Syllabus

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What You Should Already Know

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Learning Outcomes

During this course, your understanding of Spanish will increase along with your confidence in using it in simple conversations. By the end of this course you should be able to

- Recognize many vocabulary words that deal with greetings, days, months, numbers, telling time, activity verbs, weather, seasons, emotions, family, colors, and the most common irregular verbs.
- Use basic expressions in conversation.
- Apply the correct pronunciation for different phrases and vocabulary words.
- Compose simple sentences.
- Have simple conversations in Spanish.
- Understand and appreciate Spanish culture.

Course Materials

To successfully complete this course you will need the following:

- The course materials contain all the text information for the course, including the reading texts, all self checks and assignments, and hints to prepare for the final exam.
- A Spanish–English dictionary. (This is not required, but you may find it useful for your own reference.)

How This Course Works

Units

This course consists of seven units and a final exam. At the end of each unit, you will be required to submit a Unit quiz assignment and participate in a speaking assignment. These assignments will be graded and will help you prepare for the final exam. There are three graded review assignments. The following sections explain in more detail other parts of the course.

Assignments

Self Checks

There are Self Check “quizzes” in each unit intended to help you review the material covered in that unit. Self Checks are designed to be taken over and over as many times as you wish, to help you gain greater mastery of the concepts or skills being tested. If you find that you do not know or are not certain about an answer, go back to the unit material and reread the section pertaining to that question. If you don’t like your grade on a given Self Check, retake it until you are satisfied with the grade.

Unit Quiz Assignments

There are seven unit quizzes throughout the course. These assignments are submitted electronically, with the grade immediately revealed. Incorrect answers will be noted, and an explanation of why the student answer was incorrect will be included. Questions will be based off of the Self Checks and the readings. Unit quizzes account for 25 percent of your final grade.

Speaking Appointments

As part of the Unit Quizzes, you will be required to participate in seven speaking appointments. Grading will be based on your grasp of the vocabulary and grammar and the completion of all parts of the assignment. Speaking appointments account for 25 percent of your final grade.

Writing Assignments

You will be required to complete four writing assignments placed throughout the course. These should be submitted electronically through the course and will be graded by the instructor. Grading will be based on provided rubrics associated with each assignment. Graded assignments will be returned with comments. These assignments count toward 15 percent of your final grade.

Review Assignments

You will be required to complete three review assignments throughout the course. These will be in Unit quiz format, as described above. Each review assignment will include everything that you have learned up to that point. The three review assignments together are worth 15 percent of your final grade.

Final Exam

The written final exam will cover the same material found in your Unit quiz and Self Check assignments. If you study the course material, the assignments, you should be adequately prepared for the test.

Evaluation

You will receive a percentage grade for assignments. They will be evaluated based on effort and accuracy.

Grade Distribution

This is how your final grade for the course will be divided:

Assignments	Percentage
7 Unit Quizzes	50%
4 Writing Assignments	15%
3 Review Assignments	15%
1 Final Exam	20%
TOTAL	100%

Grading Scale

A	100%–93%	C	76%–73%

A–	92%–90%	C–	72%–70%
B+	89%–87%	D+	69%–67%
B	86%–83%	D	66%–63%
B–	82%–80%	D–	62%–60%
C+	79%–77%	E (Fail)	59% or below