



Elementary Spanish I
Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
SPAN 1134 Section 301
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10:10am – 1:50pm

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Course Description

The language teaching community agrees that learning language and culture are inextricably connected. Thus, this course focuses on developing students' Spanish-language proficiency through modes of communication that reflect real life communication in the varied cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. By employing interpersonal, interpretive and presentational communicative modes in Spanish, students will explore the ideas, values, beliefs and other cultural aspects of Spanish-speaking peoples across the world and how these aspects work together to affect human experience.

Skills and Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will have developed solid competencies in each of the five goal areas (the five C's): Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. Main objectives include:

1. Ability to comprehend and respond to basic conversational patterns
2. Proficiency and knowledge of basic grammatical structures and terminologies
3. Basic proficiency in reading and writing the language
4. Knowledge of significant cultural practices and historical events from the Spanish-speaking world
5. Ability to use technology for e-mail and research of selected topics in Spanish
6. Ability to use the Supersite for oral and written practice of Spanish

Textbook & Instructional Materials

The following textbook options are available for this course. These materials will be used for both Elementary Spanish I (1134) and Elementary Spanish II (1234). Materials are available at the MSU Texas bookstore in Clark Student Center or at the following websites: <https://www.bkstr.com/midwesternstatestore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials>, <https://vistahigherlearning.com/store/school/midwesternstate>

- *Aventuras*, 6th edition, Vista Higher Learning
 - Print & Digital Access
 - Option 1: ISBN 978-1-54333-615-3 student edition loose-leaf textbook + Supersite Plus with vText + WebSAM (24 months)
 - Option 2: ISBN 978-1-54333-873-7 student edition loose-leaf textbook + Supersite Plus with vText + WebSAM (5 months)
 - Digital Access Only
 - Option 3: ISBN 978-1-54333-616-0 Supersite Plus with vText + WebSAM (24 months access)
 - Option 4: ISBN 978-1-54333-875-1 Supersite Plus with vText + WebSAM (12 months access)
 - Option 5: ISBN 978-1-54333-871-3 Supersite Plus with vText + WebSAM (5 months access)
- 10 Long Scantrons

Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

At least one hour of study is required on a daily basis for this course, including weekends. Be aware that If you need tutoring, please contact the Academic Support Office: <https://msutexas.edu/academics/tasp/on-campus.php> . Also your online component has tutorials about grammar and vocabulary embedded in each chapter: [VHL Central Supersite](#) . Your professor is also available at the end of each class in case you need some clarification, but she will not act as a tutor for you, there are resources available for you to use.

Instructor Class Policies

This class covers one semester of content, prepare your homework and study daily if you want to be successful. Participation in class is mandatory and not optional since it's the best way to improve your abilities in Spanish.

Any act of cheating will not be tolerated; you can either receive a zero for the assignment/exam, or, if the offense is repeated you can be dropped from the course. Do not risk it.

If you need to contact the professor or want to make an appointment with her, please send her an email to Claudia.Montoya@msutexas.edu you will get an answer on the same day. You can only bring water to the classroom, in a bottle, with a lid on it. The use of cell phones is not allowed in the class, unless you don't have a laptop to access your online materials. However, if the professor suspects you are using your phone for activities other

than the class work, that privilege will be revoked at risk of losing your participation points for that day.

Grading

Course Grade: The following components make up the course grade. The number of quizzes and graded homework assignments will vary according to the discretion of the instructor.

Table 1:

Elements of the Course Grade	% of Course Grade
Class Participation	15%
Homework Assignments (VHL Central Supersite)	10%
Quizzes (In-class and/or D2L)	15%
In-class Writing Assignments	10%
Language Lab Quizzes (Bea Wood 128)	5%
Oral Interviews / Speaking Assignments (2 per semester)	10%
Midterm Exam (Lecciones 6-8)	15%
Comprehensive Final Exam (Lecciones 6-10 + Gram. 11.1)	20%
Total	100%

Table 2: Total percentages for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	Less than 60

Homework

All the homework for this course is on [VHL Central Supersite](#), you will have daily homework, so please make sure the supersite is part of your book package. These assignments include written, audio and video activities. Each assignment is to be completed by 11:59 p.m. on the due date. Homework completed after the deadline will not be accepted. Failure to turn in the homework on time will result in a grade of zero for the given assignment. Doing your homework daily is essential for you to retain the content of each lesson. Your lowest grade will be dropped at the end of the course.

Quizzes

One “in class” quiz will be given at the end of each chapter, and it will cover vocabulary, grammar, and culture. These quizzes will prepare you for the Midterm and Final exams. No late work is accepted, and no make-up quizzes are given. No grades will be dropped in this category. You have received the dates of each in class quiz ahead of time, make sure you are in class.

Participation

Please note that participation contributes 15% towards the final grade in this course. Participation in class is mandatory. Your participation grade will be based on the “points system”. During the class you will do activities and exercises, individually or as a group. Each time your professor asks you a question based on these activities you should answer in Spanish for which you will receive points. The professor will register the participation of each chapter individually. You will have a total of five participation grades. Notice that you will have to speak Spanish during the class. Don’t worry about speaking perfect Spanish, accuracy will come with practice. There will be frequent group work for which the entire group will receive participation points as well. No grades will be dropped from this category.

Composición

There will be writing assignments according to your level of Spanish at the end of each chapter. The writing of these ‘composiciones’ is an in class activity, if you are not in class to write on the given dates, you will be given a zero for the activity of that day. At the end of the course, the lowest grade will be dropped. The purpose of these activities is to help you to form sentences, and then paragraphs in order for you to become more confident in your writing and general expression.

Oral Activities

There will be one major oral activity per chapter, every activity will be related to the vocabulary of the chapter, but it will recycle material from other chapters since a language is a building process. Sometimes the activities will be interviewing another classmate and reporting on your findings, and sometimes they will be about expressing your own ideas. Your lowest grade on this assignment will be dropped.

Absences and tardiness

Attendance in this class is mandatory, you are required to be in class for the entire period. Arrive on time. You will be counted absent if you miss more than 15 minutes of class time. You are allowed to miss 3 classes, in case of emergencies; after those, the professor can drop you from the class without further notification. Be aware, the more classes you miss the more your participation grade is affected, since you can’t participate when you are in class. However, if you participate consistently in class, you can always catch up with the rest of the class.

Absences due to official university functions or documented illness will be dealt with on an individual basis and should be discussed with the instructor outside of class time. It is the

student’s responsibility to keep up with his/her own absences. There are no “excused” absences from regular class periods.

Language Laboratory

You will take a quiz based on videos you will have to watch at the World Languages Laboratory in Bea Wood 127. There are a total of five lab quizzes to complete, one for each chapter covered this semester. Please give your MSU Student ID to the lab attendant in order to receive your quiz. You will receive a quiz and a Scantron. You are not allowed to use books, notes, or any other materials when completing the quiz. However, you can preview the videos on your [VHL Central Supersite](#). When you arrive to the lab, please sign out at the lab attendant’s desk in order to retrieve your student ID. Write your name on the scantron, the lab chapter, and the date. Do not write on the test. Make-up and/or late quizzes are not permitted. Your lowest lab grade will be dropped at the end of the semester. Please note the due dates below. rYou will do the lab at the end of each chapter.

Lección 1: 06/08	Lección 3: 06/22	Lección 5: 07/06
Lección 2: 06/15	Lección 4: 07/03	

The lab hours are:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2pm – 5pm	2pm – 5pm	2pm – 5pm	2pm – 5pm	11am – 3pm	11am – 3pm

Midterm Exam

There is a Midterm exam that covers chapter 1 -3. You will be tested on vocabulary, grammar, writing and culture. On the same day, you will have an oral exam that will consist of answering questions your professor asks. You cannot pre-prepare the questions since you must demonstrate that you are able to understand questions and provide basic answers. Remember, the best way to retain the material is to come to class, participate, and do your homework consistently. This summer session is a true immersion experience, and if you apply yourself, you can learn a lot. The grade of the Oral exam will be averaged with the grades of your oral activities, it won’t be part of the Midterm Exam. There is no make-up for this Exams, so please be in class.

Final Exam

The comprehensive final exam covers all materials studied during the course. The exam consists of a multiple choice, matching, and/or true false portion and a written/short answer portion. The Final Exam contributes 15% to the final course grade. The Final Exam for this course is scheduled for Friday, July 7 / 10:30am – 3pm in PY203.

Important Dates

Classes begin June 5th.
 Last Day for “W”, 4:00 p.m. – Drops after this date will receive grades of “F.”
 (Summer I term)..... June 23
 Deadline for August graduates to file for graduation..... June 26
 Final examinations..... July 7th.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Your grades, important communications, and reviews will be posted on D2L. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage.

Course Schedule

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

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Dates	Exams	Chapter	Topics
Monday, June 5 th .		Chap. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the course • Preparación 1: Words related to meeting, greeting, and saying goodbye • Preparación 1: Courtesy expressions
Tuesday, June 6		Chap. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultura: <i>Saludos y besos en los países hispanos.</i> • Gram. 1.1 Nouns and articles • Gram. 1.2 Numbers 0-30 • Gram. 1.3 Present tense of ser • Gram. 1.4 Telling time
Wednesday, June 7		Chap. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectura • Oral activity: <i>dialogue and introductions</i> • Composición: <i>diálogo</i> • Quiz Chapter 1
Thursday, June 8		Chap. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab 1 Due Today • Preparación 2: Words related to people, places, and classes at the university • Preparación 2: Days of the week
Monday, June 12		Chap. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultura: <i>La elección de una carrera universitaria</i> • Gram. 2.1 Present tense of -ar verbs • Gram. 2.2 Forming questions
Tuesday, June 13		Chap. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gram. 2.3 Present tense of estar • Gram. 2.4 Numbers 31-100 • Lectura
Wednesday, June 14		Chap. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composición: <i>Quien soy yo</i> • Oral activity: <i>A conocernos más.</i> • Quiz Chapter 2

Dates	Exams	Chapter	Topics
Thursday, June 15		Chap. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab 2 Due Today • Preparación 3: Words relating to family and professions • Gram. 3.1 Descriptive adjectives • Gram. 3.2 Possessive adjectives
Monday, June 19		No class	
Tuesday, June 20		Chap. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultura: <i>¿Como te llamas?</i> • Gram. 3.3 Present tense of regular -er and -ir verbs • Gram. 3.4 Present tense of <i>tener</i> and <i>venir</i>
Wednesday, June 21		Chap. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectura • Composición: Mi familia • Oral activity: <i>¿Quiénes son tu tribu?</i>
Thursday, June 22			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz Chapter 3 • Lab 3 Due today • Review for Midterm
Friday, June 23	Midterm	Chaps. 1,2 &3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Quiz • Examen de Medio Semestre
Monday, June 26		Chap. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparación 4: Words related to pastimes and sports • Preparación 4: Places in the city • Gram. 4.1 Present tense of <i>ir</i>
Tuesday, June 27		Chap. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gram. 4.2 Present tense of stem-changing verbs: e→ie, o→ue • Gram. 4.3 Present tense of stem-changing verbs: e→i
Wednesday, June 28		Chap. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gram. 4.4 Verbs with irregular <i>yo</i> forms • Cultura: <i>Real Madrid y Barça: rivalidad total</i> • <i>Lectura</i>
Thursday, June 29		Chap. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composición: narrando una historia • Oral Activity: la entrevista • Quiz Chapter 4

Dates	Exams	Chapter	Topics
Monday, July 3		Chap. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab 4 Due Today • Preparación 5: Words related to vacationing, travel, weather, seasons, months, ordinal numbers. • Cultura: <i>El Camino Inca</i> • Lectura • Gram. 5.1 <i>Estar</i> with conditions and emotions
Tuesday, July 4		No class	
Wednesday, July 5		Chap. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gram. 5.2 The present progressive • Gram. 5.3 Comparing <i>ser</i> and <i>estar</i> • Gram. 5.4 Direct object nouns and pronouns
Thursday, July 6			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composición: unas vacaciones • Oral Activity: TBA • Quiz Chapter 5 • Lab 5 Due today
Friday, July 7	Final Exam		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for the Final Exam • Final Exam