Spanish/Portuguese 490: Spring 2009
Using Technology in the Foreign Language Classroom

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Course Description
This course is designed for graduate students/teaching assistants in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese who are interested in learning how to effectively incorporate technology in their classes. Additionally, this course will help instructors learn about technologies that can help them with record keeping and general organization of their classes. The course will cover the following topics:

- Maintaining the course website with Moodle
- Creating computer-enhanced teaching materials (e.g. web-based exercises and activities, Power Point, etc.)
- Class record keeping with Gradebook, Excel, My Spanish Lab, Quia, etc.
- Survey of WIMBA: how to conduct office hours via WIMBA, how to implement WIMBA in the classroom, how to test students using it and how to create original content for it
- Overview of Podcasting
- Using technology for evaluating student performance: Turn it in, WIMBA
- The use of newer technologies such as “Wiki”s and collaborative blogs in a foreign language content
- Survey of Audacity: what it is and how to implement it
- Integrating knowledge of some of these technologies into a CD or Webpage

The majority of these technologies can be implemented in your class today. As we learn about these applications, the focus will be on the underlying pedagogical rationale for their use. No prior knowledge of the applications is required. Although most of the tools presented can be self-taught, they are often not used as effectively as they could be.

Course Goals
The seminar is meant to be hands on and students are encouraged to adapt these technologies as they see fit. There will be in-class demonstrations and discussions of pedagogical rationales for the uses of the various technologies. Students will learn about the resources available to them at UCLA’s Office of Instructional Development. There will be several invited guests who will share their expert knowledge with the class. Participants will have an opportunity to create a personal webpage (that includes a Teaching Portfolio and an Academic Portfolio) that can be used to promote themselves as they go on the job market.
Course Requirements:
To pass the seminar (which may be taken pass/no pass only), participants are expected to:

- Actively participate in class discussions
- Present assignments/in-progress projects to classmates to generate feedback, and incorporate feedback into revised versions of these projects
- Consult with the teaching assistant when necessary to design and create teaching materials
- Do supplemental reading when assigned

Tentative Class Schedule:
Week 1: Course introduction and overview of technologies/resources at our disposal

Week 2: Moodle, with Wimba for virtual office hours

Week 3: My Spanish Lab

Week 4: Record keeping with Gradebook and Excel

Week 5: Presenting with technology: PowerPoint

Week 6: Web-based and collaborative projects with PB Wikis

Week 7: Wimba for oral proficiency

Week 8: Podcasting, Bruincast, UCLA on I-Tunes, Audacity

Week 9: Putting together final project

Week 10: Conclusion, review of final projects
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