

Introduction to the Sociolinguistics of Spanish

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University of Kansas, Department of Spanish and Portuguese
SPAN 570 Stds in Hispanic Linguistics: Social&Dialectal Variation
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CLASS TIME: MW 11:00AM - 12:15PM Wescoe Building 4034

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Line number: 48865

Textbook REQUIRED:

Gramática española: Variación social, Kim Potowski and Naomi Shin, Routledge, 2018 Paperback – 2018-12-06

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Course description

Welcome to SPAN 570: Exploring Spanish Grammar and Usage!

This course is designed for both undergraduate and **graduate students**, aiming to delve into the nuances of Spanish grammar. We'll explore how Spanish grammar varies based on regions, social and cultural groups, socio-political contexts, and communication situations. Understanding this variation is essential for grasping concepts like prestigious and stigmatized forms of Spanish, viewed through both historical and contemporary lenses.

What to Expect:

Engaging discussions: Active participation and thoughtful contributions from students are encouraged.

Interactive presentations: Regular Powerpoint presentations with audio will help you enhance your spoken and written Spanish, and develop self-repair skills for better language proficiency and confidence in public speaking.

Unique Learning:

SPAN 570 covers aspects of Spanish not typically addressed in other courses. For instance, we'll explore the use of 'vos' instead of 'tú,' an equally common form in the Spanish language. We'll delve into its historical development and the reasons it's sometimes overlooked in traditional language courses.

Understanding Diversity:

Gain insights into why certain varieties of Spanish are stigmatized, such as the Spanish spoken in specific Caribbean regions. Explore how social classes influence language use and how Spanish speakers adapt their language based on social and geographical contexts.

