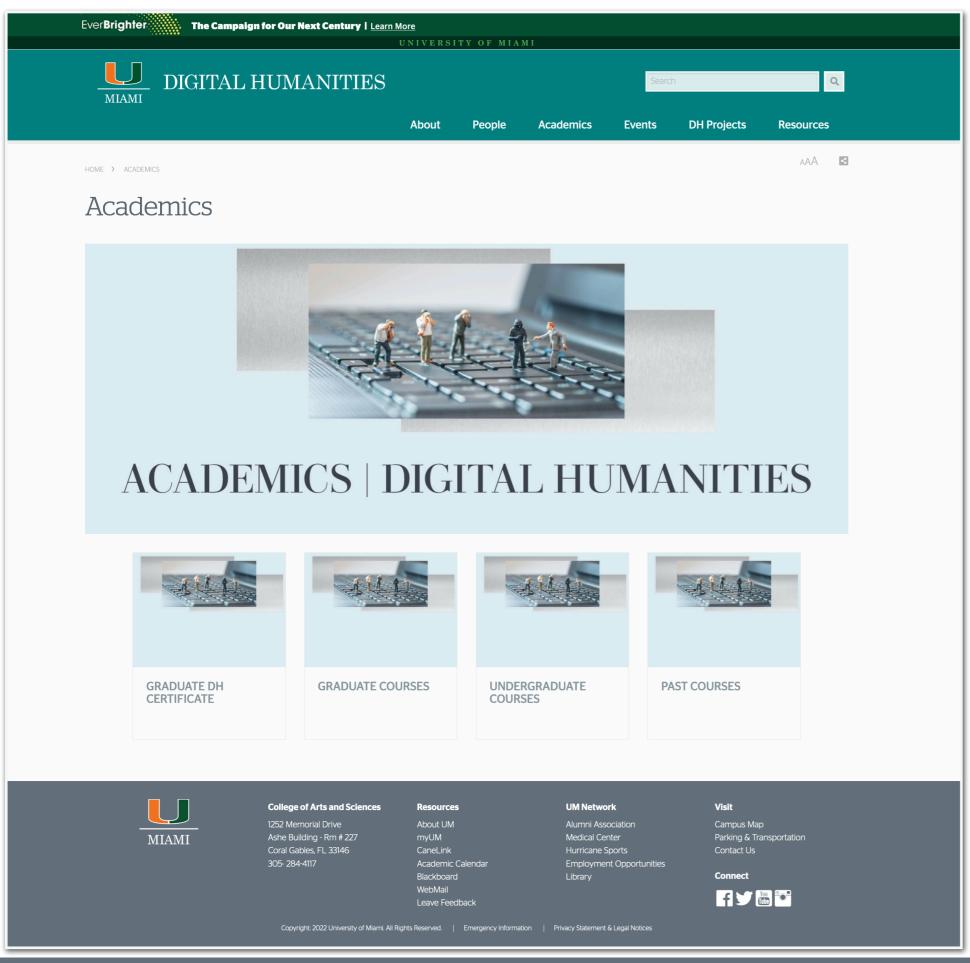
# Digital Literacy Through Cultural and Literary Topics in Spanish

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2nd Annual Conference of the Florida Digital Humanities Consortium (FLDH) <a href="https://www.fldh.org/fldhconference/">https://www.fldh.org/fldhconference/</a>





#### Building DH @ UM

https://dh.miami.edu/

- At undergraduate level, not yet major or minors (e.g. ENG 344. Data and Contemporary Culture; MLL 410. Digital Literacy Through Cultural and Literary Topics; MLL 411. Cultures of the Digital: Pages, Screens, Platforms and 21st Century Aesthetics)
- At graduate level, DH
   Certificate (9 credits = 3 courses)

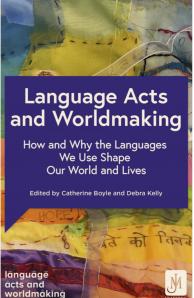


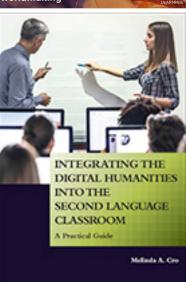
#### Undergraduate Context: FL or ML Classroom?

- General Challenge: how the <u>digital</u> can be accessed through a cultural and linguistic perspective and how that <u>foreign culture</u> can offer specific values to understand the digital from multiple and specific linguistic, social, cultural, and literary perspectives.
- Current Audience at UM:
  - The majority of our students have Spanish as a minor, and few are Spanish majors; ML perceived as secondary
  - Students are mostly interested in learning Spanish, as instrument of communication
  - Linguistic divide: Foreign language classroom setting (no native speakers > L2 Instruction)
  - No previous experience with DH (double challenged)
  - Digital natives (they operate in digital environments, e.g. social media) VS lack of knowledge of core technology
- Goal: "DH-inflected modern language classroom" (Cro, 2020: 3)
  - Include DH tools and Methods Any language level
  - DH Courses Advanced content courses
- Right balance between language, culture and digital learning
- Lack of an established sequence of DH courses / previous exposure to DH / no follow-up

"the authors tend to assume the reader is either working in an anglophone environment or is teaching either in English or through the digital humanities. The challenge, then, is how to effectively transfer a DH pedagogy into the L2 curriculum" (Cro, 2020: 4).











## WORLD-READINESS STANDARDS FOR LEARNING LANGUAGES

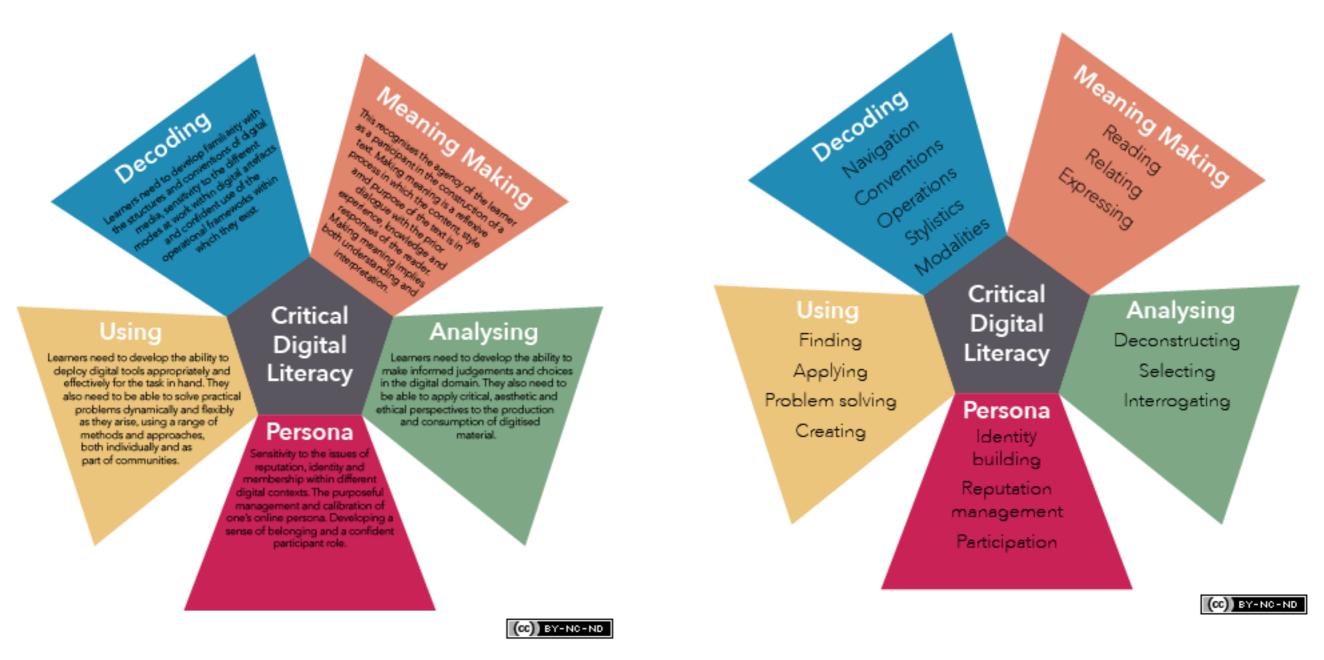
| GOAL AREAS   | STANDARDS   |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| COMMUNICATION  Communicate effectively in more than one language in order to function in a variety of situations and for multiple purposes                                       | Interpersonal Communication: Learners interact and negotiate meaning in spoken, signed, or written conversations to share information, reactions, feelings, and opinions.                       | Interpretive Communication: Learners understand, interpret, and analyze what is heard, read, or viewed on a variety of topics. |  | Presentational Communication: Learners present information, concepts, and ideas to inform, explain, persuade, and narrate on a variety of topics using appropriate media and adapting to various audiences of listeners, readers, or viewers. |
| CULTURES Interact with cultural competence and understanding   | Relating Cultural Practices to Perspectives: Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the cultures studied. |  | Relating Cultural Products to Perspectives:  Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the relationship between the products and perspectives of the cultures studied. |   |
| CONNECTIONS  Connect with other disciplines and acquire information and diverse perspectives in order to use the language to function in academic and career- related situations | Making Connections:  Learners build, reinforce, and expand their knowledge of other disciplines while using the language to develop critical thinking and to solve problems creatively.         |  | Acquiring Information and Diverse Perspectives:  Learners access and evaluate information and diverse perspectives that are available through the language and its cultures.                   |   |
| OMPARISONS  Develop insight into the nature of language and culture in order to interact with cultural competence  | Language Comparisons:  Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own.                      |  | Cultural Comparisons:  Learners use the language to investigate, explain, and reflect on the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.                     |   |
| COMMUNITIES  Communicate and interact with cultural competence in order to participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world                                  | School and Global Communities: Learners use the language both within and beyond the classroom to interact and collaborate in their community and the globalized world.                          |  | Lifelong Learning: Learners set goals and reflect on their progress in using languages for enjoyment, enrichment, and advancement.   |   |

## 5C' World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages

- Communicate at an Interpersonal, Interpretive, and Presentational level
- Create cultural interaction:
   relationship between Practices &
   Products of a culture
- 3. Create connections with other disciplines
- 4. Establish Language and Cultural Comparisons
- Participate in Multilingual Communities



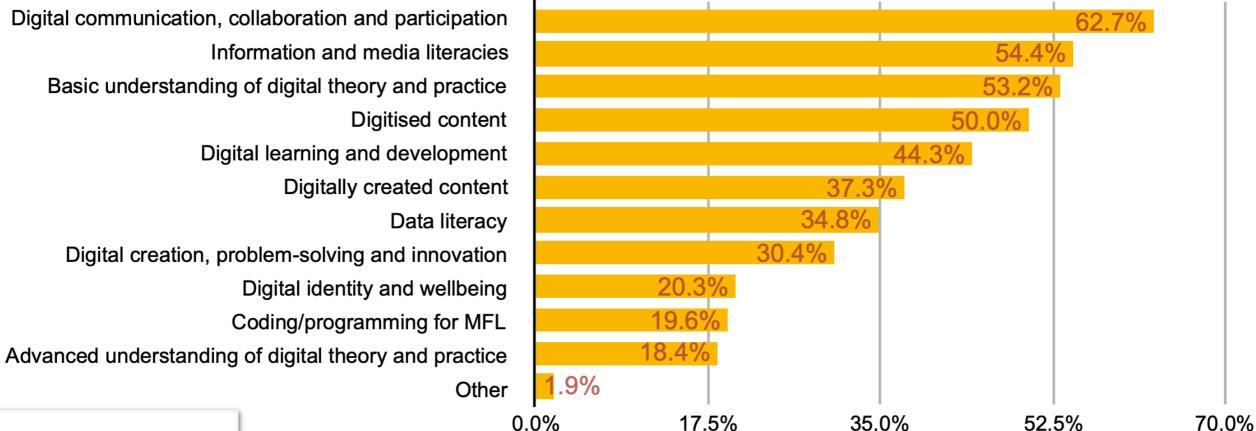
#### 5R' Resources Model of Critical Digital Literacy



https://sites.google.com/site/dlframework/home



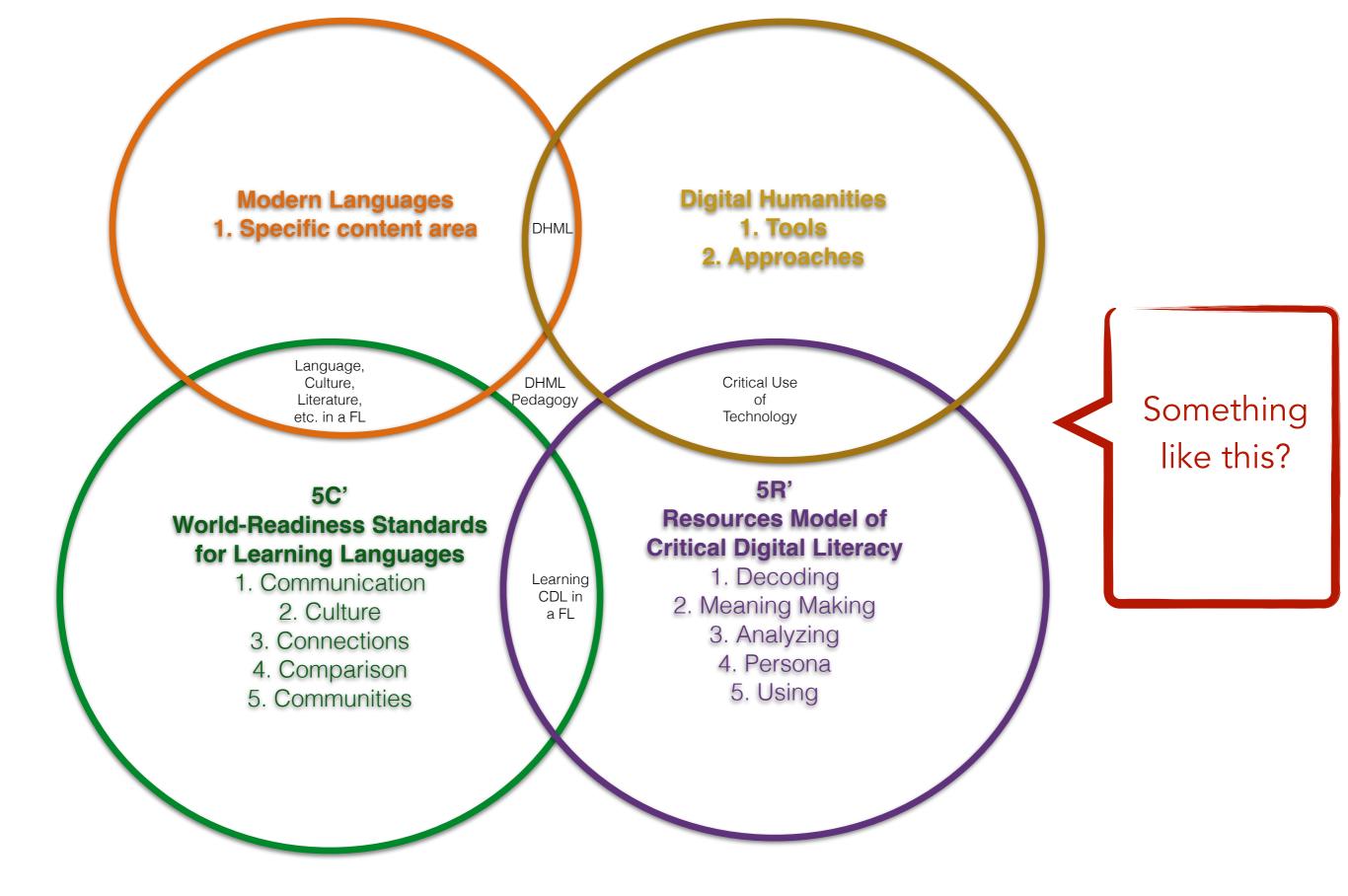
## What are Digital Literacies in FL/ML Teaching?





"critical digital pedagogy contemplates new forms of action, new educational agents and new channels of learning, taking full advantage of the social and networked affordances of the open web and involving collaboration strategies which forge bottom-up alliances for culture-based knowledge production"

(Spence & Brandao, 2019: 34)



A Model for Critical Digital Modern Languages Pedagogy

#### An example: SPA 410: Digital Literacies through Cultural Topics

#### SPA 410 Digital Literacies

Program About Exercices

#### Digital Literacy Through Cultural and Literary Topics

Monday - Wednesday 3:30-4:45pm Classroom: Dooly Memorial 208

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In this course, we explore the intersection of digital technologies and the humanities, and we delve into the growing field of the Digital Humanities (DH). In doing so, we will pay special attention to initiatives done within the Hispanic world and to how the "Humanidades digitales" differ from the mainstream anglophone DH. You will grasp how digital methods can be applied to texts and other cultural records, and you will become familiar with the basic principles of computing and the fundamentals of some markup languages, such as HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) and XML (eXtensible Markup Language), as well as with the principles of the Text Encoding Initiative. The course will also offer some theory and practice on text analysis and text mining and will present some of the most common programs, in order to ask new questions and offer new ways to view and analyze texts (that otherwise, and done by hand, would be time consuming or even impossible). Also, we will analyze how the cultural record is digitized, preserved and catalogued through metadata standards in GLAM institutions (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums). The course mixes theoretical readings, hands-on tutorials, digital assignments, and the creation of an online portfolio.

By the end of the course, students will:

- 1. Appraise the role and value of the digital humanities as a multilingual and diverse discipline
- 2. Identify the main trends within the Hispanic World and the meaning of "Humanidades digitales"
- 3. Apply concepts of literary studies and adopt techniques through digital tools and digital methods
- 4. Critically evaluate digital humanities projects
- 5. Relate the mechanisms through which humanities and technologies benefit each other
- 6. Examine the concept of "data" in the humanities
- 7. Experiment with structured humanities data and apply digital techniques (text encoding, text analysis, mapping, visualization, etc.)
- 8. Learn to work collaboratively in a digital project



SPA410 Digital Literacy Through Cultural and Literary

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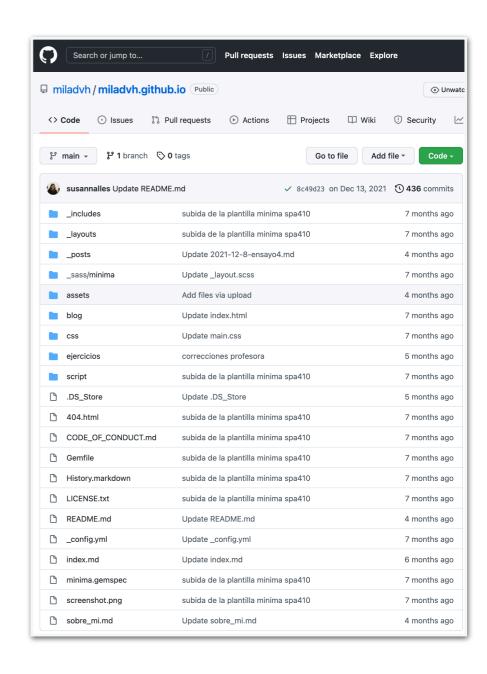
Topics - Fall 2021

- 1. Digital Humanidades / Humanidades digitales
- 2. Data in the Humanities
- 3. Metadata for Research in the Humanities
- 4. Exploring the Past through the Text Encoding Initiative
- 5. Mapping Textual Data
- 6. Exploring the Present: Digital narratives of the COVID-19 in Twitter
- 7. Final portfolio



### 1. Coding / Programming for FL

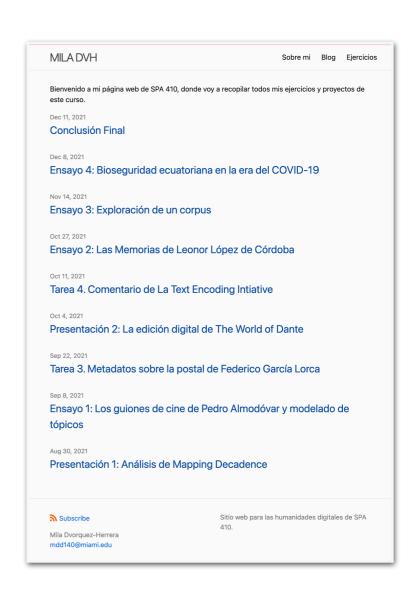
- Basics of internet (hosting, browser, server, ...)
- Creating their own blog/site to document their work in class and to deliver all assignments
- Minimal and accessible technologies: GitHub, GitHub Pages
- Full stack of technologies: markdown, html, css, javascript, yml
- Full control of the technologies they use (popular tools in DH, open source, open source)
- Philosophy Do-It-Yourself, Against the Black-Box.





#### 2. Building a Digital Persona

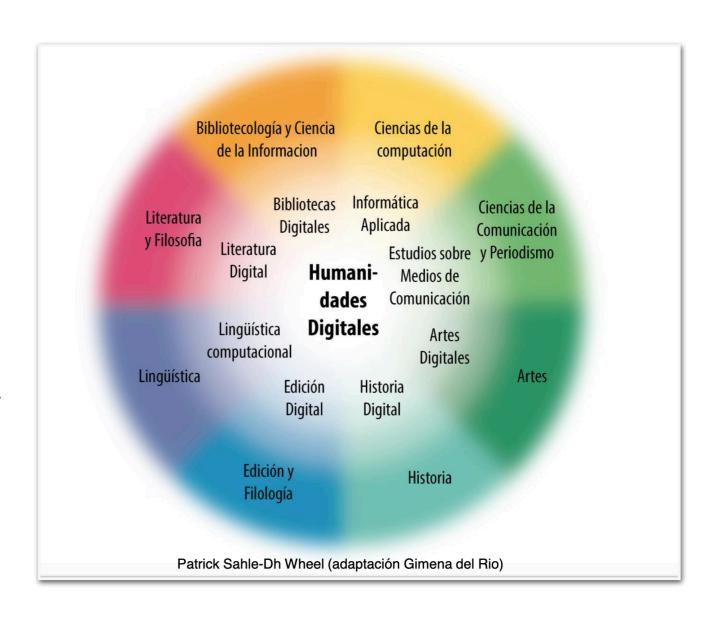
- Write a blog: Public and Open discourse
- Presentation of themselves and awareness of digital identities
- Document their research
- Learn to comment and talk about 'code'
- Way of assessment of their progress
- Possibility of being creative and to keep working on their site after the course





#### 3. Analyzing DH Diversity and Projects

- Diversity in DH projects
- Diversity in Spanish
- Analyzing (template, e.g. <u>Digital</u>
   <u>Project Evaluation Template</u>)
- Understand the role of the digital in humanities projects
- Writing reviews for DH projects or tools
- Showcase: <u>Reviews in DH</u>, <u>Ride</u>
   <u>Reviewing Criteria</u>





#### 4. Understanding Data in the Humanities

- Introduce the concept of digital data in the target language (e.g. classification, ontologies)
- Find texts that are not "technical" and that promote a debate (e.g. Jorge Luís Borges, "El idioma analítico de John Wilkins")
- Concept of metadata: doing research in the library and understanding Searches and Results

La etiqueta de apertura del código refleja nuestra definición del formato de los datos con el lenguaje **XML**. Las etiquetas de metadatos describen el proceso de creación de un término para identificar palabras claves dentro de los archivos digitales de la publicación; en este caso sería la postal:

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<?xml version="1.0"?>
<metadata xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
    (...)
</metadata>
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Al mirar la postal digitalizada decidimos nombrarla de la siguiente manera porque define el autor, el destinatario y la fecha:

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<dc:title>
   Postal de Federico García Lorca a Jose María Chacón (1942)
</dc:title>
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El remitente y autor de la postal es *Lorca* por lo que está justificado llamarlo el creador de la publicación:

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<dc:creator>
   García Lorca, Federico
</dc:creator>
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#### 5. Text Encoding as Close Reading

- Situated practice
- Recover digital textual archives
- Perform textual close reading
- Learn the process of encoding and transforming texts
- Extract textual data to create other digital outputs



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#### Las Memorias de Leonor López de Córdoba

Tarea 6: Ejercicio de codificación colaborativa y transformación de un documento XML-TEI en una simple página web en HTML estática, en el marco del curso SPA410, durante el semestere de Invierno de 2021.

Sobre mi Blog Ejercicios

| Editores: Cindy Ripoll Martínez, Mila Dvorquez, Charlotte Kessinger, | Gabrielle Magnant,

Descripción de la fuente: Para llevar a cabo este ejercicio de codificación hemos utilizado Memorias de una dama del siglo XIV y XV: Doña Leonor López de Córdoba. (Vida de doña Leonor López de Córdoba, escrita por ella misma.) ed. Adolfo de Castro, en «La España Moderna» nº 163, Madrid, Julio 1902, pp. 120-146. Disponible en Internet Archive. https://archive.org/details/n16365laespaamodernal4madruoft/page/n125 /mode/2up

Consulta el mapa con el recorrido de Leonor

#### Vida de Doña Leonor López de Córdoba, escrita por ella misma

1. En el nombre de Dios Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, tres personas y un solo Dios verdadero en Trinidad, al cual sea dada gloria á el Padre y al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, ansí como era en el comienzo, ansí es agora y por el siglo de los siglos. Amén. En el nombre del qual sobredicho Señor y de la Virgen Santa María su Madre y Señora y abogada de los pecadores y á honra y ensalzamiento de todos los ángeles é Santos y Santas de la corte del cielo, Amén. = Por ende, sepan cuantos estas escripturas vieren, como yo Doña Leonor López de Córdoba, fija de mi Señor el Maestre Don Martín López de Córdoba é Doña Sancha Carrillo, á quien dé Dios gloria y paraíso, juro por esta significanza de +, en que yo adoro como todo esto que aquí es escripto es verdad, que lo ví é pasó por mí; y

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### 6. Mapping as Cultural Traveling

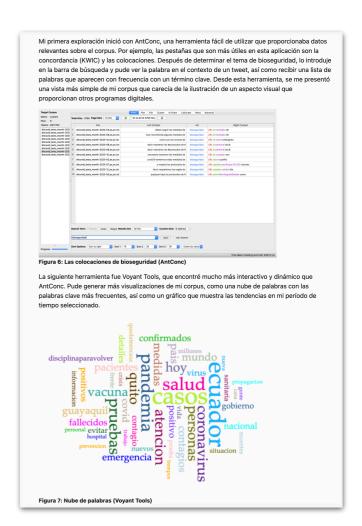
- Geography
- Digital data and geolocation (e.g. process of creating and cleaning a csv)
- Possibilities of textual data

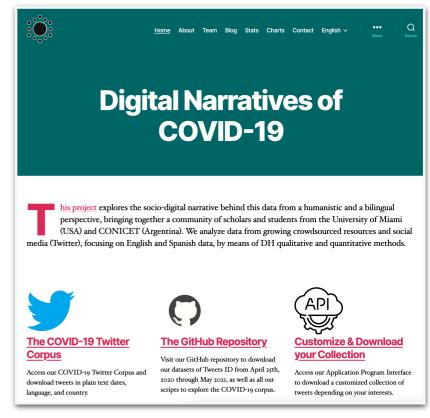




#### 7. Text Mining as a Way of Exploration

- Text mining as cultural distant reading (AntConc, Voyant, etc.)
- Create a corpus of tweets
- Research a region (in time and space)
- Explore digital narrative in social media about the Covid-19

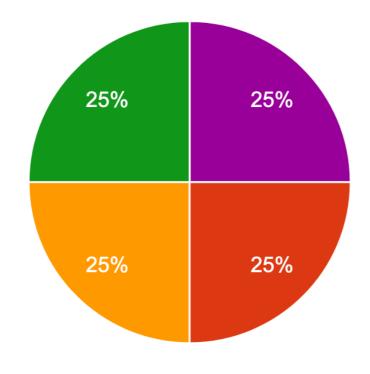






#### ¿Por qué elegiste este curso?

4 responses

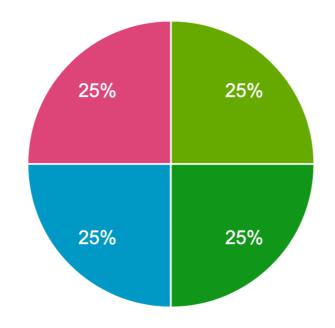


- Porqué me interesaba el tema de las humanidades digitales
- Me pareció interesante la descripción del curso en el Booklet
- La hora del curso se ajustaba a mi horario de clases
- Había ya tomado otro curso con la profesora
- Queria trabajar más con codificación y explorar ese campo más. Sin embarg... necesitaba tomar una clase de nivel 400 para mi major, entonces este clase fue como matar dos pájaros con un tiro."

>> Most of the times their initial interest is not in DH (they know the instructor, they need a course in that level to finish majors/minors, the schedule is right)



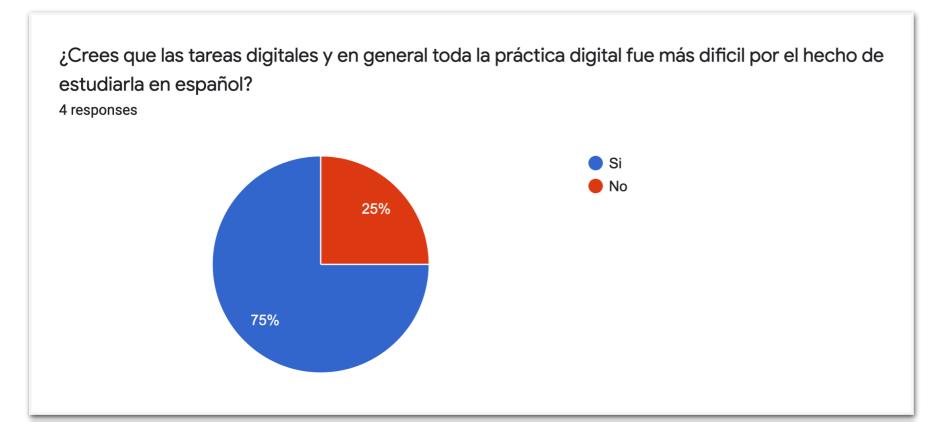
¿Qué parte del curso te pareció más interesante? 4 responses



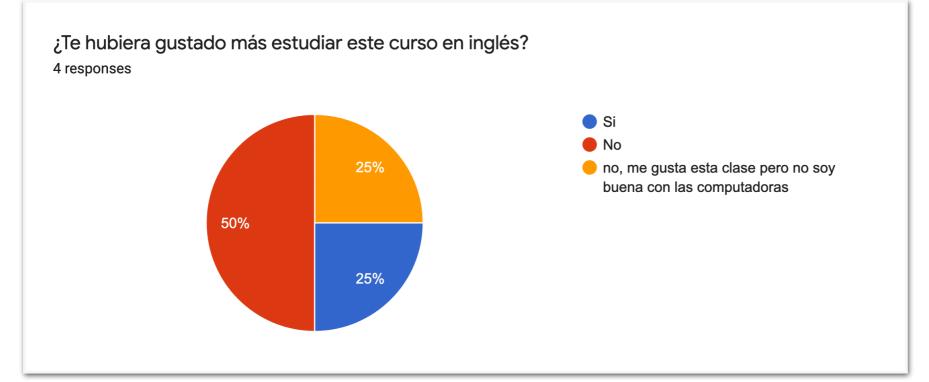
- Introducción general sobre Humanidades digitales (HD)
- Análisis de proyectos en HD
- Las lecturas en general
- Aprendizaje de tecnologías básicas (e.g. HTML, CSS)
- Metadatos
- Codificaciones de textos (e.g. Text En...
- Mapeo (e.g. Google Maps)
- Análisis de textos (e.g. Voyant, Jupyte...

>> At the end, they really liked the "hard-way" of coding



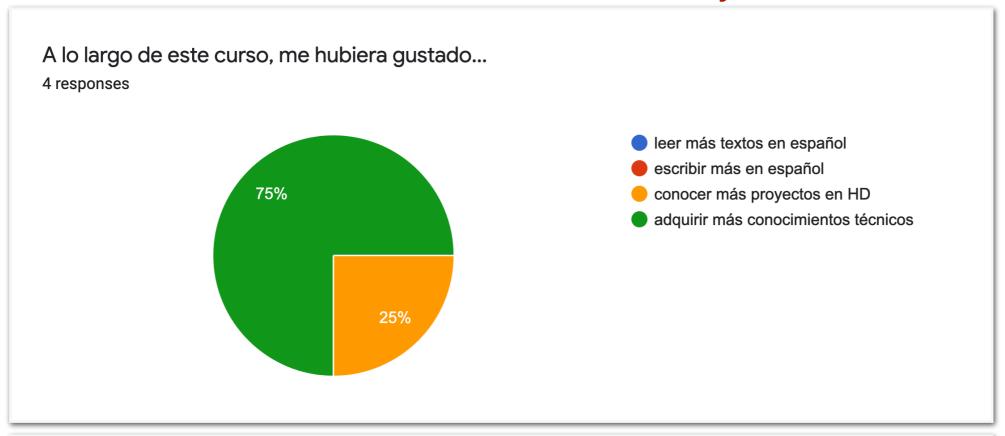


Students are challenged by learning new digital skills in a FL



>> "Would you prefer to study this course in English?"





>> In this course, I would have preferred ··· to gain more digital skills, knowing more about DH projects



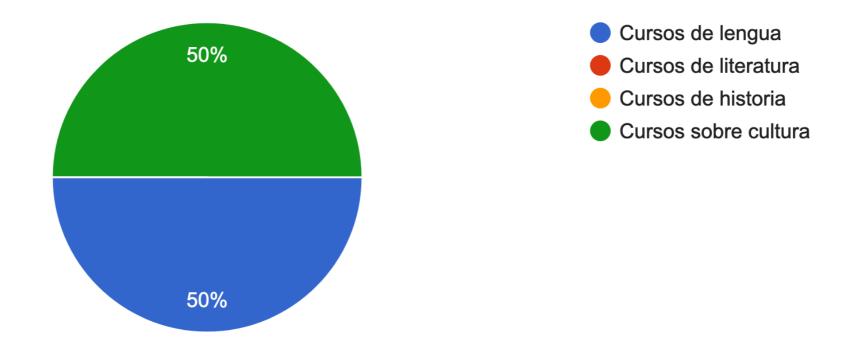
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>> In this course, I would have preferred ··· to learn more about coding, TEI, metadata



De todos los cursos que has tomado de español en la universidad ¿qué tipo de curso de gusta más?

4 responses



>> Student have traditionally been exposed mainly to language and culture courses





#### mini lazarillo



edición mínima del Lazarillo de Tormes

Prólogo

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la obra y su contexto

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https://minilazarillo.github.io/



## Previous Courses: Lorca Descubriendo las Américas (Fall 2017)



https://susannalles.github.io/teaching/SPA322/Web Lorca/

