

Course GS-08 SPANISH COLONIAL HERITAGE IN NORTH AMERICA
(45 horas lectivas)

Objectives

This course examines the weight, expand and reach of the Spanish legacy in North America since the beginning of the Sixteenth to the first decades of the Nineteenth Century. This historical process generated a relevant and generally unknown heritage that has played a significant role in fifteen of the present States of the Union in North America. Subjects such as exploration and early settlements, intercourse between the Spanish, other colonial nations and Indian North American populations, Spanish missionary enterprises and the urban developments are included.

Methodology

Work in the classroom is based on debates, group assignments and active participation. The assignments demand readings of different materials. In addition, each student has to prepare a subject in the last weeks in order to present it to his or her classmates. Students will be taken to visit two outstanding institutions, such as the General Archives of the Indies and the Pabellón de las Navegaciones

Syllabus

- 1) Spain and the making of a World power.
- 2) Exploration and early settlements in North America.
- 3) Establishment, expansion and retraction of the Spanish frontier.
- 3) Spanish missionaries, soldiers and traders: the relations with Indians and the construction of a new society.
- 4) Urban development: the cases of San Agustin, Santa Fe and San Antonio de Bexar.

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Assessment

Mid-term Exam: 30%

Final Exam: 30%

Essay: 25%

Active Participation: 15%