

Spanish 3225 Special Topics in Hispanic
Culture: Mon/Wed 12:30-1:45
Hyperflex Classroom: 205 King Bldg. and on Zoom!

Humor, Wit & Guile in Latin American Cinema and Popular Culture

From Cervantes to Cantinflas! Humor
and laughter represent forms of



intelligence and
knowledge specific to each culture. Come
laugh with us as we study humor and wit
in Hispanic film and culture. In this class,
we will study comedic genres of film in
Latin America, but also their roots in
Hispanic popular culture from medieval
times to 21st century. Alongside the films
of Cantinflas, we will study comedias

rancheras, Cuban, Argentine and other South American
romantic comedies, as well as their roots in popular and
classical theatre. Mojigangas, bufones, pícaros, picardía,
payasadas (slapstick), comics, innuendo, and Spanish jokes are
all fair game!

