

Estimados estudiantes y familias,

Hola and welcome to AP Spanish Literature! I am very excited to be your instructor for this advanced level Spanish class. Ever since I discovered that the College Board offered AP Spanish Literature course, I have wanted to teach it. Both my B.A. and M.A. degrees are in Spanish and over the course of the five years that it took to complete these degrees, I have taken many literature classes. I have had some good experiences in these classes, but many of them disappointed me because the way in which the material was taught was so dry. After those classes, I knew that I wanted to teach a literature class in Spanish so that students could experience the artistry of the written word and see the literature come alive.

In AP Spanish Literature students will sharpen their reading, writing, and speaking skills in Spanish, and become familiar with the most celebrated literary works from medieval Spain through twentieth century Latin America. The objective of the Advanced Placement course is to prepare students for taking the Advanced Placement Test in Spanish Literature. Therefore, this class is structured to facilitate the completion of all of the readings on the AP® Literature reading list. Students will learn to develop a high degree of competence in language skills and in the interpretation of literature. Students are required to read, analyze and discuss in and speaking and in writing a wide variety of representative works from three major genres: narrative, poetry, and theater. Due to the material covered, this class will be the equivalent of a third-year college level "Introduction to Hispanic Literature" course.

In regards to summer preparation for this course, I only require that students consistently read in Spanish over the next couple of months. Reading for any purpose will help the students feel more at ease with the skill of reading for meaning and for content. The more comfortable that students are with this skill, the more easily they will be able to dig deeper into the AP readings and read as critical thinkers.

Sinceramente,

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