

## **Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Smith College**

### **Criteria for fulfilling the SPN writing requirement**

A course that fulfills the writing requirement for the major and minor in Spanish will include the following components.

1. The class content includes discussions and activities that specifically address the process of writing. The type of activities and the percentage of the class devoted to them will be indicated in the syllabus.
2. There should be a minimum of ten pages of analytical or creative writing, distributed in at least two assignments, each with a minimum of 3 pages. At least one of the two assignments will include a re-writing.
3. The class also includes a component of shorter written responses to assigned texts, consisting of comments, comparisons, critiques, summaries, etc. The frequency of these written assignments is at the discretion of the instructor, and should be indicated in the syllabus.
4. The class incorporates an element of “self-reflection” on writing, involving self-assessment, identification of one’s own difficulties, and evidence of progress.