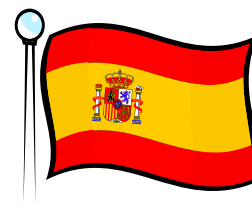


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Spanish 206 : Spanish in the Media
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¡ Bienvenidos a la clase de español y de los medios de comunicación!
¡ VIVA ESPAÑA !

Description:

Prerequisites and / or co -requisites: SPN 202 (Intermediate Spanish II)

Spanish 206 is perhaps the most exciting course you will take in Spanish. Not only your Spanish is better than you think it is at this point so you are ready to carry interesting conversations about culture, local politics and other diverse topics. We will emphasize on developing your auditory comprehension skills through intensive exposure to authentic native speech through movies, local newscasts, and other media materials. We will also improve your reading skills by reading daily local Spanish newspapers and magazines. Finally, your speaking abilities will improve tremendously since you will be emerged in the language by living with a local Spanish family.

Materials:

- ⌚ 501 Spanish Verbs by Christopher & Theodore Kendris (opcional)
- ⌚ Medium size Spanish Dictionary (Larousse is highly recommended)
- ⌚ Color pen (to underline important points and make corrections, use your favorite color)
- ⌚ Notebook

Objectives:

- ⌚ Continue to build vocabulary.
- ⌚ Continue to develop and polish the 4 basic skills you have acquired in previous courses: Listening, speaking, writing and reading. However, listening and speaking will be highly emphasized.
- ⌚ Continue to perfection your pronunciation of the Spanish language.
- ⌚ Learn about in great detail about the Spanish culture by living with a host family, by reading and watching local news, movies by local Spanish producers. This course will provide a magnificent way to emerge and understand Spanish culture and way of living like nothing you could read in a textbook. This class will be a living laboratory and you may find yourself dreaming in Spanish which is a fantastic sign.

Specifics about the course:

About the movies: Spanish 206 is designed to increase your comprehension of native spoken Spanish. Each day in class you will view authentic media in Spanish such as movies, news and local broadcasts. You will be provided essential vocabulary lists and cultural notes along with a short grammar review lesson in order to help you grasp difficult grammatical structures.

It is important that you are aware that some of the material we watch contains adult scenes, sexual content, nudity and a lot of times strong language. The videos will not be edited to exclude such content. This will be considered part of your learning experience.

Please do not worry if you do not understand everything at first. Your study of the vocabulary, dedication, close attention and mainly, participation in class discussions will help you to improve your understanding significantly.

You should study the vocabulary list provided to you in advanced prior to watching a movie in order to be able to improve your chances of understanding the material presented in class. We will discuss a movie in detail the next day after watching it so you will have enough time to polish your thoughts and elaborate on your comments using proper grammar. You will write a thoughtful comment about what you saw, based on your original thoughts and sometimes also based on questions raised by your instructor. You will also will be required to read a classmates' comments and reply to his or her ideas.

About other videos & Broadcasts: Every night during the week you are required to watch the local news on national television. I highly encourage you to discuss them with your family in a respectful manner in order to practice Spanish. Also, you will ask your family what is their favorite national movie. Try to set up a time to watch it with the family and write a composition about this movie. You will be required to talk to the class about the movie and your impressions about it.

About the newspaper and magazines: Read a newspaper or magazine 3 times a week. Share the information you read with the class.

Grade:

Spanish 206 is a pass or fail course. Your grade will be determined by your active participation in the discussions, skits and activities related to each movie. Every student will be responsible for the following:

1. Write a 400-500 word composition about your favorite movie, defending a well documented and supported argument.
2. Write a group skit recreating a scene from one of the movies watched in class, using as much vocabulary and grammatical concepts learned in class.
3. Find information about the director and actors for each movie and present it to the class.
4. Read a local newspaper and magazine twice a week and present the information to the class. When reading try to follow the developments of a particular story as much as possible.

Course Policies:

- ⌚ Students are expected to conduct themselves as independent, professional, courteous and especially responsible at all times. Disruptive behavior towards your host family, fellow classmates or instructor will not be tolerated.
- ⌚ Please arrive to class in time each day and stay the entire time.
- ⌚ Come to class prepared to participate actively.
- ⌚ You are expected to fully engage in class activities
- ⌚ Be prepared to be corrected and feel fine. It is my responsibility to provide you with plenty of opportunities to practice in class and to give you feedback. It is natural to make mistakes when learning a language so do not feel discouraged if you make mistakes. There will be times in class when we will laugh together at mistakes. Learn from your mistakes and laugh at them so you will never make them again. Have a positive attitude and do not take personal offense. I am not expecting perfection but I will encourage you to give your very best. There will also be times when you will have to correct your fellow classmates be sure to do so in a respectful manner.
- ⌚ Finally, bring a smile and a positive attitude!! Believe me, it truly makes a difference.

Access to the instructor: It is very important to me that you know that you can count on me to give you my very best each and every class. I will be available to help you during class and office hours and in case of any emergency do not hesitate to talk to me. Feel free to talk to me if need to and DO NOT wait until the last moment to discuss an issue. I do encourage you to see me during office hours preferably to discuss any private matters.

Honor code: Students in this course are expected to abide by the stipulations of the University Academic Honor Code. Please read the Student Handbook and Code of Student Life (p.5-7) or <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/doso/code/index.html> and govern yourself accordingly. Cheating will not be tolerated and may carry severe and undesirable consequences. Always make sure that the work you turn in is your own even if it has mistakes. Only use the dictionary and textbook to correct yourself. You should be able to do your assignments with the material studied in class. When working with someone, you may help each other but never submit the same work. Understand your assignments and the answers provided. You should always be ready to answer questions about any assignments.

Workload & important information: Language learning is a **LOT OF FUN**. However, it demands commitment to study and practice outside the classroom, in order to use time more efficiently for communication practice. This course offers a very practical approach and it requires lots of enthusiasm and stamina. Also, **YOU ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK SPANISH ONLY PLEASE MAKE YOUR BEST EFFORT**. Most vocabulary and grammar study will be completed outside of class in order to use class time more effectively for communicative practice. It is imperative that students study every day and come to class prepared to participate in all activities. **THINK OF CLASS AS PRACTICE TIME AND NOT AS A LECTURE**.

I am pleased to have you as my student .

I am sure that we will have an unforgettable experience en España!

