

B.A. SPANISH: CURRENT AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

Spanish Current Affairs Assignment for Students of Spanish

Prior to entry into final year, all students of Spanish are required, amongst other things, to carry out an assignment on a topic of your choice, relating to Spanish or Latin American current affairs. **This assignment will be posted to the Spanish Discipline office with a postmark of no later than June 30th.**

You must select a topic and submit the title of your portfolio to Dr. Lorraine Kelly by **Dec 1st**. The Current Affairs Portfolio will be presented in a folder and must adhere to the following structure:

Section 1: Introducción *in Spanish* to the topic in question, consisting of:

- an outline of the area
- indication of its relevance to Spanish/Latin American society
- main points of interest in relation to the topic
- general summary of the arguments/contents of the articles provided.

Word Count: Approx. 1,000 words (This must be in your own words. The University standards for plagiarism will be applied)

Section 2: Artículos You will attach 25-30 articles from newspapers, magazines and Internet sources which are of relevance to your topic. Please note that a maximum of 20% (i.e. 5-6) of the articles included may be from the internet. All other articles must be photocopies of articles from paper sources (newspapers, magazines). Please ensure that you write the date of the article and the title of the newspaper or magazine on the photocopy of each article.

Section 3: Glosario de términos relating to your topic, consisting of a list of 30-40 *terms or phrases* which are of some relevance to your chosen topic or which are often encountered in discussions of the topic in question. List each term or phrase in Spanish and list an English translation beside it. This section should also reflect the acquisition of new, *topic-specific vocabulary*.

Section 4: Reflexión sobre el proceso. In this section you will *reflect in Spanish* on if and how you have achieved the learning outcomes of this assignment (please see overleaf).

Word Count: 400 words

The number of credits associated with this Portfolio is: 5 credits.

Learning Outcomes for Spanish Current Affairs Assignment:

1. Students will be able to identify and write in Spanish about issues of Current Affairs of direct relevance to life in Spain or a given Latin American country.
2. Students will be able to engage critically with newspaper and journal articles in Spanish and assess their relevance to their chosen topic.
3. Students will be able to distinguish between topic-specific vocabulary and general Spanish.
4. Students will be able to express themselves cogently in Spanish and be able to present a topic in a clear and concise manner through Spanish.
5. Students will be able to synthesise and assimilate a selection of material on a particular topic in order to be able to discuss this topic in a coherent and intelligible manner.