



Elementary Spanish II
Online Course
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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

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.



Instructor Class Policies

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

1. You are responsible for going over the section 'Read Me First' on d2l to understand how this course is going to work.
2. Any kind of **cheating, plagiarism, or collusion** will result in penalties going from a zero in a particular activity to a **zero** for the entire course. The decision is at the discretion of the professor: do not risk your grade!
3. **On d2l**, there are no make ups for any assignment, once the deadline has passed, d2l automatically will assign you a zero.
3. **On Vhl**, you can submit late homework and quizzes up to **three days late** without a penalty, however, **after the third day late your homework will not be accepted, and you will earn a zero for that activity.** There will be homework assigned for every day of the week, except weekends.
4. You are responsible for learning how to use the d2l and the vhl program 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 I can do to help you. If you have

questions always contact me way ahead the exam, never on the day of the exam, because you are risking for me not to see your email on time.

5. Make sure you install Lock-Down-Browser and that you use it for Chapter Quizzes and Exams, failing to do this will grant you a zero.

6. 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.

7. Before each one of the exams, not the quizzes, including the Final Exam, your professor will organize a zoom session to go over any questions students may have. These sessions are not mandatory, and the professor reserves the right to schedule them according to her availability. The sessions won't be recorded.

8. 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 semester. If you need constant assistance with your Spanish, please consider visiting the tutoring center:
<https://msutexas.edu/academics/tasp/>

9. You are responsible for checking d2l and Vhl daily for assignments and daily communications. 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, 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.**

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
Vhl Homework	13%
Vhl Quizzes / d2L small Quizzes	12%
d2L Chapter Quizzes (at the end of each chapter)	10%

Assignments	% of Course Grade
Exam I (Chaps 7 & 8) – on d2l	10%
Exam II (Chaps 9 & 10) – on d2l	10%
Exam III (Chapters 11 & 12) – on d2l	10%
d2l Speaking practice	7%
Live Speaking Exam I – on Zoom	5%
Live Speaking Exam II – on Zoom	5%
Reflection Essay – d2l drop box	3%
Final Exam (Comprehensive)	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

Vhl Homework and tutorials

You will have daily assignments from the [VHL Central Supersite](#) daily. This supersite is the one that comes with your textbook. Once you enter their 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 reading in the previous section.

Gramática: this section please study in 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 7, so the first grammar topic of chapter 7 is 7.1, the second one 7.2 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 weekly.

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 will have to pay a lot of attention since quizzes only have one, the first, attempt.**

Vhl Quizzes / d2L Small Quizzes

On Vhl you will have, besides the homework, quizzes, you will find them the same way you find the homework, but they will say quizzes. Make sure you have study 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 you will always have a vocabulary quiz, 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 (at the end of each chapter)

These chapter quizzes will help you to review for the exam: you will have one chapter quiz per chapter, and one exam every two chapters. You will have a total of six-chapter quizzes with a total value of 10 percent; while for Exams, each exam on its own is 10 percent and you have only three exams.

The chapter quizzes will be extensive, they will cover vocabulary and grammar, they will have multiple choice, matching, true or false, fill in the blank activities, but also will have open questions and writing sentences. **You will be required to use lockdown browser with webcam proctoring for the chapter quizzes.**

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 section for you to write a small paragraph, there will be a listening portion as well. Each major exam contributes 10% to the final course grade. You will be allowed 50 minutes for the exam plus 10 more minutes as a grace period. The exams will usually fall on a weekend, and the exam will be open from Friday to Sunday for you to choose one day. Be aware that once you start the exam you cannot stop. **You will be required to use lockdown browser with webcam proctoring for the exams. There are NO make-up exams under any circumstances, you have three days to choose from to take the exam. Never ever start your exam the last day at 11pm because the submission time ends 11:59pm., and if you run into a problem, you won't be allowed to take a make up exam.**

d2I Speaking Practice

The speaking practice will take place on d2I, 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, and you will have regular online homework for it; but also, the questions of the oral practice will be based on the chapter you see. there will be a total of six oral practices: some of the questions will be directly about the mini-series and other questions will be prompted by the mini-series.

Live Speaking Exams I & II

There will be two Speaking Exams via zoom individually with each student, one at the end of chapter 9 and one at the end of chapter 12. You will receive a Calendly Link to schedule your appointment before the interviews take place. The questions for the interview will be similar to the ones asked in the practice, but not the same. Sometimes there will similar topics, but different questions, for example. The meetings will be on zoom and you will find the zoom link on d2I under 'Content' when the time comes.

Reflection Essay

Towards the end of the semester, you will write a personal reflection essay related to a sociocultural aspect. 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. **The essay will be written in English**, and it will be an opinion type of essay of no more, but no less than three pages. It should be typed, and it should follow the guidelines given on d2I. 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. The essay will be due towards the end of the semester.

Final Exam

The final exam is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th from 10:30am to 12:30am. There are no make-ups, and you will need to use **lockdown browser with webcam proctoring**. Unlike the previous exams, **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 7 to 12.

Extra Credit

There will not be opportunities offered for extra credit in this course; if at any point in the semester you are concerned about your performance in the class, please contact me as soon as possible to help you develop strategies to reach your goals.

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 and homework will be dropped**; but please be aware, absolutely nothing else will be dropped.

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) and Technology

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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>

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• Pronouncing r and rr
Week 2:		Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultura: Tapas para todos los días• Cultura: la siesta

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01/23- 01/27			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words related to personal hygiene • Reflexive verbs • Indefinite and Negative Words • Preterite of ser and ir • Gustar and other verbs like gustar • Video: ¡Tengo que arreglarme! • Chapter Quiz
Week 3: 01/30 – 02-03		Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words related to restaurants and meals • Cultura: desayunos exquisitos • Adjectives that describe food • Preterite of stem-changing verbs • Double Object Pronouns • The letters ll, ñ, c, and z
Week 4: 02/06 – 02/10		Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultura: La comida latina • Saber and conocer • Comparatives and Superlatives • Chapter Quiz
02/11 – 02/13	Exam 1	Chapters 7-8	
Week 5: 02/13 – 02/17		Chapter 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words related to celebrations and desserts • Personal relationships and stages of life • Video: ¡Vamos a comer tapas!
Week 6: 02/20 – 02/24			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular preterite • The letters h, j, and g • Cultura: Año Nuevo • Verbs that change meaning in the preterite • Cultura: las fiestas • Relative pronouns
Week 7: 02/27 – 03/01		Chapter 9	<p>Live Speaking Exam I Monday, 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ¿Qué? and ¿cuál? • Chapter Quiz • Video: Es mi cumpleaños • Chapter Quiz
Week 7 03/02 – 03/4		Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words related to sickness, symptoms, medicine, and the doctor's office • Parts of the body
Week 8: 03/06 – 03/10		Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written accent marks and word stress • The imperfect tense • Cultura: La salud • Video: ¡Necesitas un médico!

Dates	Exams	Chapter	Topics
Week 9: 03/20 – 03/24	Spring Break 03/13 – 03/17	Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructions with se • Adverbs • Chapter Quiz
03/23- 03/25	Exam II Chapters 9 – 10	Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars and Driving
Week10: 03/27 – 03/31		Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home electronics and the Internet • Written accents with homophones • Cultura: las redes sociales • The preterite and the imperfect
Week 11: 04/03 – 04/04	Easter Break 4/7-5/7	Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultura: Maravillas de la tecnología • Video: Un carro... ¿nuevo?
Week 12: 04/10 – 04/14		Chapter 11 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Por and para • Stressed possessive adjectives and pronouns • Chapter Quiz • Words related to the home • Household chores
Week 13: 04/17 – 04/21		Chapter 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultura: La casa de Frida • Usted and ustedes commands • The present subjunctive
Week 14: 04/24 – 04/28		Chapter 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subjunctive with verbs of will and influence • Video: ¡A limpiar! • Chapter Quiz
04/28 – 04/30	Exam 3 Chapters 11- 12		
Week 15: 05/01 – 05/05	Last week	Chapters 7-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Speaking Exam II • Review for Final Exam • Personal Reflection Essay submission on d2l.
Tuesday, May 9 th . 10:30am – 12:30pm	Final Exam	Chapters 7-12	

Student Handbook

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

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](#).

Grade Appeal Process

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