



**Elementary Spanish II - SPAN 1234 X 40**  
**Online Course**  
**Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences**  
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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. Intensive practice of different technologies like d2l, vhl, and zoom.

**Required Course Materials**

If you took Spanish II34 in Summer I 2026, you don't need to purchase the materials again. Just go to VHL and look for the course Span 1234 X 40 under Claudia Montoya and register there as you did for Spanish 1134.

If you took Spansih 1134 in the Spring 2026 or Fall 2025 at MSU Texas, you will need to purchase an extension code for \$69.99. You need to go to the link below,

use your past log in credentials, go to Spanish, and look at the bottom of their offerings for the 'Extension Code Only'

If this is your very first time taking Spanish at MSU Texas, please go to the page below, create your log in credentials (that password will be the same that you will be using each time you do your homework) go to Spanish 1134-1234, you will see the different packages the publisher sales, you will see different offerings of the same book 'Aventuras 7th. edition'. I recommend you buy the 'Digital Access Only' version that costs \$109.00. Make sure your package has the Supersite Plus w/ vText and the Online Student Activity Manual Workbook (WebSAM)

The book can be found at [Vista Higher Learning Central](#).

\*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.

### **Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance**

At least three hours of study are required on a daily basis for this course, including weekends. If you need tutoring, please contact the [Academic Support Office](#). Also, your online component has tutorials about grammar and vocabulary embedded in each chapter: [VHL Central Supersite](#), in addition, you will find slides on D2l for each grammar topic. If you have a problem during the course, please email your professor immediately.

### **Instructor Class Policies**

The following are rules you will need to take seriously in order to pass this class:

- You are responsible for going over the section 'Read Me First' on d2l to understand how this course is going to work.
- Any kind of cheating, plagiarism, or collusion will result in penalties going from zero for a particular activity to zero for the entire course. The decision is at the discretion of the professor: do not risk your grade!
- On d2l, there are no make ups for any assignment, once the deadline has passed, d2l automatically will assign you a zero.
- On Vhl, you can submit late homework with a 10% penalty for each activity each day it's late; however, for quizzes on Vhl you can only take the quiz on the assigned day, failing to do so will grant you a zero for that particular quiz. Also, with the Vhl homework, every time you do an activity, you have up to three chances to get it right before the program marks it wrong; but for quizzes, you only have one attempt.
- There will be homework assigned for every day of the week including weekends, so that you do not have an overwhelming amount of work

through the week. Remember, at least three hours of daily work/study are necessary in order to be successful: we cover an entire semester in four weeks.

- You are responsible for learning how to use the d2l and the vhl programs by following your professor's instructions on the 'Read Me First' section. If you fail an assignment under the excuse that you didn't understand how the technology works, there will be nothing the professor can do to help you. If you have questions always contact her ahead of an exam or assignment due date, never on the day of the exam, because you are risking her not seeing your email on time.
- This class covers one semester of content, prepare your homework and study daily if you want to be successful. The Final Exam is comprehensive; thus, it covers the content of the entire semester.
- Your professor is willing to give you guidance if you are struggling with a particular topic, but she is not going to become your personal tutor throughout the Summer. If you need constant assistance with your Spanish, please consider visiting the [tutoring center](#).
- You are responsible for checking d2l and Vhl daily for assignments and daily communications. Your professor will send frequent emails, so that you are aware of any changes or upcoming important activities. You have chosen to take this course online, so please make sure you have a computer with a camera in place, with a microphone able to record, a speaker able to play sound, and a system that can carry d2l and zoom. Important to note that Chromebooks are NOT recommended for this course since they are not compatible with d2l.
- In the eventuality of a campus closure due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen situation, students working online should continue to work online, unless there is a state or national emergency that disrupts internet service. Exceptions will be made in a reasonable manner according to individual situations, under these extreme circumstances.
- The final grades are the ones entered on D2L and not the ones on Vhl, the ones on Vhl are partial grades.

If you need to contact the professor, please send her an email to [claudia.montoya@msutexas.edu](mailto:claudia.montoya@msutexas.edu)

### **Grading**

Course Grade - Please, be aware that you are not allowed to use translation apps or any other kind of help to do ANY type of homework or exam. If your professor suspects you have cheated by using an app or asking for help to someone, she will grant you a zero for that assignment, and if the behavior persists, she will give you a zero for the course. If you challenge the professor's decision, you will

have to prove in person (or zoom) via conversation and writing that you have the level of Spanish you claim and for which the professor will recommend you to take the proficiency exam instead of the class. 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 and points*

Grading components:	Percentage
Vhl Homework	15%
Vhl Quizzes	10%
D2L Chapter Quizzes (at the end of each chapter)	12%
Speaking Practice (at the end of the chapter)	10%
Writing Activities (at the end of the chapter)	5%
Participation Vhl	5%
Midterm Exam (Lecciones 6 – 8)	15%
D2L Vocabulary Quizzes	8%
Comprehensive Final Exam (Lecciones 6 – 11.1)	20%
Total	100%

*Table 2: Total percentage for final grade.*

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

## **Assignments**

### Vhl Homework and Tutorials

You will have daily assignments from the VHL Central Supersite. This supersite is the one that comes with your textbook. Once you enter the section with its online activities you will see they divide them in several sections:

- **Preparación:** is the section for vocabulary, each chapter of the book comes with a vocabulary section (your book in the package is called vText, use it to study before you do the homework). Also, for homework a section title 'Tutorial' pertaining to vocabulary where you can practice pronunciation and memorization of words, will be assigned each chapter on vhl, there is nothing to do in these tutorials but to watch them as you were in the class watching your professor repeating vocabulary.

- Pronunciación: is the section with some pronunciation activities.
- Aventuras: this section is very important, it is a mini-series like a soap opera, and it comes with activities for after viewing each video.
- Cultura: is a small reading about a cultural topic.
- Flash Cultura: is a brief video about a cultural topic, different than the Aventuras video.
- Gramática: please study this section in the vText (the book), but I have also prepared slides that I have posted under content on d2l. The grammar points are organized by chapters. We start the course with chapter 6, so the first grammar topic of chapter 6 is 6.1, the second one 6.2 and so forth. Each chapter has about two or three grammar topics.

On vhl you can find your homework under 'calendar' so you can see the amount of homework that has been assigned daily.

Only for the homework you will have a chance to submit the same activity up to three times, being the third time your last chance, on the same day; but make sure that what you are completing is homework or participation, because for quizzes you will have only one attempt, the first one, so pay attention to the kind of activity you are doing. Also, only for homework, you will be able to turn in late work, but you will receive a 10% deduction of your grade for EACH late day. Also, once your professor places the grades on D2l, no more late homework is accepted for that chapter, so if you have missed homework by the time your professor has entered the grades on D2l, you will receive a grade of zero with no possibility to change it.

#### Vhl Quizzes / D2L Vocabulary Quizzes

On Vhl (the online material that comes with the online textbook) you will have quizzes, besides the homework. You will find them the same way you find the homework, but they will say quizzes. Make sure you have studied and done your homework to practice before you take these quizzes, because you only have one attempt at taking them, if you fail the quiz, you cannot re-take it, unlike the homework.

On d2l (the university platform where I post slides for you to study, quizzes, and exams that I design) you will always have a vocabulary quiz as well, the due date will be just right after you have completed your vocabulary practice on Vhl. These vocabulary quizzes will be designed by your professor, and will be true or false, multiple choice, matching, etc.

#### D2L Chapter Quizzes

These chapter quizzes will help you to review for the final exam: you will have one chapter quiz per chapter, then one Midterm Exam and then the Final Exam. You will have a total of five-chapter quizzes with a total value of 12 percent. The chapter quizzes will be extensive, they will cover vocabulary and grammar, and culture, they will have multiple choice, matching, true or false, fill in the blank activities, but also will have open questions and writing sentences. You can

use your textbook, but make sure not to use a translation app or any other kind of help, if detected you will receive a zero for the entire quiz.

### D2L Speaking Practice

The speaking practice will take place on D2L, please make sure you have a good microphone and camera to record, and it will be posted under assignments, you will be given a set of questions based on the Aventuras mini-series that is part of your Vhl package. You will be assigned a video of the mini-series each chapter, for which you will have regular online homework; but also, the questions of the oral practice will be based on that miniseries video-chapter you see. There will be a total of five oral practices: some of the questions will be directly about the mini-series and other questions will be prompted by the mini-series and may be about you and things related to you.

### Participation

Participation is made up of a section called "Repaso" on Vhl at the end of each chapter, for each chapter you will have two reviews: Repaso de gramática and Repaso de vocabulario. You will have only one chance at each answer, so make sure you have completed the chapter before doing these activities. You will be allowed to turn participation activities late, but you will be deducted 10% of the grade each day that you are late on each single activity you are late. Also, once your professor places the grades on D2L, no more late participation is accepted for that chapter, and the repasos, which count towards participation, come at the end of the chapter, close to when the professor 'collects' the grades.

### Writing Activities

At the end of each chapter, you will be asked to submit a small composition related to the content of each chapter. Students at this level will make mistakes and that is fine. If the professor finds the language and the grammar you use to be way more advanced than Elementary Spanish II, your professor may give you a zero for the activity under the suspicion you have used an app to translate/write your work. If you challenge the professor's decision, you will have to write a similar composition in front of her (or via zoom) to demonstrate you have the level of Spanish you show in your work. Do not risk it!

### Midterm Exam

There is a Midterm exam that covers chapter 6 -8. You will be tested on vocabulary, grammar, writing and culture. Be careful not to use translation apps or any other type of help because if you are suspected of cheating, you may receive a zero for either the section of the exam where cheating is suspected or for the entire exam if the cheating seems pervasive. If you challenge the professor's decision, you will have to write in front of her similar activities than those on the exam to prove you really know the material.

### Final Exam

The final exam is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 and it will be open from 12:01am until 11:59pm. There are no make-ups. Like the Midterm, for the final exam you are assigned a specific day and time, make sure you mark your

calendar because if you miss the exam you will receive a zero. You have the date and time in advance, plan ahead to avoid any problem. The final exam covers the content of chapters 6 to 11.1.

### **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 Vhl quizzes, d2l writing, and homework will be dropped.

### **Important Dates**

Deadline for Admission: June 1 [Academic Calendar](#).

Student Registration: April – July 5 Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" July 22 Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Classes Begin: Monday, July 6.

Last day of classes and Final Exam: Thursday, August 6.

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

### **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. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor. **\*Chromebooks DO NOT work with D2L.**

### **Counseling**

If you think you may be experiencing depression, anxiety, substance abuse or any other situation for which you think counseling may help, please visit the [Counseling Resource Page](#) where you can find great online apps and assistance that can connect you to a real counselor: <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/counseling/online-resources.php>

### **Online Computer Requirements**

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ***\*Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ***\*Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline.*** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

### **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) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

### **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, Midwestern 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 [Disability Support Services](#).

### **Grade Appeal Process**

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

### **Student Handbook**

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

## 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: 07/06 – 07/13		Chapt. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the course</li> <li>• Words related to clothing and shopping</li> <li>• Colors and other adjectives</li> <li>• D2L Vocabulary Quiz</li> <li>• Flash Cultura: comprar en los mercados</li> <li>• Numbers 101 and higher</li> <li>• Preterite tense of regular verbs</li> <li>• Indirect Object Pronouns</li> <li>• Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns</li> <li>• Aventuras: ¡Eso sí es una ganga!</li> <li>• Chapter Quiz D2L</li> <li>• Writing Activity D2L</li> <li>• Speaking Activity D2L</li> </ul>
Week 2: 07/14 – 07/20		Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Words related to personal hygiene and daily routines</li> <li>• Sequencing Expressions</li> <li>• D2L Vocabulary Quiz</li> <li>• Pronouncing r and rr</li> <li>• Flash Cultura: Tapas para todos los días</li> <li>• Reflexive verbs</li> <li>• Indefinite and Negative Words</li> <li>• Preterite or ser and ir</li> <li>• Gustar and other verbs like gustar</li> <li>• Aventuras: ¡Tengo que arreglarme!</li> <li>• Chapter Quiz D2L</li> <li>• Writing Activity D2L</li> <li>• Speaking Activity D2L</li> </ul>

Dates	Exams	Chapter	Topics
Week 3: 07/21 – 07/26		Chapt. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Words related to restaurants and meals</li> <li>• Adjectives that describe food</li> <li>• Words related to restaurants and meals</li> <li>• Adjectives that describe food</li> <li>• D2L Vocabulary Quiz</li> <li>• Flash Cultura: La comida latina</li> <li>• Preterite of stem-changing verbs</li> <li>• Double Object Pronouns</li> <li>• Saber and conocer</li> <li>• Comparatives and Superlatives</li> <li>• Aventuras: ¡Vamos a comer tapas!</li> <li>• Chapter Quiz D2L</li> </ul>
07/27	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	Chapters 6-8	N/A
Week 4: 07/28 – 08/02		Chapt. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Words related to celebrations and desserts</li> <li>• Personal relationships and stages of life</li> <li>• D2L Vocabulary Quiz</li> <li>• Irregular preterite</li> <li>• Cultura: las fiestas</li> <li>• Verbs that change meaning in the preterite</li> <li>• ¿Qué? and ¿cuál?</li> <li>• Aventuras: Es mi cumpleaños</li> <li>• Chapter Quiz D2L</li> <li>• Writing Activity D2L</li> <li>• Speaking Activity D2L</li> </ul>
Week 5: 08/03 – 08/05		Chapt. 10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Words related to sickness, symptoms, medicine, and the doctor's office</li> <li>• Parts of the body</li> <li>• D2L Vocabulary Quiz</li> <li>• The imperfect tense</li> <li>• Adverbs</li> <li>• Flash Cultura: la salud</li> <li>• Aventuras: ¡Necesitas un medico!</li> <li>• The preterite and the imperfect</li> <li>• Chapter Quiz</li> <li>• Writing Activity D2L</li> <li>• Speaking Activity D2L</li> </ul>
Thursday, August 6	Final Exam	Chapters 6-11.1	There are no make-ups for the final exam: you have to take it on the established date.