

**Spanish 120/016 (CRN 13404) • Fundamentals of Spanish • Fall 2009**  
**LH 136: T-TR 11-12:15 pm**

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**Prerequisite:** Two years 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.

**Required Textbook and Materials:**

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

**My Spanish Lab Section IDs (Fall 2009)**

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**Grade Distribution:**

Tests (4):	45%	Oral Test:	5%
Homework:	15%	Compositions (2):	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:** Homework cannot be made up. It must be submitted on time. Tests, compositions, and the oral test can only be made up with proper official documentation that can be verifiable (your instructor has the right to verify the authenticity of anything presented), 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** free 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](mailto: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>

#### **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 in all CAPS (without @uncw.edu)
3. Use your SeaNet PIN as the password

### **Classroom Policies:**

**All policies outlined in this syllabus apply to all students, regardless of each student's situation. This means all policies apply to you, whether you are an athlete, a non-traditional student, a musician, a member of a university-related organization, etc. There will be NO exceptions for anyone. You are responsible for knowing these 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 conversation 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.

- **Cell phones, pagers, mp3 players, laptops and other electronic devices are not permitted in the classroom for any reason.** 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.
- **All students are to sign the Course Contract no later than August 27.**
- It is disrespectful, disruptive and counterproductive to arrive late to class, leave early, or leave the room during class, especially during group/pair activities. Take care of non class-related business before or after class.
- Bring textbook to class daily.
- Food, beverages and tobacco products are prohibited in UNCW classrooms.

**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](#) 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/fil/slp/Policies.html>. Your instructor will contact you to schedule your speaking test.

**Compositions:** You will write two compositions in Spanish. These should each be 1.5 pages typed, double-spaced, in 12-pt font. The topics will be announced in advance. 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 two cultural events during the semester. These events can be university-sponsored (such as a concert by a Latino artist or a film in Spanish), but do 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>

**Calendar** (subject to change)

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>Assignment Due</b>
1	8/20	Introducción		
2	8/25	Lección 1		<b>Add/Drop Deadline (8/26)</b>
	8/27	Lección 1		
3	9/1	Lección 1 / Lección 2		
	9/3	Lección 2		
4	9/8	Lección 2		
	9/10	<b>Examen #1</b>		
5	9/15	Lección 3		
	9/17	Lección 3		
6	9/22	Lección 3 / Lección 4		<b>Composition #1 Due</b>
	9/24	Lección 4		
7	9/29	Lección 4		
	10/1	<b>Examen #2</b>		
8	10/6	No Class: Fall Break		
	10/8	Lección 5		<b>Withdraw Deadline</b>
9	10/13	Lección 5		
	10/15	Lección 5 / Lección 6		<b>Cultural Event #1 Due</b>
11	10/20	Lección 6		
	10/22	Lección 6		
12	10/27	<b>Examen #3</b>		
	10/29	Lección 7		
13	11/3	Lección 7		<b>Composition #2 Due</b>
	11/5	Lección 7 / Lección 8		
14	11/10	Lección 8		
	11/12	Lección 8		
15	11/17	<b>Examen #4</b>		
	11/19	<b>Oral Tests</b>		
16	11/24	<b>Oral Tests</b>		<b>Cultural Event #2 Due</b>
	11/26	No Class: Thanksgiving		
17	12/1	Final Review		