

Spanish 101 • Introductory Spanish I • Fall 2009

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Prerequisite: Permission of instructor (one unit of high school Spanish or no previous study of Spanish).

Course Description: The course objective is to attain basic reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills through intensive listening and speaking practice. Learning strategies include daily vocabulary and grammar exercises, conversation, quizzes, discussion of topics related to Spanish and Latin American culture and written assignments. We will cover chapters P – 4. The course is conducted in Spanish and demands the active participation of each student on a daily basis.

Course Objectives: The instructional goal of this class is to develop communication skills in Spanish with an emphasis on listening and speaking, but you will develop your reading and writing skills as well. You will practice these four skills by learning about different cultures, making cognitive and social connections during in-class group work, and by completing written assignments.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- SL 1. Demonstrate basic proficiency in speaking and listening in interactions such as simple conversations in a language in addition to English.
 - SL 2. Comprehend text and demonstrate basic proficiency in writing in a language in addition to English.
 - SL 3. Demonstrate knowledge of the historical, political, and social realities of the countries and cultures that speak (or spoke) the language being studied.
- SL 4. Demonstrate the ability to examine other societies in a comparative context and to understand one's own society in the context of other societies, particularly those societies that speak the language being studied.

Required Textbook and Materials:

- [Mosaicos](#) textbook, 5th Edition, Castells et al. (including [My Spanish Lab](#) code)
- Spanish/English Dictionary
- UNCW email account

Grade Distribution:

Tests (4):	40%	Oral Test:	5%
Homework:	20%	Composition:	10%
Cultural Events:	5%	Final Exam:	20%

Grading Scale:

93-100	A	83-86	B	73-76	C	63-66	D
90-92	A-	80-82	B-	70-72	C-	60-62	D-
87-89	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+	0-59	F

Academic Honor Code: Students in this course are expected to abide by the Academic Honor Code. Please read the Student Handbook and Code of Student Life for more information:
<http://uncw.edu/stuaff/doso/documents/CodeOfStudentLife.pdf>

Safety on Campus: UNCW practices a zero-tolerance policy for violence and harassment of any kind. For emergencies contact UNCW CARE at 962-2273, Campus Police at 962-2222, or Wilmington Police at 911. For University or community resources visit <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/care/>.

Seahawk Respect Compact: In the pursuit of excellence, UNC Wilmington actively fosters, encourages, and promotes inclusiveness, mutual respect, acceptance, and open-mindedness among students, faculty, staff, and the broader community. Please read the complete Seahawk Respect Compact here:
<http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/pdc/documents/SeahawkRespectCompact.pdf>

Make-up Policy: All projects and assignments are due during class on the scheduled date. Homework cannot be made up. It must be submitted on time. Tests can only be made up with proper documentation (i.e. doctor's note) submitted within 24 of the exam, and must be made up within one week of the date in which it was to be done in class. There is no make-up for the final exam.

Common Attendance Policy:

- a) All students enrolled in Spanish language courses at UNCW (SPN 101, 102, 120, 201, 202) are allotted **three** absences for classes that meet MWF.
- b) For each absence in excess of the limit stated in **a)** above, **five** points will be deducted from the final grade.
- c) Any student who misses **eight** or more classes will automatically fail the course.

Students participating in university-sponsored events (athletics, conferences, etc.) will be excused as long as they provide documentation of their absence **before** the event (i.e. schedule of games presented at the beginning of the semester). There is no way to 'make up' an absence, so please keep track of your absences throughout the semester. If a student arrives to class after attendance has been taken, he/she will be counted absent for that day, so please arrive on time. Any student who leaves the classroom during class, is distracted with outside class material or falls asleep in class, will be counted absent without warning.

Disability Services: If you have a disability and need reasonable accommodations in this course, you should inform the professor of this fact in writing within the first week of class. If you have not done so already, you must register with the UNCW Office of Disability Services. UNCW Disability Services supplies information about disability law, documentation procedures and accommodations. This information can be found at <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/disability/>.

Useful Services at UNCW:

1. *Spanish Conversation Center* – free conversation practice; 124 Leutze Hall
2. *Foreign Language Resource Center* – bring your own headphones and student ID;
<http://www.uncw.edu/fl/about-resource.html> (253 Leutze Hall)
3. *University Learning Services* – free tutoring; 962-3549; tlc@uncw.edu;
<http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/uls/> (1056 Westside Hall)
4. *Spanish Language Program* – review activities for SPN 101 – 202; syllabi; activities;
<http://www.uncw.edu/fl/slp/>

My Spanish Lab Instructions:

1. Go to My Spanish Lab website (<http://www.myspanishlab.com/first-time-students.html>)
2. Follow the instructions to enter your access code or to buy access

3. For help, visit <http://www.myspanishlab.com/help.html>
4. The section IDs are: SPN101-001 (CRSCD87-417118); SPN101-002 (CRSCD62-417119)

Blackboard:

Assignments, and handouts from this class will be available online on Blackboard. It is your responsibility to print and bring to class any handouts that you may want to use. As a general rule, no handouts will be distributed in class. To get to the Blackboard site for this course, follow these steps:

1. Login to Blackboard (<http://ncvista.blackboard.com>)
2. Use your UNCW email username in all CAPS (without @uncw.edu)
3. Use your SeaNet PIN as the password

Classroom Policies:

- Students in this course are expected to conduct themselves as independent, professional, courteous adults. Disruptive behavior and disrespect toward fellow students or the instructor will not be tolerated. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to, sleeping, working on anything other than the present class material, monopolizing class time or instructor's attention, reading the newspaper, eating or drinking, checking messages on your cell phone, and any conversations that is not in Spanish. Students engaged in disruptive behavior will be counted absent and will be reported to the Dean of Students for appropriate action.
- No cell phones, pagers, mp3, laptops or any other electronic devices are allowed in the classroom for any reason unless explicitly noted for a specific exercise. Any appearance of or noise from one of these devices will result in your being counted absent and receiving a zero for all of the day's material, no discussion. Any object that presents a nuisance will be confiscated.
- No food or drink in the classroom.
- Check WebCT daily.
- Bring textbook to class daily.

Communication with instructor: Please keep in mind that due to the number of students, it is unrealistic to expect immediate response to phone calls and e-mails. Messages will be returned within 48 hours during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. No phone calls will be returned to our of town area codes.

Tests: You will have four tests (one for every chapter). The final chapter will be tested as part of the final exam. They will have listening, reading, and writing portions, with a focus on grammar and usage.

Homework: All homework is assigned on the [My Spanish Lab](#) website. Please complete the homework by the deadline listed on the [My Spanish Lab](#) website.

Oral Test: You will have one speaking test. It will consist of a five minute conversation in Spanish with the instructor at the end of the semester. The grading rubric for the speaking test is available on this site: <http://www.uncw.edu/fll/slp/Policies.html>. Check class calendar for date and time.

Compositions: You will write two compositions in Spanish. These should each be 1 page typed, double-spaced, in 12-pt font. The topics are: 1) **La familia (a description of your family)** and 2) **El tiempo libre (what you do in your free time)**. You cannot receive any help or assistance when writing your composition, other than your textbook and a dictionary. Do not seek help from any person. Do not use translators (online or handheld). Do not plagiarize someone else's work.

Cultural Events: You are required to attend or participate in one cultural event during the semester. This event can be university-sponsored (such as a concert by a Latino artist or a film in Spanish), but does not have to be. There will be a list of possible events distributed to you via email and/or on Blackboard. After

participating in or attending an event, please complete the cultural events response form (in Spanish) and submit it to your instructor by the assigned due date.

Final Exam: The final exam will be cumulative and will have listening, reading, and writing portions. All final exams must be taken during the university-designated time. Final Exam Schedule:
<http://www.uncw.edu/reg/exams-fall09.htm>

COURSE CONTRACT

You must sign and turn in this page no later than class time on Friday, August 24. Students who do not turn in the contract by the deadline will lose access to the Blackboard course page until the contract is turned in and not be allowed to make up any work missed during this period.

I have read and I understand all policies stated in this syllabus. I understand that these policies apply to me without exception, regardless of my situation, and I agree to abide by them. I also understand that it is my responsibility to be aware of these policies, and I will accept any consequences that result if I do not follow them.

Initial each of the following:

_____ I know what materials are required for this class.

_____ I have read and understand the attendance policy.

_____ I have read and understand the make-up policy.

_____ I have read and understand the etiquette policies.

_____ I have read and agree to abide by the Academic Honor Code.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to learn how the homework websites for this course work, and that if I need assistance I must contact the appropriate site's help desk.

Sign and date below.

Student signature

Date
