

Spanish 120-011 • Fundamentals of Spanish • Fall 2009

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Prerequisite: Two units of high school Spanish and appropriate placement exam score.

Course Description: The course objective is to attain basic reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills through intensive listening and speaking practice. The course will follow an accelerated pace since it is intended for students with two units of high school Spanish or an appropriate departmental placement exam score. Learning strategies include daily vocabulary and grammar exercises, conversation, quizzes, discussion of topics related to Spanish and Spanish-American culture and written assignments. We will cover chapters 1 – 8. 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.
- [My Spanish Lab](#) access code (Section ID is **CRSCD6G-417133**)
- Spanish/English Dictionary
- UNCW email account
- headphones

Grade Distribution:

Tests (4):	40%	Oral Tests (2):	10%
Homework:	15%	Compositions (2):	10%
Cultural Event:	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: Homework cannot be made up. It must be submitted on time. Tests, compositions, and oral tests can only be made up with proper documentation (i.e. doctor's note), 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, **two** absences for classes that meet TR or MW, and **one** absence for classes that meet MTWR or MTWRF (summer session).
- 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 in a MWF class, **seven** or more classes in a MW or TR class, **five** or more classes in a MTWRF class (summer), or **four** or more classes in a MTWR class (summer) 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.

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/>)
2. Follow the instructions to enter your access code or to buy access (Section ID is **CRSCD6G-417133**)
3. For help, visit <http://www.myspanishlab.com/help.html>

Classroom Policies:

- Turn off all cell phones before class begins.
- Bring textbook to class daily.
- Come to class prepared and eager to learn and speak Spanish! ☺

Blackboard:

Grades, 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 (without @uncw.edu)
3. Use your SeaNet PIN as the password

Tests: You will have four tests (one for every 2 chapters). 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](http://www.myspanishlab.com/) website (<http://www.myspanishlab.com/>). Complete the homework by midnight on the due date listed on the [My Spanish Lab](http://www.myspanishlab.com/) website. The section ID for this course is **CRSCD6G-417133**.

Oral Tests: You will have two speaking tests. Each will consist of a five minute conversation in Spanish with the instructor at the times listed on the calendar. The grading rubric for the speaking test is available on this site: <http://www.uncw.edu/fll/slp/Policies.html>. Your instructor will contact you to schedule your speaking test. It will take place outside of class time in the instructor's office (Morton 256).

Compositions: You will write two compositions in Spanish during class. You will be given three topics to prepare for each composition. We will randomly select the topic to be used on the day of the composition. You will not be allowed to use anything to write your composition in class.

Cultural Event: You are required to attend or participate in one cultural event during the semester. The 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 posted 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. The form is on Blackboard.

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>

Calendar (subject to change)

Semana	Fecha	Lección	Para entregar
1	8/20	Introducción	
2	8/25	Lección 1	Add/Drop Deadline (8/26)
	8/27	Lección 1	
3	9/1	Lección 1 / Lección 2	
	9/3	La clase fue cancelada.	
4	9/8	Lección 2	
	9/10	Lección 2	
5	9/15	Examen #1 / Lección 3	
	9/17	Lección 3	
6	9/22	Lección 3	
	9/24	Lección 4	
7	9/29	Lección 4	Examen oral
	10/1	Examen #2	Examen oral
8	10/6	No hay clase	
	10/8	Composición #1 / Lección 5	Withdraw Deadline
9	10/13	Lección 5	
	10/15	Lección 5	
10	10/20	Lección 5 / Lección 6	
	10/22	Lección 6	
11	10/27	Lección 6	
	10/29	Examen #3 / Lección 7	
12	11/3	Lección 7	
	11/5	Lección 7	
13	11/10	Lección 7 / Lección 8	
	11/12	Lección 8	
14	11/17	Lección 8	Examen oral
	11/19	Examen #4 / Repaso	Examen oral
15	11/24	Composición #2 / Repaso	Evento cultural
	11/26	No hay clase	
16	12/1	Repaso final	
17	12/10	Examen final (8am / LH 138)	