



**SPA 159**  
**Food, Culture, and Writing in the  
Early Modern Spanish Atlantic**  
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This class will study the intense cultural transformations of the early modern Hispanic world through iconic foodstuffs such as maize, tomato, and chocolate. We will look at the relations between food and texts, analyzing the construction of cultural discourses about food in the transatlantic network between Spain and the Americas. How did food shape racial differences? What religious meanings were attached to certain foods and how did this influence evangelization? How did Europeans understand and represent radically different foods? Alongside studying early modern sources, we will discuss current issues related to food justice, national cuisines, and sustainability. Taught in Spanish.

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