



SPAN-1411-101HY-2023

Fall 2023: Beginning Spanish I

NOTE: This hybrid course opens August 28 & closes December 14, 2023

Instructor Information

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Student hours and location

Class 8:00 to 8:50 AM ICB 204

Student Hours M, W from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and T and Th from 8:00 to 9:30 AM

Friday by appointment only. LRC Suite B-246B (COM)

Required Textbook

- ¡Arriba! Comunicación y Cultura
- Author: ZAYAS-BAZAN
- Edition: 7th Edition

You do not need to buy a hard-copy textbook, but you must buy the online access with eBook at MySpanishLab.com to get your MySpanishLab access code.

Textbook Purchasing Statement

A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Course Description

This course develops basic Spanish language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing within a cultural framework. Students will acquire the vocabulary and grammatical structures necessary to communicate and comprehend at the beginner level.

Course requirements

Your grade in this course will be based on the criteria listed below:

1. Student Activities Manual (SAM)
2. Oral Presentations - Record 2 oral presentations per unit.
3. Unit Exams

Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula

- Unit Workbook Assignments – 30%
- Oral Presentations – 20%
- Unit Exams - 50 %

Grade Scale:

- A=89.5% –and Above
- B=79.5 – 89.4%
- C=69.5 - 79.4%
- D=59.5-69.4%
- F=Below 59.5%

Course Outline

Course Introduction -August 28-September 3

- Read all the "Getting Started"
- Set up your My Spanish Lab account
- Post an Introduction on the Discussion Board (BSP)

Unit#1 --Talking About Yourself and Others - August 28-September 17

- Chapter 1 Coursework Due – September 17 by 11:59 pm
 - Ch1 SAM Assignments Due
 - Ch 1 Oral Presentations Due
 - Extra Credit Discussion – Ch 1 Due (BSP)
 - Exam #1 Due

Unit#2 -Describing People and Things - September 17 - October 8

- Chapter 2 Coursework Due – October 8 by 11:59 pm
 - Ch2 SAM Assignments Due
 - Ch 2 Oral Presentations Due
 - Extra Credit Discussion – Ch 2 Due (BSP)
 - Exam #2 Due

Unit#3 -- Feelings / Possessions - October 8-29

- Chapter 3 Coursework Due – October 29 by 11:59 pm
 - Ch3 SAM Assignments Due
 - Ch 3 Oral Presentations Due
 - Extra Credit Discussion – Ch 3 Due (BSP)
 - Exam #3 Due

Unit#4 -- Family - October 29 - November 19

- Chapter 4 Coursework Due – November 19, by 11:59 pm
 - Ch 4 SAM Assignments Due
 - Ch 4 Oral Presentations Due
 - Extra Credit Discussion – Ch 4 Due (BSP)
 - Exam #4 Due

Unit#5 – Describing Daily Routine - November 19 - December 10

- Chapter 5 Coursework Due – **December 10** by 11:59 pm
 - Ch 5 SAM Assignments Due
 - Ch 5 Oral Presentations Due

- Extra Credit Discussion – Ch 5 Due (BSP)
- Exam #5 Due

Make-up period - December 10 -14

- All make up and late work is due no later than **Noon on Thursday December 14**
- All Extra Credit Brightspace Discussions are due by **Noon on Thursday December 14**
- Remember all work submitted after the unit due dates will have a penalty attached (see course syllabus)

Important Notes:

- Course Materials OPEN at 12:00 AM on the first date listed for the unit.
- All activities completed in MySpanishLab except those marked (BSP) are completed in Brightspace
- A detailed course study plan is posted in each chapter folder in Brightspace. These schedules will give you a daily plan to approach the study of the course broken down by individual topics and homework assignments. All work is due at the end of the chapter (see above) but the daily approach will help you to stay on task. Language is best learned a little bit each day.

Communicating with your instructor

ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. The best way to contact me is through the online course email. You should only use the COM email RNaranjo@com.edu if you have not heard from me within 72 hours.

General Education Core Objectives

Students successfully completing this course will demonstrate competency in the following Core Objectives:

1. **Critical Thinking Skills:** Students will demonstrate creative thinking, innovation, and the ability to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information.
2. **Communication Skills:** Develop, interpret, and express ideas through written, oral, and visual communication.
3. **Social Responsibility:** Students will demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.
4. **Personal Responsibility:** Evaluate choices and actions of others or one's own, and relate consequences to ethical decision-making.

Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this Assignment
1. Engage in conversations using level-appropriate grammatical structures including narrating events that take place in the present and producing questions and responses on a variety of topics dealing with everyday life.	Communication Skills (C)	Oral Presentation and Quizzes 20% Homework Assignments 10%
2. Demonstrate understanding of level appropriate spoken Spanish.	Communication Skills (C)	Oral and Written Exams 40% Homework Assignments 10%
3. Write simple sentences and organize them into short paragraphs.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Written Quizzes 20% Homework Assignments 10%
4. Read and comprehend level-appropriate texts.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Oral and Written Exams 40%
5. Identify and discuss traditions, customs and values of the Hispanic world.	Social Responsibility Skills (SR)	Oral Presentation and Quizzes 20%
6. Compare and contrast the traditions, customs and values of the Hispanic world with characteristics of their own culture.	Personal Responsibility Skills (PR)	Oral and Written Exams 40% Attendance 10%

Academic Dishonesty

Any incident of academic policy will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student handbook. Academic dishonesty such as cheating on exams is an extremely serious offense and will result in a grade of zero on that exam and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate discipline action.

Student Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact D. Brian Anderson, 409-933-8186 <http://www.com.edu/humanities/banderson@com.edu>

Institutional Policies and Guidelines

Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook

https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2023-2024_v2.pdf. *An appeal will not be considered because of general*

dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.

Academic Success & Support Services: College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement: Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Kimberly Lachney at 409-933-8919 or klachney@com.edu. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

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Withdrawal Policy: Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to

withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1st 8-week session is October 11. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is November 28. The last date to withdraw for the 2nd 8-week session is December 7.

FN Grading: The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

Early Alert Program: The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

Resources to Help with Stress:

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at deanofstudents@com.edu or communityresources@com.edu.