

Introduction to the Sociolinguistics of Spanish

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SPAN 570 Stds in Hispanic Linguistics: Social&Dialectal Variation

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CLASS TIME: MW 03:30 PM - 04:45 PM Wescoe Building 4037

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Textbook REQUIRED:

Gramática española: Variación social, Kim Potowski and Naomi Shin, Routledge, second edition, 2024.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The description of the course that appears in the catalog of courses:

“SPAN 570 Spanish - Studies in Hispanic Linguistics: (3 / FP) Fall 2026.

Theoretical and applied analysis of one or more of the following components of the Spanish language: phonology/phonetics, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics. May be repeated for credit if content varies.

Prerequisite: SPAN 424 and SPAN 428.

Satisfies: Foreign Language Proficiency (FP)”

This course is designed for both undergraduate and graduate students to delve into the nuances of Spanish grammar. **Centered on our primary textbook and enhanced by AI-driven analysis**, we will explore how language varies across regions, social groups, and socio-political contexts. By bridging the gap between foundational readings and contemporary technology, we will examine the evolution of **prestigious** and **stigmatized** forms of Spanish through both historical and modern 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** examines aspects of Spanish that are not typically addressed in other courses. For example, we will explore phenomena such as the use of *vos* instead of *tú* (voseo), *leísmo* and *laísmo*, the *personal a*, and nonstandard or dialectal forms such as *truje* instead of *traje*, among others that are often overlooked in traditional language courses.

