

## SPA 199

### QUARTER ABROAD, MADRID, 2017

#### Intercultural Competence: Learning and Living in another Culture

One of the most important parts of being immersed in another culture is *reflecting* upon your experiences. With that in mind, you are asked to write a brief report (2 paragraphs) each week in Spanish or English according to the topics indicated below. These should be completed each week by Thursday, before our seminar. We will discuss your impressions during the seminar.

#### Topics:

- **Semana 2:** ¿Qué imagen tienes de los españoles? Incluye lo positivo y lo negativo. *What image do you have of Spaniards? Include positive and negative observations.*
- **Semana 3:** Entrevista a un español y pregúntale qué imagen y qué opinión tiene de los americanos y de Estados Unidos. Interview a Spaniard and ask him/her what is his/her opinion/image about Americans and about the US. *Write your conclusions.*
- **Semana 4:** ¿Qué diferencia en el estilo de vida ves entre Davis o la ciudad en la que vives en Estados Unidos y Madrid. *What differences in lifestyle do you see between Madrid and your home town in the US or Davis*
- **Semana 5:** Watch this short film (9mn), *Hiyab*, and write your opinion about the attitude of the teacher
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPj7kSJhe88>
- **Semana 6:** Después de viajar en metro o en bus, ¿cómo describirías la experiencia de utilizar el transporte público en Madrid? Analiza la conducta de los pasajeros. *After traveling on the metro or by bus, how would you describe your experience using public transport in Madrid? Analyze the behavior of the passengers.*
- **Semana 7:** Cuando vas a una tienda o a un restaurante de Madrid a comprar algo ¿en qué se parece y en qué se diferencia de California? ¿Cómo describirías tu experiencia como cliente. *When you go to a store or a restaurant in Madrid to buy something, how is the experience similar to and/or different from California? How would you describe your experience as a customer?*
- **Semana 8:** Watch this short film (8mn), *Proverbio chino*, and write your opinion about the interaction between the protagonist, an immigrant and other immigrants
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYMFFR3kqpE>
- **Semana 9:** ¿Qué interacción con un español/a ha sido más significativo desde que has llegado a Madrid? ¿Por qué? *What interaction with a Spaniard has been most significant since you arrived to Madrid? Why?*

In your reflections, try to go beyond simple observations by describing, interpreting, and evaluating each situation.