**SPAN 5370 History of the Spanish Language**

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1. What does the term Vulgar Latin refer to?

2. Describe the variant of spoken Latin in the Iberian Peninsula.

3. When was vernacular Spanish accepted as a common language?

4. Define the processes of assimilation and defricativization, and give examples in the development from Latin to Spanish.

5. Define the processes of epenthesis and metathesis, and give examples in the development from Latin to Spanish.

6. Define the processes of megaphony and palatalization, and give examples in the development from Latin to Spanish.

7. What happened to the nominal systems with respect to case and gender as Latin derived from Spanish?

8. What significant changes did the verbal system suffer as Latin derived into Spanish?

9. Define the terms patrimonial lexicon and give examples.

10. What language has Spanish extracted the highest number of loans from? Explain why.

**SPAN 5374 Studies in Spanish Linguistics**

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1. In Linguistics, we refer to "acquisition" of language rather than to "learning" of language, ¿can you explain what is the importance of this terminology?

2. What fundamental difference exists between phonology and phonetics?

3. What fundamental difference exists between morpheme and word?

4. How would you define the sentence, and what essential syntactic and semantic components y does it contain?

5. In the evolution from Latin to Spanish, what are the general phonological processes that take place?

6. Can you discuss what changes took place in the nominal morphology of Latin in its evolution to Spanish?

**SPAN 5374 – Studies in Spanish Linguistics: Structure of the Language**

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1. What do we understand by phonemic representation?

2. What are allophones?

3. What is complementary distribution?

4. How are consonants classified by their point and manner of articulation?

5. Explain the difference between root and affix.

6. What are the lexical classes or categories? How do they differ?

7. Explain which are the constituents of verbal inflexion in Spanish.

8. What do we understand by phrase and nucleus?

9. What is subcategorization?

10. What do we understand by syntactic transformation?