Spanish 280 – Syllabus
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DESCRIPCIÓN DEL CURSO

In this course you will continue to develop proficiency in the Spanish language in four areas of Communication: oral (speaking), aural (listening), reading, and writing. Also emphasized, will be authentic cultural readings and short movie clips as well as an introduction to basic literary concepts. The textbook we’ll be using is Imagina. The book is an exciting text that combines videos for each chapter based on the theme of the chapter. It’s an exciting textbook. We chose it carefully. Yay.

ESTRUCTURA Y NORMAS DE LA CLASE

This class is conducted entirely in Spanish. Class time is dedicated primarily to speaking and listening, with frequent partner and small group activities, and whole-class discussions, in which you are expected to participate. At the same time, there is greater emphasis on reading and writing than in first-year Spanish, and you can expect to work on these skills both in class and at home.

For the most part, emphasis in the class will be on speaking, listening, reading, and writing, in that order.

Speaking Spanish in class

• Students are expected to use only Spanish during the entire class, except for the last 5 minutes
• Students who speak English will lose 1 pt. per infraction deducted from the 10 point daily attendance/participation grade. Yay!

MATERIALES

Libros requeridos

• Blanco et al., Imagina, 3rd edition, including the Online Student Resources
• Online version of the Imagina Supersite + Websam, current price
• Click here for Supersite+Websam pricing http://vistahigherlearning.com/students/store/spanish-programs/imagina-3rd-edition.html
• Make sure you purchase Supersite+Websam

Otros materiales
• Composition book (if one is not provided for you.)
• **Spanish/English dictionary (Due Wednesday, September 7).**
• Internet, printer access, and email account.

**Recomiendo**

• 501 Spanish verbs
• English Grammar for Students of Spanish (From the OCC Bookstore)

**ATTENDANCE**

• Attendance is very very important
• Attendance is worth 30% of your grade
• Students are allowed 2 free absences
• On the third absence, students lose 3% from their final grade for each additional absence.
• 3 tardies count as one absence
• Students who leave early will count as ½ an absence.
• There are no excused absences. An absence is an absence no matter what the reason.

It is the student’s responsibility to drop the course if need be, and not that of the instructor.

**PREPARATION & PARTICIPATION**

**HOMEWORK**

This course is worth 5 units. Plan to study ten to twenty hours a week outside of class in order to keep up. Homework assignments will be given from the Supersite online workbook and lab manual, plus, HW may be assigned from the textbook and or from separate handouts. Students need to do the Online Workbook and the online Lab-manual, from chapters 1-5. One of these 5 assignments may be dropped.

Students will be assigned homework from the Imagina Supersite. Homework will include:

• Practice
• Websam Workbook and Lab Manual (Primarily)

Click here for instructions on how to register for the Imagina Supersite.

[https://www.vhlcentral.com/section/449352/student_instructions](https://www.vhlcentral.com/section/449352/student_instructions)

• Websam Workbook and Manuals BOTH are due on the following dates (midnight at the latest):

  - Lección 1  Tuesday, September 20
  - Lección 2  Thursday, October 13
  - Lección 3  Tuesday, November 1
  - Lección 4  Tuesday, November 22
  - Lección 5  Wednesday, December 14

• Students should sign on to the Websam as soon as possible to find out due dates
• Students may drop one Workbook/Lab Manual assignment.
UNIT EXAMS

We will be covering Lecciones 1-5. Please note that you may be tested on material presented in class, but not in the book(s); or on material assigned in the book(s), but not covered in class. There will be three exams and no cumulative final exam. The first exam will cover lecciones 1-2. The second exam will cover lecciones 3-4 and the last exam will cover lección 5. One of first two exams may be dropped. The last exam may not be dropped. Everyone must take the last exam.

A study guide will be provided for each exam shortly before that exam, in most cases one week before the exam. Exams will be curved using the highest score of a non Spanish-speaker. Yay. You’re welcome!

FECHAS PARA LOS EXAMENES

We will have exams on the following dates. If you miss an exam, you may drop that exam. Remember, you may drop only one exam.

Vocab Exam, Wednesday, Sept. 7
Exam I, Lecciones 1-2, Wednesday, Oct. 12
Exam II, Lecciones 3-4, Monday, Nov. 21
Oral exam (extra credit) Monday, December 12
Exam III, Lección 5, Wednesday, Dec. 14

Click here for the list of vocabs words (133) for the vocab exam on Thursday, February 6.
http://occonline.oce.cccd.edu/online/jbrown/133%20%20verbos%20mas%20importantes.pdf

Horario
We’ll be working on the following Lecciones during the following times. Dates may be changed as need be.

Monday, August 29 Introduction to the course+syllabus
Wednesday, August 31 – Wednesday, Sept. 21 Lección 1
Wednesday, September 21 – Monday, October 10 Lección 2
Monday, October 10 - Monday, Oct. 31 Lección 3
Monday, October 31 – Wednesday, Nov. 16 Lección 4
Monday, November 21 – Wednesday, Dec. 7 Lección 5

LA CALIFICACIÓN
The final grade that you earn will be based on the following criteria:

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Total 100%

*One exam (ch. 1-4) will be dropped
**One Supersite/Websam will be dropped
Extra credit oral exam. As a rule, I don’t like to offer extra credit. But, every three years we have what’s called “assessment.” That is, the state of CA would like to know how much you’ve learned. Instead of scaring you with an actual oral exam, I’m offering 1% of extra credit added to your final grade. The extra credit oral exam will be given on the second to last day of class and is a required class assignment. If you miss that day, you will receive an absence. Good luck! Have fun. You’re welcome!!

Cell phones and Laptop computers

Cell phones are to be set to “Silent” or powered off during class. Do not have your cell phones out at all during class. Students who are caught texting or reading texts during class will lose 2.5 points, per infraction, deducted from their daily attendance/participation grade.

I won’t tell you nor will I interrupt class to remind you. I’ll just put a big fat T next to your name and take off 2.5 points. Ouch!

Also, please do not have computers out during class. Once again, the laptop out on my desk pretending I’m taking notes epidemic has gotten way out of hand. Please do not take your laptop out during class.

Sleeping In class

Students who sleep in class will lose 1/2 of one absence. If a student sleeps twice, for example before and after the break, he or she will receive a full absence for the day.

Just a reminder
Beginning with your third absence, a penalty of 10 pts out of a total 100 points or -3% of your final grade will be deducted per absence regardless of the reason for the absence.
3 tardies = 1 absence!
Leaving early = ½ an absence

Spanish 280 learning outcomes:

The student will be able to:
1. Recognize and produce the Spanish language at the intermediate level in the four primary areas of communication: listening, speaking, reading and writing.
2. Demonstrate a better understanding and appreciation of the cultures related to the Spanish language by comparing and contrasting them with the students’ own culture(s).
3. Use current technologies to further develop their language and cultural competencies.

Some items may be changed or revised as need be. Don’t worry, be happy!