



Elementary Spanish II
Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
SPAN 1234 Section 203
Spring 2024 – January 17th. – May 2nd..

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 textbook here: <https://vistahigherlearning.com/store/school/midwesternstate> (online and in-person shopping available) or Digital Access Only (ISBN: 978-1- 54333-616-0) through the Vista Higher Learning website. 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, including weekends. Be aware that 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](#) . Your professor is also available during office hours, provided you make an appointment by email before showing up, for consultation in case you need some clarification. If you can't see her during office hours, she will be happy to schedule with you a zoom meeting to help you, but please be aware that the university offers tutoring services and your professor doesn't have the time to be a permanent tutor for you.

Instructor's 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. If you are very uncomfortable speaking in class, maybe this is not the right class for you.
- 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. Cheating in this class goes from using an app to translate your work, to using help from somebody else, or copying material from someone else's work.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- You can only bring water to the classroom, in a bottle, with a lid on it.

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook-2021-22](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

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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 and vhl quizzes (VHL Central Supersite)	15%
Quizzes D2L. (at the end of each chapter)	10%
In-class Writing Assignments	10%
Language Lab Quizzes (Bea Wood 128)	5%
Speaking Activities (One per chapter)	10%
Midterm Exam (Lecciones 6-8)	15%
Comprehensive Final Exam (Lecciones 6-11.1)	15%
Reflective Essay	5%
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

You will have daily assignments from the VHL Central Supersite daily. This supersite is the one that comes with your textbook.

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

***Only for the homework** you will have a chance to submit the same activity up to three times on the same day. That is, you will have up to three attempts to complete your homework correctly, but make sure it says homework, because **for quizzes you don't have this chance**. With vhl quizzes you will only get one attempt. So make sure before doing your exercises that you pay attention if you are doing homework or quizzes.

Quizzes

One D2L 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, which will be in person. 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 quiz ahead of time, make sure you complete the quizzes on time.

Also, you will have frequent quizzes on vhl, pay attention because **you can submit a vhl quiz only once**. At the end of the course one vhl quiz grade will be dropped.

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, or we do an oral activity, 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. Hence, your attendance is fundamental for your success in the class, if you are not in class, you can't participate.

Writing Assignments

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 or producing a creative piece. Your lowest grade on this assignment will be dropped. **Be sure you are in class to complete this assignments, otherwise you will receive a zero for it.**

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. You will do the lab at the end of each chapter.

Table 3:

Lección 6: 01 /29 – 02/02	Lección 7: 02/19-02/23	Lección 8: 03/04 – 03/08
Lección 9: 03/11 – 03/15	Lección 10: 04/08 – 04/12	N/A

Table 4:

The lab hours are:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30am – 11:45am	11:30am – 12:45pm	8am – 10am 2pm – 5:30pm	11:30am – 1:15pm	7:30am – 11:45am	10am – 1pm

Midterm Exam

There is a Midterm exam that covers chapters 6 -8. You will be tested on vocabulary, grammar, writing and culture. The exam is in person, not on d2l. Remember, the best way to retain the material is to come to class, participate, and do your homework consistently. There is no make-up Exam, so please be in class.

Final Exam

The comprehensive final exam covers all materials studied during the course, chapters 6-11.1. 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 ***Tuesday May 7th. From 10:30am to 12:30pm**

Extra Credit

There will be occasional activities your professor will offer extra credit for. The activities will be on campus activities outside of the class schedule; so, if you can't attend the extra credit opportunity you can not make it up. The professor will offer up to three opportunities for extra credit and will try to offer the date in advance.

Late Work

When it comes to your online homework and quizzes you have up to two days to submit your work late without penalty, but if you exceed this time you will automatically receive a zero. Other than the previous, there is no late work or exams accepted. You have the schedule of activities, please do them on time, and if you have a serious impediment such as an accident or illness, please contact your professor immediately, so arrangements can be made, provided you have medical documentation and at the discretion of your professor.

At the end of the semester, the lowest grade of vhl quizzes, labs, homework, and Vhl participation will be dropped, one grade per category, except for in-class participation, d2L 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.

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.

Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: January 13 – 16. [Academic Calendar](#).
Deadline to file for graduation: February 17th. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" March 24th. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Last day of classes: May 2nd.

Final Exam: Tuesday May 7th. From 10:30am to 12:30pm

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

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
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Week 1: 01/16 – 01/19		Chapt. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the course • Words related to clothing and shopping • Colors and other adjectives • Cultura: Los mercados al aire libre
Week 2: 01/22 – 01/26		Chapt. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers 101 and higher • Preterite tense of regular verbs • Indirect Object Pronouns • Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns
Week 3: 01 29 – 02/02		Chapt. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab 6 • Chapter Quiz D2L • Writing Activity • Speaking Activity
Week 4: 02/05 – 02/09		Chapt. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words related to personal hygiene and daily routines • Sequencing Expressions • Pronouncing r and rr • Cultura: Tapas para todos los días • Reflexive verbs
Week 5: 02/12 – 02/16		Chapt. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indefinite and Negative Words • Preterite or ser and ir • Gustar and other verbs like gustar
Week 6: 02/19- 02/23		Chapt. 7/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Quiz D2L • Writing Activity • Speaking Activity • Lab 7 • Words related to restaurants and meals • Adjectives that describe food
Week 7: 02/26 – 03-01		Chapt. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultura: desayunos exquisitos • Preterite of stem-changing verbs • Double Object Pronouns • The letters ll, ñ, c, and z • Saber and conocer
Week 8: 03/04 – 03/08	Midterm Exam	Chapt. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparatives and Superlatives • Lab 8 • Chapter Quiz D2L • Writing Activity • Speaking Activity
Week 9: 03/11 – 03/15		(Spring Break)	

Week 10: 03/18 – 03/22	Midterm Exam	Chapt. 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 • Cultura: Año Nuevo
Week 11: 03/25 – 03/29	Easter Break	Chapt. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular preterite • Verbs that change meaning in the preterite • Relative pronouns
Week 12: 04/01 – 04/05		Chapt. 9/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ¿Qué? and ¿cuál? • Lab 9 • Chapter Quiz D2L • Writing Activity • Speaking Activity • Words related to sickness, symptoms, medicine, and the doctor's office • Parts of the body
Week 13: 04/08 – 04/12		Chapt. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written accent marks and word stress • The imperfect tense • Adverbs • Cultura: servicios de salud • Lab 10
Week 14: 04/15 – 04/19		Chapt. 10/11.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preterite and the imperfect • Chapter Quiz • Writing Activity • Speaking Activity
Week 15: 04/22 – 04/26		Chapt. 10/11.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking Practice • Personal reflective Essay writing
Week 16: 04/29 – 05/03		Chapt. 10/ 11.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Final Exam • Personal Reflective Exam Due
Tuesday, May 7 th . 10:30am – 12:30pm	Final Exam	Chapters 6-11.1 Gramática	There are no make-ups for the final exam: you have to take it on the established date and time.

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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.

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 [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 Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

