Welcome to Spanish 101 Online!
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Course Materials
2. Webcam & Microphone that work with your computer and a computer that meets minimum requirements (to check, go here- http://www.miracosta.edu/apps/studenthelp/browsertest/index.html )

Course Description
SPAN 101 ELEMENTARY SPANISH (First Semester) 4 Units. Prerequisites: None. This introductory course develops Spanish language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It covers basic Spanish pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar. It also explores the history, geography, and customs of the Spanish-speaking world. This course 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.

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 first-semester level vocabularies, structures, and pronunciation in the Spanish language.
2. Write cohesive, short, simple narratives in the present tense about familiar contexts, demonstrating command of first-semester level vocabularies and structures in Spanish.
3. Show comprehension of a simple reading selection about some cultural aspect of the Spanish-speaking world, and which incorporates first semester vocabularies and structures in the Spanish language.

Students with disabilities
If you have a disability, you may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. For further information, please contact your instructor and/or the Disabled Students Program & Services Office (DSPS, at 795-6658) as soon as possible.
How to earn points

Participation: 42 pts (16% of your grade)

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 Bb & the Supersite at least 4 times/week to engage in learning activities such as viewing vocabulary and grammar tutorials, watching videos, viewing reading selections, etc.
- complete assigned WebSAM activities by due dates listed
- complete voice recordings, speaking assignments and blogs by due dates listed
- submit quizzes by all of the submission due dates listed

“A” quizzes will get 4pts toward the possible 7 pts per lección, “B” quizzes will get 3pts, a “C” will get 2 pts, a “D” will get 1pt and an “F” and non-submissions will get 0 pts. Failure to participate in the above listed activities will affect your participation grade. If a student doesn’t login to participate for over a week, it is the same as being a “no show” at an on-campus class and the student may be dropped for non-participation. To assign grades for participation, your instructor may check when you logged into Bb & the Supersite, how long you were on, what work was completed, and how long it took you to complete it. Class format: Students should be prepared to spend at least 12 hours per week on this course, which is equivalent to 4.2 hours in class and 8 hours outside of class. One chapter will be covered every 2 to 3 weeks. Each chapter, students will participate in the following: read the chapter and other readings; view tutorials and videos and complete homework assignments; write blog or record speaking assignments; take quizzes. All due dates are on a Friday and are listed in RED on Blackboard.

Online Workbook, Lab Manual & Video Manual: 12 pts (4% of grade)

This 4% is very deceiving because it is actually worth much more as this area affects all the others; there is a direct correlation between students who work on the Supersite regularly and honestly and grades on writing, voice recordings and tests. WebSAM exercises are designed to reinforce the information studied in each chapter; they provide the necessary practice of vocabulary, structures, topics, reading and listening comprehension. Completion of the WebSAM activities also affect the participation grade. For optimal benefits, spend at least 60 mins. on the Supersite per day. It is the student’s responsibility to keep up with the class and meet chapter due dates. After completing each activity, press ‘submit’. SOME activities will provide feedback. All assigned chapter activities must be completed by the due date to receive full credit (grade is based on completion, attempt as many times as you want). No late work accepted.

Blog & Voice Recordings: 55 pts (20% of your grade)

The Blog is to be typed onto Blackboard being mindful of punctuation and accents. The blog and/or speaking activity instructions and grading rubrics will be posted on Blackboard. The Blog and the topics of the voice activities are chapter culminating activities and are meant to help you to synthesize the vocabulary, grammar structures and topics covered in the chapter and to really communicate in the language. Review yours and other people’s blogs and voice activity contributions to review for tests. 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 final speaking exam. [Voice recordings will be completed on Blackboard]

Midterm, Final Speaking & Final Exam: 160 pts (60% of grade)

The quizzes are linked from Blackboard at the end of the list of activities to complete each chapter. Quizzes count toward your participation grade. To get a good self-assessment of your learning, be sure you are prepared for them before you click to open because once opened, you must complete it and you get only one attempt. The midterm and final must be taken at the Academic Proctoring Center on one of the days listed on Blackboard (or at a proctoring center near you). No make-ups will be given. You will also take a 5-10 minute speaking exam at the end of the course to showcase what you have learned. If the speaking exam involves a conversation with me and you are unable to take it in person, you must have a webcam to take the test on Elluminate or Skype. 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).
Grading

- Midterm, Final & Final Speaking
- Voice activities & Blog
- Homework (prepares you for everything)
- Participation (includes quizzes)

The following scale will be used for your final grade.

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

Rubrics: The rubrics for evaluating voice activities and Blogs are posted on Bb with the instructions. Read them carefully to see how to get full points.

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

Having previous travel plans is not a valid excuse for missing these dates.

- First day of class: Jan. 23
- Last day to drop without grade on record: Feb 3
- Last day to petition for pass/no pass: Feb. 24
- Midterm in Proctoring center: March 12-16
- Spring Break: March 19-24
- Last day to drop with "W": April 26
- Final written exam: May 12-19 THE WEEK BEFORE FINALS’ WEEK!
- Final speaking exam: May 19-23 DURING FINALS’ WEEK

Open Lab & Tutoring

- Location: OC4701 & SEC508. It is not required to go, but students may use the International Languages Resource Center during the semester primarily to meet with one of our wonderful conversation coaches, record your voice activities and to do the Workbook and Lab Manual on The Supersite. You may also use the Lab to enhance your Spanish language learning in any way that is available to you (DVDs, language learning web sites, books, dictionaries, etc…).
- Open lab hours & the conversation coach schedule are available at this website: [http://www.miracosta.edu/instruction/laca/languageresourcecenter.html](http://www.miracosta.edu/instruction/laca/languageresourcecenter.html)
- Free tutoring is also available through tutorial services (SEC ext.7748, OC ext.6682): [http://www.miracosta.edu/StudentServices/Tutoring/index.html](http://www.miracosta.edu/StudentServices/Tutoring/index.html)
- Study groups are also very helpful!

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