

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: SPA 233

Credits: 3

Course Title: Introduction to Spanish Civilization and Literature I

Course Description: Introduces the student to Spanish culture and literature. Readings and discussions are conducted in Spanish. Prerequisite: SPA 202 or equivalent. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course offers the Spanish language student the opportunity to become immersed in speaking the language through responding to literary texts and film in the Spanish language. Students also will increase their reading and writing comprehension through exposure to texts in Spanish and responding in written Spanish. This course will satisfy a general education humanities/fine art elective.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: SPA 202 or equivalent

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Associate the most significant characteristics of modern Spanish literature with Spanish cultural beliefs and practice.
- b. Analyze the political and cultural issues which constitute the major themes of Spanish literature in order to:
 - Evaluate the events and themes in all “texts” against the events and beliefs of the world outside the text.
 - Demonstrate advanced listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Spanish through formal discussion and writing assignments.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. The Middle Ages
- b. The Eleventh Century (Las Jarchas)
- c. The Twelfth Century (The Song of El Cid)
- d. The Thirteenth Century (Bero and – Milagros de Nuestra Swenora)
- e. The Fourteenth Century – Don Juan Manuel-El Count Lucanor and Juan Ruiz-The Book of Good Love
- f. The Fifteenth Century – Romances
- g. El Siglo de Oro – The Golden Age of Spanish Literature
- h. Poetry and Novels of Golden Age
- i. Poetry of 17th Century (Gongora, Iope de Vega Quevedo)

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: August 15, 2011