



Elementary Spanish II
Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
SPAN 1234 Section 203
Spring 2023 – January 17th. – May 5th.

Contact Information

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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

Required Course Materials

You will need the Vista Higher Learning (**VHL**) **Aventuras, 6 th edition ISBN 978-1-54333-615-3 package with full VHL Central Supersite plus & WebSAM technology**. You may acquire a hard copy version of the book at the MSU Texas Bookstore (online and in-person shopping available) or Digital Access Only (ISBN: 978-1- 54333-616-0) through the Vista Higher Learning website. *Please check the 'Read Me First' section on d2l where you will find more information on how to purchase the materials if you don't have them yet. Since this course is online, I suggest for you to get the digital access only. At the moment of purchase, you will receive a code that you need to enter to access your online textbook and materials. Also you will need 10 long scantrons for the language lab and the exams.



Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

At least one hour of study is required on a daily basis for this course. Tutoring is available through the World Languages & Cultures Tutoring Center (Bea Wood 115) and the MSU Tutoring Center (McCullough Hall). These campus tutoring options are all available free of charge.

Instructor Class Policies

You can only bring water to the classroom, in a bottle, with a lid on it. No other drinks neither food will be allowed. The use of masks it's highly encouraged for this class, unless university policy changes to 'mandatory'. The use of cell phones, computers or any electronic devices are not allowed in the class, please put your cell phone away in order to avoid distractions. Failing to follow these instructions will have a direct effect in your participation grade. Five participation points will be deducted every time your teacher gets distracted with your behavior. This class covers one semester of content, prepare your homework and study daily if you want to be successful. If you need to contact the professor, please send her an email to Claudia.Montoya@msutexas.edu

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:

Assignments	% of Course Grade
Online Homework	15%
Online Quizzes / In class Quizzes	15%
Participation	15%
Language Laboratory	05%
Personal Reflection Essay	05%
Exam 1 (Chapters 1 & 2)	10%
Exam 2 (Chapters 3 & 4)	10%
Exam 3 (Chapters 5 & 6)	10%
Comprehensive Final Exam	15%
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 and Quizzes

Online homework and quizzes will be made from the [VHL Central Supersite](#) daily. 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.

Two "in class" quizzes will be given per chapter; they will be averaged with the online quizzes on vhl. Graded homework and quizzes will constitute a total 25% to your final grade. No late work is accepted and no make-up quizzes are given. Your lowest homework grade and your lowest quiz grade will be dropped at the end of the semester. There are no pop-quizzes in this class, but at the same time, there are no specific dates for quizzes, so be in class, and be informed.

Participation

Please note that participation contributes 15% toward 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 a point. The professor will register the participation of each chapter, so you will have a total of six participation grades. Notice that you will have to speak Spanish during the class, but 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 as well.

Absences and tardiness

Attendance in this class is mandatory, you are required to be in class for the entire 50 minute period. Arrive on time. You will be counted absent if you miss more than 10 minutes of class time. You are allowed to miss 5 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 six 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. Also, do not write on the quiz. Please sign out at the lab attendant's desk in order to retrieve your student id. 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. A schedule of lab hours will be posted on D2L as soon as it is available. Below there is a table with the deadline for each lab chapter. These dates are subject to change as we advance in the course.

Lección 7: 01/31	Lección 8: 02/14	Lección 9: 02/28
Lección 10: 03/11	Lección11: 04/11	Lección 12: 04/25

Lab Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	12pm – 4pm	2pm – 4pm	10am – 3pm	9am – 10:30am	1pm – 4pm	10am – 2:30pm

Exams

There are three major exams, one every two chapters. Each exam consists of a multiple choice, matching, and/or true false portion and a written/short answer portion. Each major exam contributes 10% to the final course grade. You will be allowed one class period (50 minutes) for each major exam.

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 and covers chapters 7 - 12. The final exam is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th from 10:30am to 12:30am. Location: TBA

Essay

Towards the end of the semester, you will write a personal reflection essay related to a sociocultural aspect. The essay will be written in English, and it will be an opinion type of essay. It should be typed and it should follow the guidelines given when time comes. The Personal Reflection Essay serves as an assessment of the student's performance of the core curriculum objectives in the specific context of this course. I will provide information concerning the presentation, formatting and grading of this project later in the semester. The subject of the essay will be a cultural topic or topics assigned by the instructor according to the instructor's preference. The cultural topic will present the student with an ethical dilemma or issue for resolution. Students should demonstrate that they have adequately researched and considered the topic in the framework of the core curriculum objectives.

Extra Credit

In order to obtain extra-credit, you will be asked to attend some University functions, particularly Spanish Club and cultural activities, either in person or via zoom. Please understand that extra-credit is volunteered and not mandatory. There is no such thing as making up extra credit despite personal conflicts you may have.

Make Up Work/Tests

There will be no makeup quizzes, make up exams, or make up homework. However, at the end of the semester, the lowest grade of quizzes, labs, homework, will be dropped, and Vhl participation will be dropped, one grade per category, except for in-class participation, in class quizzes, and Exams.

If you have to miss an exam due to an official university function, please make arrangements with your professor prior to the exam and as soon as possible. If you are absent from an exam, you must present documented proof of illness or university activity to your instructor before an early or make up exam will be scheduled. Be aware that scheduling a make up examination is up to the discretion of your professor.

Important Dates

Martin Luther King Day, no classes: January 16

Change of Schedule or Late Registration: January 17 - 20, 2023

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" March 27, 2023 (4 pm)

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 9, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Last Day of Classes: May 5th.

See course schedule for other important dates.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

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

Counseling

I wish you all a safe and productive semester. Being in College and multitasking can be stressful, if you think you suffer from depression, anxiety, or any other ailment of the heart and mind, please visit the counseling website, you may find resources to help you cope better: If you need counseling during these times, please seek the counseling services office <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/counseling/online-resources.php>

Course Schedule

Notice

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

Dates	Exams	Chapter	Topics
Week 1: 01/17 – 01/20		Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the course• Words related to personal hygiene and daily routines• Sequencing Expressions

Dates	Exams	Chapter	Topics
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pronouncing r and rr
Week 2: 01/23- 01/27		Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflexive verbs Indefinite and Negative Words Preterite of ser and ir Lab Video: ¡Tengo que arreglarme! & Cultura: Tapas para todos los días
Week 3: 01/30 – 02-03		Chapter 7 - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gustar and other verbs like gustar Words related to restaurants and meals Adjectives that describe food The letters ll, ñ, c, and z
Week 4: 02/06 – 02/10		Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preterit of stem-changing verbs Double Object Pronouns
Week 5: 02/13 – 02/16		Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saber and conocer Comparatives and Superlatives Lab Video: ¡Vamos a comer tapas! & Cultura: La comida latina Review of Chapters 7 and 8
02/17	Exam 1	Chapters 7 - 8	
Week 6: 02/20 – 02/24		Chapter 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Words related to celebrations and desserts Personal relationships and stages of life The letters h, j, and g Irregular preterit
Week 7: 02/27 – 03/03		Chapter 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irregular preterit cont... Verbs that change meaning in the preterite ¿Qué? and ¿cuál? Lab Video: Es mi cumpleaños & Cultura: Las fiestas
Week 8: 03/06 – 03/10		Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Words related to sickness, symptoms, medicine, and the doctor's office Parts of the body Written accent marks and word stress The imperfect tense
Week 9: 03/20 – 03/23	Spring Break 03/13 – 03/17	Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The imperfect tense continuation Constructions with se Adverbs Review of Chapters 9 and 10 Lab Video: ¡Necesitas un médico! &

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultura: La salud • Review of chapters 9 and 10
03/24	Exam 2	Chapters 9 - 10	
Week 10: 03/27 – 03/31		Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars and Driving • Home electronics and the Internet • Written accents with homophones
Week 11: 04/03 – 04/04	Easter Break 4/7-5/7	Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preterite and the imperfect • Lab Video: Un carro... ¿nuevo? & • Cultura: Maravillas de la tecnología
Week 12: 04/10 – 04/14		Chapter 11 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Por and para • Stressed possessive adjectives and pronouns • Words related to the home • Household chores
Week 13: 04/17 – 04/21		Chapter 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usted and ustedes commands • The present subjunctive
Week 14: 04/24 – 04/28		Chapter 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Reflection Essay submission on d2l. • Subjunctive with verbs of will and influence • Lab Video: ¡A limpiar! & • Cultura: La casa de Frida • Review of chapters 11 and 12
04/28 –	Exam 3	Chapters 11- 12	
Week 15: 05/01 – 05/05	Last week	Chapters 7-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for Final Exam
Tuesday, May 9 th . 10:30am – 12:30pm	Final Exam	Chapters 7-12	

Student Handbook

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

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given) can be penalized from receiving a grade of zero for the assignment to being dropped from the course with a grade of "F". Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Northwestern State University (NSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to NSU 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.

Services for Students With Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Northwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Student Life Disability](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#).

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Northwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

