

Course Syllabus: Spanish 1234 Syllabus

World Languages and Cultures

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Course Description

Learning a second language is a process inextricably connected to the culture or cultures in which the language is spoken. 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 the target language, 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.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Textbook: Aventuras, 5th edition ISBN 978-1-68004-972-5: Full color, loose leaf, 3 hole punched (binder ready) version of Aventuras 5th edition with full VHLcentral.com supersite plus & websam technology. Please note the code with this package lasts for 36 months. Please contact your instructor by email or World Languages & Cultures at 397-4309 if you have any questions.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage.

Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

The amount of study required to be successful in this course varies from student to student, according to your previous knowledge of the language. However, be aware this is an online course which means you are responsible for studying the material on your own as well as to do the practice by your self. There will be virtual classes to facilitate the understanding of the grammar, but these classes are not really part of an online course. To be successful in a course with such a fast pace you will need a minimum of 2 to 3 hours of daily preparation and study, including weekends. The virtual classes, offered by the professor, are not part of that time.

Tutoring is available through the World Languages & Cultures via Skype. Our tutor is Thalia Doe. Her email is thaliabravo31@gmail.com. And her Skype name is live:36462def77d53da4. She is available for tutoring via Skype according to the following schedule:

Mondays 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Tuesdays 8:00 am – 10:00 am, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Thursdays 8:00 am – 10:00 am, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Please email emilie.allsup@msutexas.edu if you have any difficulty contacting Thalia.

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook 2017-18](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism is prohibited. Whenever taking exams you are not allowed to use your book or any other materials to pass the exam. You are also not allowed to ask for help from anyone when taking exams or working with your VHL materials. Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

Professor's Class Policies

Students are responsible for checking their email, D2L, and VHL daily in order to stay informed of what happens in the class. The professor reserves the right to check the student's identity when s/he is taking quizzes and exams. This will be done with the chat tool on VHL. It is the student's obligation to contact the professor immediately if a problem of any kind emerges that poses a difficulty for the student to do her/his classwork.

There will be a virtual class, two days a week, with the purpose of explaining the grammar and practicing the vocabulary. The purpose of these sessions is to help you better understand the concepts you will have to practice in you VHL program. Attendance to these classes is not mandatory but your participation will be compensated with extra-credit; and if your attendance is perfect, you will also get 3 points towards your final exam. Extra-credit is not part of the grade, it is something extra; if you can't make it to the sessions, you can't get the extra-credit; so make an effort to attend. **To attend the sessions, you can choose between these two schedules, but once you settle for one, you can't switch them without your instructor's permission; this is to avoid confusion and chaos:**

M & Th from 9am to 10:30pm or M & Th from 2pm to 3:30pm

The way exams are given may differ from your previous summer class. The exams will be taken during a specific time and date, check below, under exams, and review the times and dates so you plan accordingly. Should you have a

problem with the designated times and dates, let me know ASAP, so we can look for an alternative time for you.

Keep in mind that you should check D2L for your official grade. The grades on the [VHL Central Supersite \(VHI\)](#) are only partial.

If you have a visual, aural, or linguistic disability, which may difficult your learning process, please talk to the disabilities office or your professor immediately; so your professor can make accommodations:

<https://msutexas.edu/student-life/disability/>

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, and if you want to talk to me, we can have a meeting using Skype for business. Please install the app in your computer or phone for better functionality; it should be free.

Grading Components

Assignments	Percentage
VHL Homework	10%
VHL Quizzes	5%
VHL Lab Quizzes	10 %
Participation: VHL chat, D2L Quizzes, Reviews, Virtual classroom (extra credit)	15 %
Exam I (Lessons 7 & 8)	15%
Exam II (Lessons 9 & 10)	15%
Exam III (Lessons 11 & 12)	15%
Comprehensive Final Exam	15%

Table 2: Total percentage for final grade.

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

Lectures

Your professor will post on D2L a written explanation for the grammar subjects. Also, in the [VHL Central Supersite](#) you can find explanations for grammar and vocabulary under the sections titled 'Tutorial'. However, if you are used to face to

face instruction, it is highly recommendable you attend the virtual sessions the professor will give on Mondays and Thursdays, see the explanation above, under professor's policies.

Homework

Online homework assignments will be made from the [VHL Central Supersite](#) daily. Each assignment is to be completed by 11:59 p.m. on the due date. Homework completed after the deadline will not be accepted and will result in a grade of zero for the given assignment. Some of the assignments are for the presentation of vocabulary and/or tutorials for grammar topics. When doing homework, if you get the answers wrong, you will have a chance to a second attempt, but not to a third one. Usually activities that include writing sentences only have one chance, it's the way the program is designed. The lowest grade for this category will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Quizzes

Frequent quizzes based on homework and class work will be given. They will be part of your VHL activities; so whenever you complete a VHL activity, make sure you know if you are working with homework or with quizzes. If it is a quiz, make sure you answer right at the first attempt, since there will not be opportunities to re-do the quiz. Be aware of the due dates, because once they pass you can't go back to take the quiz. The lowest grade of this category will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Lab Quizzes

Every chapter there will be a couple of short videos to watch. They are part of your VHL program; so they will be programmed within your VHL activities. You will watch the videos and answer a brief quiz also part of VHL. Be aware of the due dates, because once they pass you can't go back to take the quiz. The lowest grade of this category will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Participation

Your participation grade will be made of three components: virtual/partner chat on VHL, quizzes you will take on D2L, and the reviews on VHL for each one of our exams. There will also be extra-credit towards participation that will come from your attendance to the virtual classes on Mondays and Thursdays.

1. VHL Partner Chat and Virtual Partner Chats

Even though this course is online, you will be required to practice speaking Spanish and listening to Spanish using [VHL Central Supersite](#) Partner and Virtual Partner Chats. These chats are due weekly by **Sunday at 11:59 pm**, but you can complete them any time prior. I will assign a minimum of two partner or virtual partner chats each week, but sometimes there will be more. You do not

have to do more than two, but you may do more! If you choose to do more, you can earn an additional 10 points for your Participation Grade!

The **virtual partner chats** are designated with this icon:



The **partner chats** are designated with this icon:



The **virtual partner chats** are completed on your own with an online “avatar” asking you questions. The **partner chats** are completed with one of your fellow classmates. Each chat can earn you 10 points toward a 100 for the Participation Grade category. Thus, you need to complete 10 chats (minimum of 2 weekly) and earn 10 points for each to earn a 100 for that grade category. Your Spanish does NOT have to be perfect, but please follow the directions and answer all questions in complete sentences.

2. Quizzes on D2L

Weekly quizzes will be assigned in MSU’s D2L online platform (Desire-To-Learn). These quizzes are to practice vocabulary and concepts learned and are to be taken without notes or the textbook. They are like mini-exams to help you with the difficult work of memorizing a great amount of vocabulary and grammar in a short, five-week summer course. **The D2L Quizzes will be available for a 24-hour period beginning each Sunday at 11:59 and ending each Monday at 11:59 pm.** The lowest grade from this category will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Exams

There are three major exams, one every two lessons. Each exam consists of a multiple choice, matching, and/or true false portion, a written/short answer portion, and a listening part. Each exam will be on the scheduled day either at 9am or at 2pm, you choose what day you want to take the exam. You will be given an hour and 30 minutes to complete the exam. Should you have any problems with the given times, please notify your instructor as soon as possible, before the date of the exam arrives.

07/15 Virtual Exam I Chapters 7 and 8 Either at 9am Or 2pm

07/27 Virtual Exam II Chapters 9 and 10 Either at 9am Or 2pm

08/04 Virtual Exam III Chapters 11 and 12 Either at 9am Or 2pm

No notes, textbooks, phones, websites, friends etc. should be used. Please do your own work and adhere to the MSU Student Honor Creed.

Final Exam

The Final Exam is comprehensive, and there is no make-up exam. The final exam will be on **Thursday, August 6, and you can choose to take it either at 9am**

or at 2pm. You will have a total of two hours to complete the exam. Should you have any problems with the given times, please notify your instructor as soon as possible, before the date of the exam arrives.

No notes, textbooks, phones, websites, friends etc. should be used.

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Extra Credit

No extra credit assignments are given to individuals that are not offered to the entire class. During the semester we will be meeting virtually, using Skype for business. Your attendance to these meetings is not mandatory; however, attendance will be taken and students will receive extra points towards participation at the end of the semester. If there are students with perfect attendance, they will also receive 3 extra points on their Final exam grade; that is, if a student gets 7.3 on the final exam, s/he will receive 7.6, but ONLY if the attendance to the virtual sessions is perfect, it doesn't matter the circumstances, that's why this is extra-credit.

Make Up Work/Tests

The pace of this class is very fast, there will be no makeup quizzes, make up exams, or make up homework. You have received the examination dates in advanced, please, plan ahead.

Student Honor Creed

"As an MSU Student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else do so."

As students at MSU, we recognize that any great society must be composed of empowered, responsible citizens. We also recognize universities play an important role in helping mold these responsible citizens. We believe students themselves play an important part in developing responsible citizenship by maintaining a community where integrity and honorable character are the norm, not the exception.

Thus, We, the Students of Midwestern State University, resolve to uphold the honor of the University by affirming our commitment to complete academic honesty. We resolve not only to be honest but also to hold our peers accountable for complete honesty in all university matters.

We consider it dishonest to ask for, give, or receive help in examinations or quizzes, to use any unauthorized material in examinations, or to present, as one's own, work or ideas which are not entirely one's own. We recognize that any instructor has the right to expect that all student work is honest, original work. We accept and acknowledge that responsibility for lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty fundamentally rests within each individual student.

We expect of ourselves academic integrity, personal professionalism, and ethical character. We appreciate steps taken by University officials to protect the honor of the University against any who would disgrace the MSU student body by violating the spirit of this creed.

Important Dates

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" July 23rd, 2020 (4 pm)
 07/15 Virtual Exam I Chapters 7 and 8 Either at 9am Or 2pm
 07/27 Virtual Exam II Chapters 9 and 10 Either at 9am Or 2pm
 08/04 Virtual Exam III Chapters 11 and 12 Either at 9am Or 2pm
 Final Exam: Thursday, August 6 either at 9am or 2pm

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

Notice

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

Course Schedule

Dates	Exams	Chapter	Topics
07/06 Virtual Class		Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the course • Words related to personal hygiene and daily routines p. 170 • Sequencing Expressions p. 171
		Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflexive Verbs p.180

07/07			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indefinite and Negative Words p.182 • Preterite or ser and ir p.184 • Lab: flash cultura, tapas, on VHL
07/08		Chapter 7 and 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustar and other verbs like gustar p. 186 • Words related to restaurants and meals p. 196 • Adjectives that describe food p. 196 • Lab: Aventuras, ¡Necesito arreglarme! VHL (chapter 7)
07/09 Virtual class		Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preterite of stem-changing verbs p. 206 • Double Object Pronouns p. 208 • Lab: flash Cultura, la comida latina VHL
07/13 Virtual class		Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saber and conocer p. 210 • Comparatives and Superlatives p. 212 • Lab: Aventuras, Una cena... VHL
07/14		Chapters 7 and 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Chapters 7 and 8
07/15 Virtual exam	Exam I	Chapters 7 and 8	9am 0r 2pm
07/16 Virtual class		Chapter 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words related to celebrations and desserts p. 226 • Personal relationships and stages of life p. 226 • Lab: flash cultura, las fiestas. VHL • Irregular preterites p. 236
07/20 Virtual class		Chapter 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular preterites cont...p. 236 • Verbs that change meaning in the preterite p. 238 • ¿Qué? and ¿cuál? p. 242 • Lab: Aventuras, El día de muertos. VHL
07/21		Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words related to sickness, symptoms, medicine, and the doctor's office p. 252 • Parts of the body p. 252 • The imperfect tense p. 262
07/22		Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The imperfect tense cont... p. 262 • Constructions with se p. 264 • Adverbs p. 266

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab: flash cultura, La salud. VHL
07/23 Virtual Class		Chapters 9 and 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Chapters 9 and 10 • Lab: Aventuras, ¡Qué dolor! VHL
07/27 Virtual exam	Exam II	Chapters 9 and 10	9am Or 2pm
07/28		Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars and Driving p. 280 • Home electronics and the Internet p. 281 • Lab: flash cultura, Maravillas de la tecnología. VHL
07/29		Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preterite and the imperfect p. 290 • Por and para p. 292 • Lab: Aventuras, En el taller. VHL
07/30 Virtual class		Chapter 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parts of a house p. 304 • Household chores p. 304 • Usted and ustedes commands p. 314 • Lab: flash cultura, La casa de Frida. VHL • Review chapter 11
08/03		Chapter 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The present subjunctive p. 316 • Subjunctive with verbs of will and influence p. 318 • Lab: Aventuras, Los quehaceres. VHL • Review Chapter 12
08/04 Virtual exam	Exam III	Chapters 11 and 12	9am Or 2pmA
08/05 (Virtual class)		Chapters 7-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Final Exam
08/06 Virtual exam			Final Exam 9am or 2pm