

SYLLABUS

OXEU 388: Asturian Culture

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Language of Instruction: Spanish

UO Credits: Contact Hours*: 40

Total Hours of Student Engagement (THSE) in all course activities*: 120

Level: 300 Oviedo, Spain

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an interdisciplinary study of Asturian Culture and History encompassing History, Art History, Food, Folklore, and Mythology. In addition to classroom meetings, the course will take excursions to sites of related interest in Oviedo and Asturias. Through primary and secondary source readings, and docent-led site visits to sites of historical and cultural interest, students will develop a critical understanding of some of the major topics in Asturian cultural history.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete this course will:

- identify key topics in Asturian history, architecture, folklore and foodways in their literary/social historical contexts
- apply a corpus of critical terminology to the analysis of specific aspects and attributes of cultural production and texts
- demonstrate familiarity with regional cultural practices of Asturias and their relation to local history
- demonstrate understanding of how local histories and traditions are perceived and practiced by members of the community, and how changing demographics affects these perceptions

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY

This course is a combination of classroom instruction, pedagogical excursions, and field work assignments.

METHOD OF EVALUATION (GRADING)

20% Anotaciones (5 drop lowest 1)

20% Ejercicios (5 drop lowest 1)

10% Presentación (1)

20% Entrevistas (3, drop lowest 1)

30% Examen final escrito (para recibir crédito 'Expertise' incluirá también una parte oral)

COURSE OUTLINE

Fecha	Temas y actividades	Entregar
martes 18 ago	Prerrománico asturiano Leer: “Prerrománico asturiano” (texto secundario); Adams, “San Julián de los Prados” (texto secundario) 10-12 Visita Santullano (se encuentra frente San Julián de los Prados) 12-13 Clase Prerrománico (Centro GEO) 16-18 Entrevista 1: Monumentos prerrománicos	Anotación 1 Entrevista 3: La guerra civil
miércoles 19 ago	Arte público Leer: Achinte Albán, “El arte público” (texto secundario) 10-12 Clase Arte público (Centro GEO) 12-14 Trabajo de campo (Arte público) (en parejas asignadas)	Anotación 2 Entrevista 1: Monumentos prerrománicos
jueves 20 ago	La sidra Leer: Rivas, “La sidra en el entramado cultural asturiano” y “El llagar, donde todo empieza” (textos secundarios) 10-11 Presentaciones informales sobre el arte público 11-12 Clase sidra 16:30-19:00 Visita/prueba de sidra, Llagar Herminio	Anotación 3
lunes 24 ago	El queso Leer: Nel Estrada, “Asturian Cheese Revolution”; López, “El queso” (textos secundarios) 10-12 Clase queso (Centro GEO) 12-14 Trabajo de campo: Prueba de quesos 16-18: Entrevista: La sidra	Anotación 4
martes 25 ago	La minería Leer: Romero y Neto, <i>La mina en Asturias</i> (texto secundario); Castaño, “Diez y siete” (texto primario) 10-12 Clase: Minería 14-16 Entrevista: Minería Anotación 5	Anotación 5 Entrevista 2: La sidra
miércoles 26 ago	9:00-14 Visita MUMI (Estación de Trenes)	Entrevista 3: La minería
jueves 27 ago	Exámenes y Despedida 9-10 Examen oral (Expertise credit) 10-12 Examen final (ambos cursos) (Centro GEO) 14-16 Banquete (La Gran Taberna)	

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