

University of North Carolina Wilmington

Intermediate Spanish Reading

Course Information

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Course: SPN 203- 04/05
Time: TR 11-12:15/ 2-3:15
Location: Morton 101/ Leutze 104

Course Prerequisites: SPN 202 or equivalent

Course Description: Reading of fiction and non-fiction, along with learning strategies to enhance faster and efficient reading and comprehension skills in Spanish.

Course Objectives: The main objective is to achieve a higher reading skill, and learn how to integrate it with other skills of speaking and writing. The student will be able to apply effective reading techniques and strategies, increase vocabulary, and improve reading along with oral communication skills.

Course Materials**Required**

1. **Textbook:** Frantzen, Diana. Lazos: Gramática y vocabulario a través de la literatura. Pearson/Prentice Hall. 1st edition.

2. **Access to UNCW Black Board site:** <http://ncvista.blackboard.com>

3. **UNCW email account**

Recommended: A good Spanish-English-Spanish dictionary

Class Policies

Language: Spanish will be the language of communication at all times, in-class, preparation, and exams Use of any other language will affect your grade. (See below for Participation grading system).

Class behavior: No food is allowed in class. Use of cell phones, computers, etc is strictly prohibited in class. Any student found using these gadgets will leave the classroom and be penalized with 0 participation points for the day. Group activities are to be taken seriously and respect for group/class members is required for this class. Engaging with any material outside course work will be confiscated. Failure to follow the above policies will be penalized by lowering the FINAL grade.

Attendance: Attendance is compulsory, however for emergency, like sickness, family emergency, school organized event a student may be absent up to two (2) classes with no questions asked. **Each absence after the second will reduce the final grade by 5% point and also earn 0 participation points for the missed class.** Tardiness will not be tolerated and being late to class will affect the participation grade. There are no other excused absences.

Deadlines: No late work will be accepted. If the student is aware of an upcoming absence, he/she will be responsible to turn in work earlier, for on-time evaluations and a complete grade.

Written Assignments: HARD COPY ONLY. No electronic assignment will be accepted. All assignments must be identified with student's name, class, section, assignment reference etc. In case of not following this policy, assignment will be graded with a 0.

Make-up Exam: There is NO make-up for missed assignments or exams (unless the absence is validated by documentation and the instructor's consent).

Preparation and Home Work: Pre-class and Post-class assignments are essential for successfully accomplishing the objective of this course. Failure to do work assigned will affect the final grade.

Electronic resources: Detailed calendar and other material will be made available through email or BlackBoard. Students must check their UNCW email at least once a day. Print any handouts sent and SAVE ALL EMAILS for future reference.

Academic Honor Code: THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT All work must be the student's own work. Plagiarizing, on-line translators, help from tutors, native speakers, classmates etc or any other source other than permitted, used is prohibited. Please read the following document for the details about UNCW's honor code <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/doso/documents/Code.Of.Student.Life.pdf>

Disability Services: Students with disabilities will be accommodated with prior notification to the instructor. Please contact UNCW's Disability services <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/disability/> for further information.

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://uncw.edu/wrc/crisis.htm>.

Other resources: University Learning Services information (<http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/uls/>)

Evaluation

Grading Scale:

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

Class Participation and Preparation: 20%

Student will be graded on a 3-point scale for each class. Each component needs to be met with satisfaction for a score of 3.

3: On time, prepared with notes and homework, completion of all instructions and active participation, and use of target language (Spanish) at all times.

2: Late to class, some notes and partial homework, low participation in class activities, or little use of the target language.

1: Late to class, no notes or homework, very little participation in class activities or hardly any use of the target language.

0-Absent, sleeping, use of cell phone or other gadgets or material not pertinent to class, no participation or no use of the target language.

Quiz: 20%- Each class may begin with a short vocabulary quiz, based on previous lesson.

Self-Assessment: 10%- Bi-weekly self-assessment of one's reading skills. An electronic copy of the form will be provided. Please fill electronically and print a hard copy for evaluation. Please file all returned assessments for final review.

Cultural Event: 10%- Participation in any 3 cultural events as participant or in any 2 as a volunteer. A list of possible events will be provided. One page typed report of the event is due within 2 days of the events. **Please refer to deadlines.**

Exams: 40% - One mid-term and one final exam. Exams will include activities to evaluate reading skills, vocabulary, application and identification of reading strategies.

Calendar (Detailed Calendar will be provided via BlackBoard site)

Week 2 August 26th, Wednesday: Last day to add and drop

Week 5 September 17th, Thursday: CULTURAL EVENT # 1 DUE

Week 7 October 1st, Thursday: MID TERM EXAM

Week 8 October 6th, Tuesday: NO CLASS

October 8th, Thursday: Last day to withdraw with W

Week 10 October 22nd, Thursday: CULTURAL EVENT# 2 DUE

Week 14 November 19th, Thursday: CULTURAL EVENT # 3 DUE

Week 15 November 24th, Tuesday: LAST DAY OF CLASS

FINAL EXAM

TR 11-12:15

December 8th, Tuesday

11:30-2:30

TR 2-3:15

December 10th, Thursday

3:00-6:00