

*SPAN 4180. Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature from 1898 to the present*

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**Grading System:**

*Four exams: 60%*

*Final exam: 20%*

*Class participation: 20%*

**Course Description:** *This course will be devoted to closely analyzing five books –four novels, one short story collection, and a novella-- by major Spanish American writers from Argentina and Mexico. Formal matters – such as themes, motifs, style, voice, and focalization— will be studied in the light of the historical and cultural contexts that shaped both the authors and their narratives.*

**Bibliography:**

Güiraldes, Ricardo. Don Segundo Sombra.

Arlt, Roberto. El juguete rabioso.

Borges, Jorge Luis. Ficciones

Rulfo, Juan. Pedro Páramo

Fuentes, Carlos. Aura

**Classes**

**Aug. 25** *Introducción.*

**Aug. 27** *Don Segundo Sombra*

**Sept. 1** *Don Segundo Sombra*

**Sept 3** *Don Segundo Sombra*

**Sept. 8** *Don Segundo Sombra*

**Sept. 10** *Don Segundo Sombra*

**Sept. 15** *Don Segundo Sombra* **Primer examen**

**Sept. 17** *El juguete rabioso*

**Sept. 22** *El juguete rabioso*

**Sept. 24** *El juguete rabioso*

*Sept. 29 El juguete rabioso*

*Oct. 1 El juguete rabioso*

*Oct. 6 El juguete rabioso*

*Oct. 8 Ficciones*            **Segundo examen**

*Oct. 13 Ficciones*

*Oct. 15 Ficciones*

*Oct. 20 Ficciones*

*Oct. 22 Ficciones*

*Oct. 27 Ficciones*

*Oct. 29 Ficciones*    **Tercer examen**

*Nov. 3 Pedro Páramo*

*Nov. 5 Pedro Páramo*

*Nov. 10 Pedro Páramo*

*Nov. 12 Pedro Páramo*

*Nov. 17 Pedro Páramo*

*Nov. 19 Pedro Páramo*    **Cuarto examen**

*Nov. 24*    **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

*Nov. 26*

*Dec. 1 Aura*

*Dec. 3 Aura*

*Dec. 8*    *Aura*

*Dec. 10*    *Aura*

## **University and Department Policies**

### **(1) Add / Drop / Waitlist**

If you are waitlisted for this class, it is IMPERATIVE that you familiarize yourself with departmental policies and deadlines. For this, please visit <http://www.colorado.edu/spanish/waitlist.htm>

### **(2) Prerequisites not met**

If your professor informs you that the system has flagged you as having not met the prerequisites for this course, you should meet IN PERSON with Leila Gómez, the Associate Chair for undergraduate studies, or the Coordinator for your class level. If you fail to do so, you may be dropped from the class. Your Professor will inform you of the date and time to meet the Associate Chair or the Coordinator for your class.

### **(3) Final Exams**

Final exams are to be taken on the day determined by the university and the department. No excuse such as family meetings, employment, travel, etc. will grant an exception to this. If you have three or more final exams scheduled on the same day, you are entitled to arrange an alternative exam time for the last exam or exams scheduled on that day. To qualify for rescheduling final exam times, you must provide evidence that you have three or more exams on the same day, and arrangements must be made with your instructor no later than the end of the sixth week of the semester (Friday, October 2, 2009). For the complete final examination policy, see the [University of Colorado at Boulder Catalog](#).

### **(4) Use of electronic devices in the classroom**

No text messaging or e-mailing will be tolerated during class. Cell phones must be turned off or on silent and kept in your backpacks or pockets during class. Laptops may only be used to take notes, and/or only with the consent of the instructor. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a loss of all participation points for the day. In other words, that day will be counted as an unexcused absence.

### **(5) Classroom Behavior**

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subjected to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. See policies at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html> and at [http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student\\_code](http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code)

### **(6) Honor Code**

All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may

include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-725-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>

### **(7) Disability Services**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services during the first two weeks of class so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/>

### **(8) Religious Observances**

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. In this class, please contact your instructor during the first two weeks of class to let him/her know of any possible conflicts in order to reschedule the work. See full details at [http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac\\_relig.html](http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html)

### **(9) Discrimination and Harassment**

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