

Linguistics

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Course Description

In this course students become familiar with different levels of linguistic structure (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics) in various Romance languages, from both synchronic and diachronic perspectives. Each person is encouraged to investigate at least one 'national' variety (Portuguese, Spanish, French, Italian, Rumanian) and a non-national variety (Galician, Asturian, Leonese, Aragonese, Catalan, Valencian, Occitan, Franco-Provençal, Rumantsch, Piedmontese, Frioulisan, Sardinian, Arumanian, etc.). We will critically examine research in different fields, including sociolinguistic variation and the status of « dialects » across the Romance language family. Comparative research using empirical data is encouraged (though not required) for the course papers. The language of instruction is English but students French programs are required to write their course papers in French. Students in other programs (e.g. Hispanic Linguistics) have the option of submitting course work in Spanish.

Evaluation: Students are expected to complete the following