Syllabus

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What You Should Already Know

Spanish 43 is the second semester of the first-year Spanish course. You should have taken Spanish 41 or another Spanish 1 semester 1 course before taking this course. The main requirement for this course is to have an interest and desire to learn Spanish.

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 do the following:

- Identify many vocabulary words that deal with clothing, school supplies, shopping, giving directions, sports, body parts, nature, kitchen, transportation, and occupations.
- Conjugate verbs in the present and past tenses and use them in sentences.
- Use basic expressions in conversations.
- Apply the correct pronunciation for different phrases and vocabulary words.
- Compose simple sentences.
- Compose simple conversations in Spanish.
- Understand Hispanic culture.

Course Materials

This course includes the reading texts, self check questions, unit quizzes, and hints for preparing for the final exam. You will need a Spanish–English dictionary.

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 and participate in a speaking assignment. These assignments will be graded and will help you prepare for the final exam. 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 Quizzes

You will be responsible for completing seven unit quizzes, corresponding to each of the seven units. These are found at the end of each unit. You will receive a percentage grade for each assignment. The unit quizzes are worth 40 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 are worth 25 percent of your grade.

Writing Assignments

You will be required to complete three writing assignments paced throughout the course. These should be uploaded to the assignment page 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.

Exams

The written final exam will cover the same material found on your unit quizzes and self checks. If you study the course material and assignments, you should be adequately prepared for the test. The final exam will be worth 20% of your final grade.

Grading

You will be graded on a percentage system on the Unit quiz appointments, the Writing Assignments, the Unit quiz Assignments and the Final Exam. This is how your final grade for the course will be divided:

Assignments	Percentage
7 Unit Quizzes	65%
3 Writing Assignments	15%
1 Final Exam	20%
TOTAL	100%

Grading Scale

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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