HISP-S280 (14410) Spanish Grammar in Context
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TuTh 11:15am-12:30pm
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The overall goal of this course is to provide students with the language skills necessary to pursue upper-division course work in Spanish. The main focus is on the development of formal linguistic skills through explicit grammar instruction and review, vocabulary building exercises, reading original texts by contemporary authors, and exploring the link between literature and culture through writing and conversation.

The course will be conducted in Spanish.

The main objective of S280 is to strengthen students’ comprehension and application of the most challenging grammatical structures for second language learners within a meaningful language context. This objective will be accomplished by:

1. A thorough review and practice of problematic grammatical structures

2. An analysis of these and other structures in the context provided by a series of literary readings and selections from an audio book

3. The application of these structures in writing and discussion sessions

Please note: Most grammatical structures will be covered several times over the course of the semester. Although many assignments related to the short stories read and discussed in class will clearly incorporate the grammatical structure under examination that week, this will not always be the case. The reading and discussion of literary texts will help you develop reading, listening and writing skills in a more global context and prepare you for the 300 level.