

## SPAN 4810 WOMEN IN CONTEMPORARY SPANISH CINEMA

Course: SPAN840  
Section:001  
Semester:FALL2019  
Meeting daysMWF  
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### DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

How does Spanish cinema represent feminine identity? What are the main differences between female roles in Spanish films and the female roles in Hollywood films? These central questions will lead the discussion in this course. In class, we will watch some of the more relevant movies of recent Spanish cinematography and we will try to answer these questions using the approach of the theoretical debate on feminine identity and the feminist cultural theory as starting point. We will discuss in class the work of authors such as Judith Butler, Simone de Beauvoir, Luce Irigaray, Nancy Chodorow, Susan Bordo, Isobel Armstrong, Gayle Rubin, and Hélène Cixous. We will use these authors' main ideas and concepts on Feminism to interpret the representation of women in films within the cultural and historical context of contemporary Spain. Mastery of the Spanish language is required, but also this course targets the acquisition of sophisticated conversation, reading and writing skills. Prerequisite: SPAN 3010

### STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, students will

- x Be introduced to the study of contemporary Spanish literature and feminist theory
- Cultures: Relating Cultural Products to Perspectives (Investigate, Explain, Reflect)
- Comparisons: Cultural Comparisons (Investigate, Explain, Reflect)

Information and Diverse Perspectives (Critical Thinking, Solve)

Problems and Diverse Perspectives

- x Master reading skills in Spanish  
Communication: Interpersonal, Interpretative & Presentational (View/Reading)
- x Write in grammatically correct standard Spanish  
Communication: Interpersonal, Interpretative & Presentational (Write)
- x Improve the articulation of ideas in written Spanish in a deep and sophisticated way  
Communication: Interpersonal, Interpretative & Presentational (Write)  
Comparisons: Language Comparisons (Investigate, Explain, Reflect)

#### MATERIALS

Required text:

- x No textbook is required for this course. Students will be responsible for watching the

Recommended texts:

- x Diccionario Panhispánico de Dudas. Madrid: Real Academia Española: Asociación de Academias de la Lengua Española & Santillana, 2005. Print. (Also online: <http://www.rae.es/rae.html>)
- x Diccionario de la Lengua Española. 22.<sup>a</sup> edition. Madrid: Real Academia Española: Asociación de Academias de la Lengua Española & Espasa Calpe, 2001. Print. (Also online: <http://www.rae.es/rae.html>)
- x The Oxford Spanish Dictionary (Spanish-English/English-Spanish) eds. Beatriz Galimberti Jarman-Roy Russell. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.
- x WordReference.com (English-Spanish Dictionary) On-line source:  
<http://www.wordreference.com/es/translation.asp>

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3. Provide a brief description of the research methodology.
4. State conclusions or expected results and the context in which they will be discussed.
5. Include text only (no images or graphics)
6. Be wellwritten and wellorganized.
7. References are allowed withabstracts, but not required.
8. Use plain text format for your abstract.
9. Abstracts are usually 2000 words long with no paragraph breaks. MAXIMUM LENGTH = 300 WORDS!

**Poster (5%)**

Students will have to prepare a poster presenting the findings and method 1.402r (st)-2 (re)-3 (n) 13.1 (c)-1.9 (e)

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explain his/her concerns to the instructor, and s/he will be assigned an alternative way to submit this assignment in a traditional private way.



## CALENDAR

Fecha	Tema(s) a discutir en clase	Tarea para la próxima clase
Clase 1 Lunes 26 de agosto	Presentación del instructor e introducción al curso	
Clase 2: Miércoles 28 de agosto	Wollstonecraft, M. A Vindication of the Rights of Woman	
Clase 3: Viernes 30 de agosto	Almodóvar, P. (2006). Volver	Blog 1
Lunes, 2 de septiembre	Labor Day Academic Holiday	
Clase 4 Miércoles, 4 de septiembre	Mill, J S. The Subjection of Women Presentaciones 1 & 2	
Clase 5 Viernes, 6 de septiembre	Almodóvar, P. (2011). La piel que habito Quiz 1	Blog 2
Clase 6 Lunes, 9 de septiembre	Freud, S. “The Castration Complex” The Dissolution of the Oedipus Complex	
Clase 7 Miércoles, 11 de septiembre	Beauvoir, S. de. The Second Sex. Presentación 3	
Clase 8 Viernes, 13 de septiembre	Almodóvar, P. (2016). Julieta Quiz 2	Blog 3
Clase 9 Lunes, 16 de septiembre	Ellmann, M. “Phallic Criticism.” Millet, K. “Theory of Sexual Politics.”	
Clase 10 Miércoles, 18 de septiembre	Ortner, S. B. “Is Female to Male as Nature is to Culture?” Mitchell, J. Psychoanalysis and Feminism Presentación 4	
Clase 11 Viernes, 20 de septiembre	Medem, J. (2001). Lucía y el sexo Quiz 3	Blog 4

Fecha	Tema(s) a discutir en clase	Tarea para la próxima clase
Clase 12 Lunes, 23 de septiembre	Chodorow, N. “Family Structure and Feminine Personality.”	
Clase 13 Miércoles, 25 de septiembre	Violencia de género Presentaciones 5 & 6	
Clase 14 Viernes, 27 de septiembre	Martín Cuenca, M. (2013). Caníbal Quiz 4	Blog 5
Clase 15 Lunes, 30 de septiembre	Rubin, G. The Traffic in Women. Cixous, H. “The Laugh of the Medusa.”	
Clase 16 Miércoles, 2 de octubre	KellyGadol, JThe Social Relation of the Sexes Fetterley, J. “On the Politics of Literature.” Presentación 7	
Clase 17 Viernes, 4 de octubre	Martínez Lázaro, E. (2014). Ocho apellidos vascos Quiz 5	Blog 6
Clase 18 Lunes, 7 de octubre	Irigaray, L. “This Sex Which Is Not One.”	
Clase 19 Miércoles, 9 de octubre	Garaño, J. & J.M. Goenaga. (2014)break Presentación 8	
Clase 20 Viernes, 11 de octubre	Examen de mitad de semestre	Participación 1
Lunes, 14 de octubre	FallBreak- Academic Holiday	
Clase 21 Miércoles, 16 de octubre	Gilbert, S.M. & Gubar, S. “Infection in the Sentence Kristeva, J. Women’s Time Presentación 9	
Clase 22 Viernes, 18 de octubre	Bollaín, I. (2003)Te doy mis ojos Quiz 6	Blog 7

Fecha	Tema(s) a discutir en clase	Tarea para la próxima clase
Clase 24 Miércoles, 23 de octubre Clase 25	Showalter, E. Feminist Criticism in the Wilderness. Presentación 10	

Fecha	Tema(s) a discutir en clase	Tarea para la próxima clase
Clase 37 Viernes, 22 de noviembre	Simón, C. (2017) <i>Estiu 1993.</i>	Blog 12
Clase 38 Lunes, 25 de noviembre	Ortiz, P. (2015) <i>La novia.</i> Quiz 11	
Miércoles, 27 de noviembre	Thanksgiving BreakAcademic Holiday	
Viernes, 29 de noviembre	Thanksgiving BreakAcademic Holiday	
Clase 39: Lunes, 2 de diciembre	Fraser, N., T. Bhattacharya & C. Arruzza. “Notes for a Feminist Manifesto.”	
Clase 40 Miércoles, 4 de diciembre	Franco, F. (2013) <i>Laherida.</i> Presentación 17	
Clase 41 Viernes, 6 de diciembre	Últimas conclusiones del curso Quiz 12	Participación 2
Jueves 12 de diciembre	Examen final 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM Oakley Hall 219	
Viernes, 13 de diciembre	Presentar el proyecto de investigación el poster 12:00 PM	

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DIRECTIVES

Students are responsible for the information in this syllabus throughout the semester. The instructor