

Online Spanish 101

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Course Description

SPAN 101 ELEMENTARY SPANISH (First Semester) 4 Units.

Introduction to modern Spanish. Includes basic pronunciation and vocabulary, grammar, reading, writing. Emphasis on development of oral proficiency (listening and speaking). Introduction to customs, culture, and politics of Spanish-speaking societies through selected readings and discussion. Corresponds to the first two years of high school Spanish.

Students with credit in SPAN 102, 201,

202, or 203 may not enroll for credit in SPAN 101.

(CAN SPAN2) **This is not a Self-Paced class**



Course Materials

1. HARDBOUND Text: Puntos de partida, 8th Ed., by Knorre, Dorwick et. al. (Mcgraw-Hill, 2008)
2. Puntos de partida: Online Lab Manual, 8th Ed. (**mhcentro.com bookstore**)
3. Puntos de partida: Online Workbook, 8th Ed. (**mhcentro.com bookstore**)
4. Microphone for your computer to complete speaking assignments
5. English/Spanish Dictionary (recommended).

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1) Engage in meaningful conversations about familiar contexts in the present tense, demonstrating command of basic vocabulary, structures and pronunciation in the target language.
- 2) Write cohesive, short, simple narratives in the present tense about familiar contexts, demonstrating command of basic vocabulary and structures in the target language.
- 3) show comprehension of a simple reading selection about some cultural aspect of the Spanish speaking world, and which incorporates 101 level vocabulary and structures.

Students with disabilities:

A student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the Disabled Students Program & Services Office (DSPS), ext. 6658, for further information.



Blackboard
<http://blackboard.miracosta.edu>

Class Format

Login to the course on Blackboard & CENTRO a minimum of 5 times per week and spend at least 15 hours per week on the course, which is equivalent to 5 hours in class and 10 hours outside of class. One chapter will be covered every two to three weeks. During this time, you will read the chapter in your TEXTBOOK, view vocabulary and grammar tutorials online (BB & CENTRO), work on the chapter Workbook & Lab Manual on CENTRO, take online quizzes, participate in Blackboard discussions & complete speaking activities on Elluminate.



www.mhcentro.com

Workbook & Lab Manual Assignments

Workbook and Lab Manual exercises are designed to enhance and reinforce the information studied in each chapter; they will give you the necessary practice of vocabulary and grammatical structures along with essential practice and evaluation of your reading and listening comprehension. For optimal benefits, **spend at least a half an hour on CENTRO workbook & lab manual per day**. It is your responsibility to keep up with the class. After completing each activity, press 'submit' to see errors (not all activities will provide feedback). Portions of these exercises (especially the journals) may be adapted for use on exams. You will complete all of these activities on CENTRO by the day listed on the calendar to receive credit. Your grade will be based on overall completion and accuracy.

No assignments accepted after due date.

Journals

The **Journal** are to be typed onto the BLACKBOARD DISCUSSION BOARD inside of each chapter folder being mindful of punctuation and accents. Both the Journal and the discussion/**speaking** topics on Blackboard are meant to help you to synthesize the vocabulary and grammar structures that you have earned in the *capítulo* and to really communicate in the language. SAVE your Journal and Blackboard discussion contributions on a separate document on your personal computer. Everything in this course builds on itself and is meant to prepare you for the next step including the written portions of the midterm and final and the topics that will be on your speaking exam.

Conscientious students who do their Workbook, Journal & Lab Manual regularly, honestly and completely, consistently do better on the midterm & finals (written & speaking).

Open Lab & Tutoring

- Location: OC4701 & SEC508. It is not required, but students may use the International Languages Resource Center during the semester primarily to do the *Workbook and Lab Manual* on CENTRO. However, you may also use the Lab to enhance your Spanish language learning in any way that is available to you (videos, DVDs, language learning web sites, books, dictionaries, etc...). There are Spanish **conversation coaches available** in the lab as well.
- Open lab hours & the conversation coach schedule is available at this website: <http://www.miracosta.edu/Instruction/InternationalLanguages/LanguageResourceCenter/>
- Free tutoring is also available through tutorial services (SEC ext.7748, OC ext.6682): <http://www.miracosta.edu/StudentServices/Tutoring/index.htm>
- Study groups are also very helpful!

Testing

The **quizzes** are in each chapter folder on Blackboard. Be sure you are prepared for the quiz before you click on it because once you open the quiz you must complete it right away. If the quiz is left idling, it will time-out and lock you out; you cannot re-take. The **midterm** and **final** must be taken at the Academic Proctoring Center (OC:T430, SEC:101) on one of the days listed on the Calendario (or at a proctoring center near you). No make-up tests will be given. You will also take a **5-10 minute speaking exam with your instructor** toward the end of the semester to showcase what you have learned. If you are unable to take the speaking exam in person, you must have a webcam & speaker to take the test on Elluminate. Details will be posted after the midterm. **Students who do not receive a passing average on the final written and speaking exams, cannot pass the class.** There is zero tolerance for cheating and plagiarism. Penalties range from an "F" on a test to expulsion from class (outlined in MiraCosta's student disciplinary action guidelines).

Important Dates:

Last day to drop without grade on record: **1/31**

Last day to petition for credit/no credit: **2/23**

Last day to drop with "W": **4/23**

Final speaking exam: **5/11 - 5/16 (last week of classes)**

Final written exam: **5/18 - 5/22 (final's week)**

Important Links

CENTRO: www.mhcentro.com

BLACKBOARD: blackboard.miracosta.edu

ACADEMIC PROCTORING CENTER: www.miracosta.edu/StudentServices/ProctoringCenter/index.htm

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES: www.miracosta.edu/Instruction/InternationalLanguages/Spanish/index.htm

Attendance & Participation

Work on CENTRO and BB for at least 30-40 minutes a day. Waiting until the last couple of days before a due date to complete your work could bring your participation grade down.

Since Spanish is a course that requires participation in order to fulfill the objectives of the course, your active participation is mandatory. To be successful, you must login to Blackboard and CENTRO to engage in learning activities at least 5 times per week, participate meaningfully in blackboard discussions, record mini-conversations with a classmate on Elluminate and make sure you meet all of the submission deadlines listed on the calendario or your participation grade will be affected and you may be dropped from the class without further notice. Failure to login and participate is the same as being a "no show" at an on-campus class. Since there is no chance to "talk" to non-responding students, seemingly harsh rules are necessary to keep the roster current and comply with MiraCosta rules and state education requirements.

- To assign grades for participation, at the end of each chapter, your instructor can check any of the following: how many times you logged into BB and Centro, how long you were on, where you clicked, what work was completed, and how long it took you to complete it. Logins to check your grades on blackboard, to look at the announcements page, or logging in and leaving the site open and idle will not count as participation in the class.

Please allow a maximum of 2 weeks from the time you submit an assignment for the grade to be entered into the grade book on Blackboard. Your instructor teaches other classes and needs time to grade them all. Online grading is more time consuming than paper.

Grading

Weighted grade

Participation, discussions & speaking assignments	10%
Quizzes, Workbook & Lab manual	10%
Journal	10%
Midterm, Final & Speaking Exam	70%

Grading Scale

The following **scale** will be used for your final grade:

A 90.0 – 100%	D 60.0 - 69.9%
B 80.0 - 89.9%	F 59.9% or less
C 70.0 - 79.9%	Credit 73.0% or more

Grading of journal, blackboard discussion boards & speaking assignments

The rubrics for evaluating discussion board postings, Journal and recordings are posted on Blackboard. Read them carefully to see how to get full points on your contributions.

Calendario

wk.	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
	Jan. 19	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 24 - 25
1	MLK	1 st day of class quiz due midnight on BBd. Start Ante Todo	Ante Todo Make paper flash cards.	Ante Todo	1 st Discussion Board contribution due by midnight - "Meeting"	Ante Todo Vocab. Quizzes & CENTRO Lab Manual due by Sunday at midnight.
	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31 - Feb. 1
2	Ante Todo	Ante Todo	Ante Todo	Ante Todo	Ante Todo	Ante Todo grammar quizzes and CENTRO Workbook due by Sunday at Midnight.
	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7 -8
3	Start Capitulo 1	Make paper flash cards.	Capítulo 1	Capítulo 1	Capítulo 1	Capítulo 1 Vocab. Quizzes & CENTRO Lab Manual due by Sunday at midnight.
	Feb. 9	Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Feb. 14 - 15
4	Capítulo 1	Capítulo 1	Capítulo 1	Capítulo 1	Lincoln's Birthday	Elluminate recorded conversation #1 due by midnight Sunday.
	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 21 - 22
5	Washington's Birthday	Cap. 1 gram. quizzes and CENTRO Wkbk due Tues. @ Midnight.	Start Capítulo 2	Make paper flash cards.	Capítulo 2	Capítulo 2 Vocab. Quizzes & CENTRO Lab Manual due by Sunday at midnight.
	Feb. 23	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb.26	Feb. 27	Feb. 28 – Mar. 1
6	Capítulo 2	Capítulo 2	Capítulo 2	Capítulo 2	Capítulo 2	Elluminate recorded conversation #2 due by midnight Sunday.
	Mar. 2	Mar. 3	Mar. 4	Mar. 5	Mar. 6	Mar. 7 – 8
7	Cap.2 gram. quizzes and CENTRO Wkbk due Mon. @ Midnight.	Capítulo 3 Vocab.	Make paper flash cards.	Capítulo 3 Vocab.	Review	Review
	Mar. 9	Mar. 10	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	Mar.13	Mar. 14 – 15
8	Midterm to be taken at Academic Proctoring Center.					
	Mar. 16	Mar. 17	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 20	Mar. 21 – 22
9	Spring Break					