

LANG 3077 SPANISH 304: ADVANCED SPEAKING SKILLS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 100154

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Description As a companion subject to Spanish 303: Advanced Writing Skills, this subject aims to prepare students to make professional use of the language, in this case by placing particular emphasis on oral skills. It is also specially recommended for those wishing to pursue careers in areas such as language teaching and translation. Students will be introduced to a full range of oral text types and language purposes. They will be guided to analyse, interpret and evaluate examples of oral discourse, and encouraged to develop effective public speaking skills.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline Southern European Languages

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. improve listening skills in a variety of genres and develop techniques for autonomous learning of those skills;
2. master the notetaking skills necessary to accurately develop an argument or respond orally to one;
3. demonstrate high level of grammatical accuracy and extensive knowledge of vocabulary when speaking;
4. demonstrate breadth and depth in the treatment of relevant ideas and information;
5. be able to produce speech suited to a given audience, purpose and/or content, and to manipulate language to meet the requirements of the task with flair and originality;
6. develop aspects of effective public speaking skills, including techniques for the autonomous learning of those skills;
7. be able to analyse oral production in Spanish, identifying its linguistic and contextual features;
8. be able to respond to an argument personally, critically and sensitively;
9. develop habits of lifelong language learning.

Subject Content

- Variables of spoken language; content, speed, text type, number of interlocutors, accent, speaker's gender; techniques for improving listening comprehension.
- Aural comprehension practice in Spanish by listening to visiting speakers, audio and video tapes, radio and television broadcasts.
- Extensive practice with formal and informal registers, extempore and prepared speech, and group discussion.

- Analysis of a selection of contemporary oral texts: parliamentary speeches, radio interviews, public affairs programs, lawyers court addresses, judges' sentences, etc.
- Rewording of A given text for A different audience or purpose.
- Standard systems for notetaking; individual adaptation; techniques for notetaking practice.
- Public speaking skills: voice work, audience contact, discourse organization; techniques for autonomous development of public speaking skills.
- The nature of language acquisition, especially at advanced levels; techniques for developing habits of lifelong language learning.

Teaching Periods