

## **CULTURES IN CONTACT**

SEMESTER IN SPANISH	SPANISH CENTER
COURSE TITLE	CULTURES IN CONTACT
COURSE CODE	RRII1010
# CONTACT HOURS	32
REQUIREMENT	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH B1

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In this course, international students are introduced to the studies of intercultural communication, focused on the origin of cultures to achieve a greater understanding of the differences and similarities of each culture.

## **GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

## Basics:

- Identification of aspects of culture and its relationship with oneself and others.
- Development of a better understanding of cultural diversity.
- Development of communication, decision-making, problem-solving and
- Conflicts within an intercultural context.
- Application of human development concepts to social and international issues.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE**

Learning purposes in terms of competence:

- Demonstrate confidence in working with people from different cultures.
- Improve in the acquisition of the Spanish or English language by working with native speakers
- Identify the causes of intercultural misunderstandings



## **KEY CONTENT**

- Daily life in Chile
- Ethnic groups and indigenous peoples of Chile. The Mapuches: Culture and conflicts. Rapanui Culture
- Contact and clash of Western culture with pre-Columbian cultures (Mayans, Aztecs, Incas: H. Cortéz, F. Pizarro, P. de Valdivia)
- Chile a telluric country: earthquakes 1960 1985 2010
- Drugs: how cocaine rules the world
- Youth in the US Europe and Chile: Comparison of student life
- Music: communication between cultures (West-EasternDivan-Orchestra: D. Barenboim)
- Bible and Koran as works of world literature (conflict between Islam and Christianity)
- The Renaissance: a basis of Western culture (Dürer, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Macchiavelli, Galilei)
- Aspects of European literature (Grass, Camus, Solschenizyn, Shakespeare)
- Rise and fall of the Third Reich

The selection and order of the contents will be programmed jointly between the students and the teacher. Proposals can be made.

# **TEACHING AND EVALUATION METHODOLOGIES**

Expository classes on specific topics and discussion about them. Oral presentations on cultural aspects of the students, differences and similarities of the cultures involved in the groups or class.

Visits to cultural and social aid centers.

#### **EVAUATION**

Participation in classes and discussions: 50%

Presentation as final assignment = mandatory final exam: 50%



## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Historia y luchas del pueblo mapuche: Monde diplomatique 2008 Pueblos olvidados y extintos: Nany Yañez y otros: 2001 Culturas indígenas de Chile: María Ester Grebe Vicuña 2010

Movies:

Patagonia: Un film de Alberto de Agostini

West-Eastern-Divan-Orchestra: Daniel Barenboim – película inglesa/alemana/española NO

– película chilena: 2011

Machuca – película chilena 2004

Isla de Pascua y Tapati

## **COMPLEMENTARY BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Material complementario informático e interactivo, visual y auditivo Mística Antigua para la Grandeza de Chile: Zilley Mora Penroz 1988 Obra Completa: William Shakespeare

El Príncipe: N. Macchiavelli El Extranjero: A. Camus

Un día en la vida de Iwan Denissowitsch: A. Solschenizyn

El Tambor de Hojalata: G. Grass En Patagonia: Bruce Chadwin

Rosa Yagán, el último eslabón: Patricia Stambuk M. 2004 Historia de los antiguos mapuches

del sur: José Bendoga, 2003 Roberto Saviano: Zero Zero Zero

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