiroz: Portugal in the Crosshairs

Instructor(s): R. Sternberg

	Enr: 8							Mean
	Resp: 6 Retake: 83%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	83	16	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	16	50	33	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	16	0	16	66	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	7.0
Workload	0	0	0	83	0	0	16	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	16	50	16	0	16	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	0	20	20	40	20	5.6

Students seemed to have enjoyed the course and found the instructor very knowledgeable in the subject matter. He encouraged his students to take part in the class discussions.

SPA 100Y1Y Spanish for Beginners

Instructor(s): M. Ramirez-Salazar

	Enr: 42							Mean
	Resp: 16 Retake: 93%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	6	18	50	25	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	6	18	50	25	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	18	37	43	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	0	20	26	53	6.3
Workload	0	6	18	50	25	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	18	62	18	0	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	16	25	33	5.7

Students enjoyed the class and felt that Ramirez-Salazar was an effective language instructor.

Instructor(s): M. Batiz Zuk

	Enr: 39							Mean
	Resp: 27 Retake: 80%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	3	0	0	11	48	37	6.1
Explains	0	3	0	0	7	48	40	6.2
Communicates	3	0	0	0	11	14	70	6.4
Teaching	3	0	0	0	11	37	48	6.2
Workload	3	3	14	40	14	14	7	4.3
Difficulty	0	7	7	40	14	11	18	4.7
Learn Exp	4	0	0	21	43	21	8	5.0

Students found the instructor enthusiastic and effective as a language instructor.

Instructor(s): D. Rodriguez Quevedo

	Enr: 33							Mean
	Resp: 18 Retake: 100%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	5	17	23	52	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	11	22	33	33	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	11	16	38	33	5.9
Teaching	0	0	0	5	22	38	33	6.0
Workload	0	5	11	66	16	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	5	11	66	11	0	5	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	33	6	46	13	5.4

Instructor(s): D. Rodriguez Quevedo

	Enr: 39							Mean
	Resp: 21 Retake: 94%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	45	55	6.6
Explains	0	0	0	5	5	35	55	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	23	23	52	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	4	42	52	6.5
Workload	0	0	5	36	21	31	5	4.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	42	42	10	5	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	6	20	13	13	46	5.7

The instructor was well-liked by students. He was a committed instructor who used A/V material to help students get a better grasp of the language through songs, dialogues, etc. He was enthusiastic and helpful.

Instructor(s): T. Battersby

	Enr: 43							Mean
	Resp: 21 Retake: 95%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	4	9	33	52	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	4	14	28	52	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	4	23	14	57	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	0	15	21	63	6.5
Workload	0	4	0	61	4	23	4	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	4	52	23	14	4	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	10	26	26	36	5.9

Instructor(s): T. Battersby

	Enr: 44							Mean
	Resp: 27 Retake: 76%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	3	3	22	29	40	6.0
Explains	3	0	3	7	22	37	25	5.6
Communicates	0	7	3	11	23	34	19	5.3
Teaching	0	3	0	18	18	33	25	5.6
Workload	0	0	14	51	18	11	3	4.4
Difficulty	0	3	7	48	25	11	3	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	40	15	25	20	5.2

Instructor(s): M. Ramirez-Salazar

	Enr: 41							Mean
	Resp: 23 Retake: 75%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	13	17	39	30	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	4	21	30	43	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	4	4	47	43	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	13	40	45	6.3
Workload	0	4	13	36	22	18	4	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	13	50	18	9	9	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	5	22	16	16	38	5.6

Some students said that they enjoyed the use of examples in the course to make the learning experience smoother.

SPA 220Y1Y Intermediate Spanish

Instructor(s): I. Cascante

	Enr: 24							Mean
	Resp: 13 Retake: 92%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	30	30	38	6.1
Explains	0	0	0	7	15	38	38	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	7	15	30	46	4.2
Teaching	0	0	0	7	7	53	30	6.1
Workload	8	0	16	75	0	0	0	3.6
Difficulty	8	0	8	75	8	0	0	3.8
Learn Exp	0	0	11	33	11	33	11	5.0

Students seemed to enjoy having Cascante as a lecturer.

Instructor(s): N. Gonzalez

	Enr: 27							Mean
	Resp: 20 Retake: 85%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	10	45	40	5	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	11	22	44	22	5.8
Communicates	0	0	5	5	20	50	20	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	10	15	65	10	5.8
Workload	0	5	10	45	35	5	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	10	60	15	15	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	5	41	17	35	0	4.8

Students seemed to generally like the instructor and felt that he was approachable and made an effort to clear up confusion for his students.

However, a few students mentioned that they would have appreciated some more time dedicated to oral practice sessions in class.

Instructor(s): S. Antebi

	Enr: 18							Mean
	Resp: 11 Retake: 87%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	18	36	36	9	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	9	36	36	18	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	18	54	27	6.1

SPA 319Y1Y Spanish for Bilingual and Native Speakers

Instructor(s): R. Armas Austria

	Enr: 32							Mean
	Resp: 22 Retake: 81%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	4	9	4	18	45	18	5.5
Explains	0	7	0	0	22	50	22	6.5
Communicates	0	4	0	0	0	27	68	6.5
Teaching	0	4	0	9	13	36	36	5.9
Workload	0	9	27	40	18	0	4	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	9	54	22	9	4	4.5
Learn Exp	0	7	0	23	23	30	15	5.2

While students found the material complex and difficult to follow, they said that the instructor was knowledgeable and passionate about teaching.

SPA 320Y1Y Advanced Spanish

Instructor(s): Y. Iglesias

	Enr: 34							Mean
	Resp: 26 Retake: 66%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	4	0	16	20	25	12		4.8
Explains	0	0	0	33	16	25	25	5.4
Communicates	0	0	0	8	13	34	43	6.1
Teaching	4	0	4	21	26	34	8	5.0
Workload	0	0	4	54	12	16	12	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	52	17	13	17	5.0
Learn Exp	0	4	0	42	4	28	19	5.1

Students found the marking to be not very fair and suggested that the homework be assigned in class.

Instructor(s): R. Sarabia

	Enr: 24							Mean
	Resp: 18 Retake: 93%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	5	5	0	29	29	29	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	11	29	35	23	5.7
Communicates	0	0	5	5	5	29	52	6.2
Teaching	0	0	5	11	5	35	41	5.9
Workload	0	0	5	61	16	16	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	61	22	16	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	8	25	25	16	25	5.2

Sarabia was enthusiastic and explained concepts clearly. Students did not like the textbook.

SPA 321H1F Spanish Phonetics and Pronunciation

Instructor(s): Y. Rafat

	Enr: 37							Mean
	Resp: 29 Retake: 92%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	3	20	37	37	6.1
Explains	0	0	0	6	24	37	31	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	3	17	24	55	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	3	20	20	55	6.3
Workload	0	0	6	62	13	13	3	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	13	55	10	20	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	42	33	14	19	5.1

Students enjoyed Rafat's enthusiasm and her ability to make the classes interesting.

SPA 322H1F Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics

Instructor(s): I. Marinescu

	Enr: 23							Mean
	Resp: 18 Retake: 31%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	16	27	22	33	5.7
Explains	0	0	5	27	22	22	22	5.3
Communicates	0	0	0	22	16	38	22	5.6
Teaching	0	0	0	11	33	33	22	5.7

Workload	0	0	0	23	29	23	23	5.5
Difficulty	0	0	0	23	29	23	23	5.5
Learn Exp	0	0	0	66	8	8	16	4.8

While most students liked having Marinescu as an instructor, and felt that she was organized and clear, many students found the course very difficult and the material challenging.

SPA 325H1S Catalan Language and Culture

Instructor(s): R. Davidson

	Enr: 39							Mean
	Resp: 31 Retake: 70%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	3	6	31	34	24	5.7
Explains	0	0	6	12	9	29	41	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	3	6	0	90	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	3	19	35	41	6.2
Workload	0	3	6	61	14	9	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	6	0	74	12	3	3	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	30	17	17	34	5.6

Davidson was described as an enthusiastic and engaging instructor. Students found that the cultural section of the course was a better learning experience than the language component part.

SPA 345H1S Spanish Cinema

Instructor(s): R. Davidson

	Enr: 64							Mean
	Resp: 40 Retake: 88%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	23	25	30	20	5.5
Explains	0	0	2	13	27	35	21	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	5	7	36	50	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	5	35	29	29	5.8
Workload	0	0	8	54	27	10	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	65	23	10	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	56	16	16	12	4.8

Students enjoyed the course material and the knowledge base of the instructor. Davidson was described as friendly and engaging.

Some students suggested that the instruction be done in Spanish only as it would increase the level of comprehension.

SPA 381H1S Nation, Identity and Literary Modernism in Spanish-America

Instructor(s): E. Jagoe

	Enr: 24							Mean
	Resp: 18 Retake: 94%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	5	11	5	27	27	22	5.3
Explains	0	0	5	11	11	50	22	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	5	5	38	50	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	5	27	27	38	6.0
Workload	0	0	11	55	27	0	5	4.3
Difficulty	0	5	5	50	33	5	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	33	33	20	13	5.1

Students said Jagoe was knowledgeable and passionate about the course material. They also said the material was interesting. Some students said the experience would be better if the course was organized better.

SPA 384H1F Avant-Garde Movements in Spanish America

Instructor(s): R. Sarabia

	Enr: 30							Mean
	Resp: 25 Retake: 83%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	4	4	40	32	20	5.6
Explains	0	0	4	8	32	36	20	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	4	16	28	52	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	4	28	20	48	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	75	20	4	0	4.3

Difficulty	0	0	0	50	25	20	4	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	41	29	11	17	5.1

Students found the subject material inspiring and interesting. Sarabia was described by students as organized and enthusiastic about the subject material.

SPA 420H1F Advanced Grammar

Instructor(s): C. Cuervo

	Enr: 28							Mean
	Resp: 23 Retake: 69%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	4	13	36	45	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	13	13	18	54	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	17	26	56	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	4	9	50	36	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	27	36	22	13	5.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	18	31	40	9	5.4
Learn Exp	0	0	5	27	16	27	22	5.3

Many students felt that the material was challenging and difficult. However, students found Cuervo to be an engaging, passionate and innovative lecturer who clearly explained the concepts in class.

SPA 422H1S Sociolinguistics of Spanish

Instructor(s): L. Colantoni

	Enr: 10							Mean
	Resp: 8 Retake: 50%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	28	14	14	42	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	28	14	14	42	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	14	28	14	42	5.9
Teaching	0	0	0	14	14	28	42	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	42	42	0	14	4.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	28	42	28	0	5.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	33	66	0	0	4.7

SPA 450H1F Studies in Medieval Iberian Literature

Instructor(s): Y. Iglesias

	Enr: 27							Mean
	Resp: 19 Retake: 73%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	21	15	63	6.4
Explains	0	0	5	5	0	42	47	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	15	84	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	10	10	36	42	6.1
Workload	0	0	5	42	31	15	5	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	5	52	26	5	10	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	28	21	35	14	5.4

Students found Iglesias to be a very enthusiastic and engaging lecturer who showed passion in the often difficult subject matter. However, students found the course material challenging and demanding.

SPA 454H1S Cervantes and Golden Age Narrative

Instructor(s): Y. Iglesias

	Enr: 34							Mean
	Resp: 25 Retake: 73%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	4	12	16	66	6.5
Explains	0	0	0	4	20	16	58	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	4	12	16	66	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	16	8	29	45	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	27	36	27	9	5.2
Difficulty	0	0	9	40	22	22	4	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	16	33	22	27	5.6

While students said the course load was high and the marking was done harshly, students still enjoyed the course. Iglesias was described as enthusiastic, student friendly and approachable.

SPA 467H1F Topics in Spanish American Culture

Instructor(s): S. Antebi

	Enr: 13							Mean
	Resp: 10 Retake: 33%							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	10	0	30	0	60	0	5.0
Explains	0	10	10	20	30	30	0	4.6
Communicates	0	0	0	10	30	50	10	5.6
Teaching	0	0	10	20	20	50	0	5.1
Workload	0	0	10	60	10	10	10	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	0	50	20	30	0	4.8
Learn Exp	12	0	12	37	25	12	0	4.0

Students would have enjoyed more focus in the course material. Some also suggested more discussions in class.

SPA 471H1S The Historical Novel in Spanish America

Instructor(s): M. Ramirez- Salazar