

University of North Carolina Wilmington
Introductory Spanish –I
Spring 2009

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Course: SPN 101-6
Time: 10:00-10:50 AM
Location: Leutze Hall 103
Office Hours: 11:00-12:00 or by
appointment

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. 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, 4th Edition, Castells et al. (including electronic workbook code)
Spanish/English Dictionary
UNCW email account
Access to BlackBoard site <http://ncvista.blackboard.com> and Quia site <http://quia.books.com>

Classroom Policies:

Electronic gadgets: Turn off cell phones and any other electronic gadget, which hinders your and your classmates learning.

Textbook: Bring textbook to class daily. If you are without your textbook you will be asked to leave the classroom and receive no participation points for the day.

Participation and Preparation: You are required to come prepared to class, which includes read assigned pages in the textbook, find cultural information, participate in class activities (individual and group). Quizzes may be given to test preparation.

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 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** free absences for classes that meet MWF and **two** free absences for classes that meet TR or MW.
- 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 more than **eight** 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.

Grade Distribution:

Participation and Preparation: 10% (Please see under class policy)

Homework: 10% All homework is assigned on the Quia website. Please complete the homework by the deadline listed on the Quia website. Be sure to do both the workbook and lab manual portions. Access to Quia website is available on the BlackBoard site under the document "[101_6_Syllabus_Misallaneous_SP09](#)"

Tests (4): 40% You will have four tests (one for every chapter). They will have listening, reading, and writing portions, with a focus on grammar and usage. The last chapter will be tested as part of the final exam.

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Oral Test: 5% You will have one speaking test. It will consist of a five minute conversation in Spanish with the instructor near the end of the semester. The oral test will be conducted during class time. Your instructor will assign you a date and time to take the oral test.

Compositions (2): 10% You will write two in-class compositions in Spanish. The topics are: 1) La vida universitaria and 2) Los pasatiempos (what you do in your free time).

Cultural Events (2): 10% 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: 15% 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.

Grading Scale:

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

<http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/doso/code/index.html>

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 962-3184, or Wilmington Police at 911. For University or community resources visit <http://uncw.edu/wrc/crisis.htm>.

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:

Spanish Conversation Center – free conversation practice; 124 Leutze Hall

Foreign Language Resource Center – bring your own headphones and student ID;

<http://www.uncw.edu/fl/about-resource.html> (253 Leutze Hall)

University Learning Services – free tutoring; 962-3549; tlc@uncw.edu; <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/uls/> (1056 Westside Hall)

Spanish Language Program – review activities for SPN 101 – 202; syllabi; activities;

<http://www.uncw.edu/fl/slp/>

Important Dates: (Detailed Calendar available on BlackBoard site)

1/14: Add and Drop deadline

1/21: Exam # 1

2/13: Exam # 2 and Composition #1

2/23: Withdraw deadline

3/2: Exam # 3

3/6: Cultural Event #1

3/27: Exam # 4 and Composition # 2

4/15,17,20: Oral Exam

4/20: Cultural Event # 2

5/4: Final Exam