

Spanish 102-TE1
Fall 2009

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Drop Dates: For Fall - Friday, Sept. 11 as the last day for a 100% refund, Friday, Sept. 18 as the last day for a 50% refund of tuition (no fees) and Friday, October 30 as the last day to withdraw with a grade of "W".

This course is for beginning Spanish students. The pre-requisite for this course is Spanish 101, AP Spanish credit, CLEP Spanish credit (CLEP tests given in GRUE 211), or transfer credit which is the equivalent of Spanish 101. If you did not take Spanish 101, please see me to make sure that this is the correct level class for you.

Class time will focus on explanation of grammatical structures and their use in conversational interactions. By the end of the semester, students will have an understanding of basic vocabulary, beginning to intermediate structures and possess very basic conversational abilities. Class will be conducted with mostly small group and pair work.

Students may seek help outside of class with me during my office hours or by appointment. Additionally, a schedule of tutor assistance is posted outside of the Language Lab on the 6th floor of this building.

Our department also works with the Office of Disabilities Services to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities. Please let me know if you have a disability of which I need to be aware.

Horario:

3 de septiembre: Introducción, Repaso

8, 10 de septiembre: Repaso

15 de septiembre: **Examen (Repaso), Web-SAM due**, Capítulo 9

17, 22, 24 de septiembre: Capítulo 9

29 de septiembre: **Examen (Capítulo 9), Web-SAM due, Corrected Writing Assignment due**, Capítulo 10

1, 6, 8 de octubre: Capítulo 10

13 de octubre: **Examen (Capítulo 10), Web-SAM due, Corrected Writing Assignment due**, Capítulo 11

15, 20 de octubre: Capítulo 11

22 de octubre: **Examen (Capítulo 11), Web-SAM due, Corrected Writing Assignment due**, Capítulo 12

27, 29 de octubre, 3 de noviembre: Capítulo 12

5 de noviembre: **Examen (Capítulo 12), Web-SAM due, Corrected Writing Assignment due** Capítulo 13

10, 12 de noviembre: Capítulo 13

17 de noviembre: **Examen (Capítulo 13), Web-SAM due, Corrected Writing Assignment due** Capítulo 14

19, 24 de noviembre: Capítulo 14

1 de diciembre: **Examen (Capítulo 14), Web-SAM due, Corrected Writing Assignment due,** Capítulo 15

3, 8, de diciembre: Capítulo 15 y Repaso

10 de diciembre: **Part of Oral Final, Final Writing Portfolio Due,** Capítulo 15 y Repaso

19 de diciembre - **Examen final, Web-SAM due,** 5:45-7:45 PM

Grading: Exams-60%

Homework (Web-SAM), Presentations, Writing Portfolio- 20%

Final Exam 10%

Participation 10%

The grades will be assigned as follows:

98-100 A+ 78-79 C+

94-97 A 74-77 C

90-93 A- 70-73 C-

88-89 B+ 68-69 D+

84-87 B 64-67 D

80-83 B- 60-63 D-

Exámenes: Exams may not be made up without advance notification. You may, however, drop your lowest exam grade. If you miss an exam, that will be the one that you drop. Each exam will consist of a written and an oral portion. You may not drop the final.

Panorama Supersite- This book has a great website with activities and information that can help you with the course. Each chapter has tutorials, practice assignments and activities, practice quizzes, games, videos and music in addition to what we do in class. In addition to being fun, it will help you practice what you learned in class. The use of the site is optional but recommended.

Web-SAM- The majority of the homework for this class will be assigned in the online workbook that accompanies the text. **This part of the website is not optional** .You should have received a Web-SAM code with your textbook when you purchased it. You will need to activate your code and register online for the class. Be sure that you register for the correct section for this class-TE1. If you did not receive a Web-SAM code (either you purchased a used book, or are sharing a book), you may purchase one directly from the publisher. Go to: www.vhldirect.com using ISBN 978-1-60007-618-3. If either you do not have a computer at home or your computer does not have the capability to do the workbook, you may use the computers in the Language Lab. (GRUE 609).

Writing Portfolio: Approximately once per chapter you will be given an in-class writing assignment. These assignments will be turned in during the same class period, and later returned to you with corrections. You should rewrite the assignment (preferably typed), incorporating any necessary corrections, and have them ready to show your instructor, usually by the date of the next exam. Keep and compile these writing assignments to be turned in as a writing portfolio on the last day of class. Hopefully you will see improvements in the quality of your writing over the course of the semester.

Examen Final: Will be comprehensive but will focus heavily on Chapter 15. A portion of the oral part of the final will be conducted on December 10th and may not be made up. The oral exam is 30% of your final exam grade.

Participation: Role will be taken in class as a starting point for your participation grade. Attached to this syllabus is a further explanation of how the participation points for the class will be given (**Participation Criteria**). Due to cold weather, illness and family conflicts, you will be given 3 “free” absences before your grade will be affected. Please contact me if there are any major catastrophes that affect your attendance.

Attendance Policy for Spanish Classes:

Continuous practice is the only way to improve your speaking skills in a language. If you are not present, you are not improving your speaking skills, and your instructor has no way to evaluate your progress. For this reason, we must insist on regular attendance in all Spanish classes. As you can see from the chart, you have 1-5 “free” absences. The only penalty for these will be to your participation grade. Use them wisely, as it is impossible to know when you will wake up feeling sick or your car won't start. If you have circumstances that will necessitate missing more classes, you must discuss your situation with your instructor, preferably in advance. Absences beyond the “free” ones will result in percentages off your final grade, and if you miss more than 1/3 of the total contact hours for the semester, you automatically fail the class. Note that your grade is lowered by the **hours** missed, not the classes- for example, if you have a class that meets only once a week for three hours and you miss one class (beyond your “free” absence) you lose 3% from your final grade.

Standard Absence Policy for All Spanish Classes:

Number of Allowable Absences and Amount Grade is Lowered for Excessive Absences

| | 3 credit classes | | | 5 credit classes | |
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| total # of contact hours in semester | 42 hrs | | | 70 hrs | |
| # of hrs must be present to pass (2/3 of semester) | 28 hrs | | | 47 hrs | |
| # of hrs absent that results in an F (1/3 of semester) | miss > 14 hrs | | | miss > 23 hrs | |
| How often class meets | 1 day/wk | 2 days/wk | 3 days/wk | 2 days/wk | 4 days/wk |
| # of missed days allowed | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| % that final grade is lowered for each add. absence (-1% for ea. hour missed) | 3% | 1.5% | 1% | 2.5% | 1% or 1.5% |

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA:

Very good: 5 points

- arrives for class on time; stays for entire period
- greets people and takes leave using Spanish expressions
- speaks exclusively in Spanish during whole class and group discussions,
- often initiates interactions by responding to classmates' comments in addition to responding to the instructor's questions
- works on comprehension skills by listening attentively when others speak
- participates in all activities with enthusiasm and a *positive attitude*
- often asks questions when something is not clear
- contributes actively during group activities

Satisfactory: 4 points

- arrives for class nearly on time; stays for entire period
- usually greets and takes leave using Spanish expressions
- speaks Spanish during whole group discussions, and only rarely uses English during small group activities
- during whole group discussion, participation is sometimes limited to answering the instructor's questions
- is usually an active listener when not participating during whole class or group interactions and only rarely does not listen while others talk
- participates in all activities, sometimes enthusiastically
- usually asks for help in Spanish when something is not clear, but not always

Unsatisfactory: 3 points

- arrives late for class period or leaves early
- sometimes uses more English than Spanish during group activities, but always uses Spanish during whole class activities
- during whole group discussion, participation is often limited to answering the instructor's questions
- is usually an active listener when not participating during whole class or group interactions and only rarely does not listen while others talk
- sometimes contributes actively during group activities
- sometimes contributes to getting the task done in group work
- does not bring the necessary books or workbooks to class

Unacceptable: 0 points

- arrives late for class period (30 minutes or more); leaves early (30 minutes or more)
- uses more English than Spanish when speaking with the instructor or class members
- does not listen while others talk
- does not contribute much to getting the task done in *group work*
- contributes to the failure of activities by not completing small group or individual assignments (includes not studying the material that was assigned for the day)
- works on assignments for other classes and/or Spanish HOMEwork
- displays a *negative attitude* or engages in distracting or impolite behavior
- sleeps in class, carries on side conversations or otherwise disrespects the class
- cell phone rings, is answered, or is otherwise distracting during class

PARTICIPATION GRADE

Nombre: _____

Instructor: Sra. Legrismith

| Date | Self-Score | Prof's revision | <p>Please note that you are allowed 3 absences (or 7.5 hrs.), after which your <u>final</u> grade (not participation grade) will be lowered 4% for each additional unexcused absence.</p> <p>Instructor's comments</p> | Absences to date |
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