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The Course: This class is designed to introduce students to the Spanish language and Spanish speaking cultures and customs. Spanish 131 is structured around four important skills of language acquisition: listening, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish at the beginning level.

This is an honors section of the course; therefore, the material will be taught at a slightly faster pace than a non-honors section. Class time will be dedicated primarily to practicing the language rather than to presentation of new material, so students are expected to preview the chapter vocabulary and grammar points before they come to class. In addition, in this class we will spend more time looking at Spanish explicitly as a system, using concepts of general linguistics such as phonology, syntax, and word morphology. By the end of this class, students should not only know some conversational Spanish, but should also have a basic understanding of the “nuts and bolts” that make up the Spanish language as a system.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Conectados by Marinelli/Fajardo plus access to iLrn Heinle Learning Center

Website: https://hlc.quia.com/books/

Additional materials provided by instructor.

THIS CLASS REQUIRES TECHNOLOGY ACCESS: THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS, AND ACCESS STUDY TOOLS, MEDIA, YOUR SCORES, INSTRUCTOR-STUDENT COMMUNICATION, AND MORE.
ORGANIZATION: This course will cover “Lección Preliminar” Through “Capítulo 3”.

GRADING: Grades will be calculated according to the following scale of 1000 points.

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A = 720-800, B = 640-719, C = 560-639, D=480-560 points, F= 479 and below

LANGUAGE LOGS: These are entries to be written on the discussion board in d2L by the dates listed in your course calendar. Sometimes they will be in the form of a “progress log” documenting what you have been doing to practice Spanish and what has been working or not working for you, and other times they will be written in Spanish using vocabulary and structures we have been focusing on in class. The goal of this exercise is to promote accountability and consistency in your language studies, as well as to interact and provide feedback for your classmates.

ILrn: This is the website you will use for all your homework, which is an extremely important part of your grade. The reason such a large percentage of your grade is allotted to homework is because practicing daily is going to be a huge key to your success in language-learning. All of the due dates are listed in your course calendar, but get in the habit of logging in every day or every other day. It is my hope that this learning platform will be extremely helpful to you, as it follows a pattern of learn-practice-use to help you learn the language as effectively and easily as possible. There are tutorials and a multitude of additional practice should you want or need it.

QUIZZES: Quizzes are meant to be short comprehension-checks that will take a portion of the class period on selected Fridays. One of the five quizzes will be dropped from your final grade average. Make-up quizzes are not given as a rule, but you may schedule a make-up if you know in advance that you will be missing class or if you contact me before the following Monday.

MIDTERM AND FINAL: There will be a midterm and a final exam in this course, which make up a significant portion of your grade. Quizzes, homework, and in-class exercises should be a good indication of what to expect on the exams, but reviews will also be given the week prior. You will not be required to speak on the exams. The exams will be somewhat comprehensive in nature, but will not cover every possible topic covered by that
date. You will never be given material on an exam that has not been thoroughly dealt with in class.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Students with documented disabilities please make an appointment to see me as soon as possible. To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).

**TUTORS AT AARC:** The students at SFA are privileged to have access to an excellent free tutoring service for Spanish through the AARC. Although I strongly urge any student having difficulty to see me for help, the AARC can offer assistance as well. In addition, there are graduate students in the language lab (Ferguson G-77) who will be able to help you free of charge.
Course Calendar

Week of Monday, August 28th:

What should I be studying?

- Introductions and greetings / the sounds of Spanish
- Lección preliminar, pp. 1-8
- Spanish-speaking countries, pp. 9-11

Homework: Set up iLrn account __

- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 08/31 __
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/03 __
- Complete language log #1 on d2L by end of day on 09/03 __

Week of Monday, September 4th:

What should I be studying?

- Paso 1 Vocabulario: El primer día de clase (pp. 12-15)
- Paso 1 Gramática: Los números del 0 al 100 (pp. 16-18)

Homework: Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/05 __

- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/07 __
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/10__
- Complete language log #2 on d2L by end of day on 09/10__

Week of Monday, September 11th:

What should I be studying?

- Paso 1 Gramática B: Subject pronouns and the verb estar (pp. 19-21)
- Paso 2 Vocabulario: En el salón de clase (pp. 22-25)
- Paso 2 Gramática: Nouns and articles (pp. 26-28)
- QUIZ 1 ON FRIDAY

Homework: Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/12__

- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/14__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/17__
- Complete language log #3 on d2L by end of day on 09/17__
Week of Monday, September 18th:

What should I be studying?:

- Paso 2 Gramática: El verbo ser (pp. 29-31)
- Paso 3 Vocabulario: Por el campus (pp. 32-35)
- Paso 3 Gramática: El verbo tener (pp. 36-38)

Homework: Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/19__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/21__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/24__
- Complete language log #4 on d2L by end of day on 09/24 ___

Week of Monday, September 25th:

What should I be studying?:

- Paso 3 Gramática: El verbo ir (pp. 39-41)
- Capítulo 2: La vida estudiantil (pp. 49-51)
- QUIZ 2 ON FRIDAY

Homework: Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/26 __
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 09/28 __
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/01__
- Complete language log #5 on d2L by end of day on 10/01___

Week of Monday, October 2nd:

What should I be studying?:

- Paso 1 Vocabulario: Háblame de tus clases (pp. 52-55)
- Paso 1 Gramática A: Los adjetivos (pp. 56-58)
- Paso 1 Gramática B: La oración y la negación (pp. 59-61)

Homework: Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/03 __
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/05__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/08__
- Complete language log #6 on d2L by end of day on 10/08 ___
Week of Monday, October 9th:

**What should I be studying?:**
- Paso 2 Vocabulario: Un día típico entre semana (pp. 62-65)
- Paso 2 Gramática A: El presente de los verbos regulares -AR (pp. 66-68)
- **QUIZ 3 ON FRIDAY**

**Homework:** Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/10__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/12__
- Complete midterm review by end of day on 10/15__

Week of Monday, October 16th:

**What should I be studying?:**
- Review for midterm
- **Midterm October 18th**
- Paso 2 Gramática B: Las preguntas de sí/no (pp. 69-71)

**Homework:** Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/19__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/22__
- Complete language log #7 on d2L by end of day on 10/22__

Week of Monday, October 23rd:

**What should I be studying?:**
- Paso 3 Vocabulario: El fin de semana (pp. 72-75)
- Paso 3 Gramática A: El presente de los verbos regulares -er/-ir (pp. 76-78)
- Paso 3 Gramática B: Las preguntas de información y confirmación (pp. 79-81)

**Homework:** Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/24__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/26__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/29__
- Complete language log #8 on d2L by end of day on 10/29__
Week of Monday, October 30th:

*What should I be studying?:*

- Capítulo 3: Entre familia y amigos (pp. 89-91)
- Paso 1 Vocabulario: La familia, los amigos, y las mascotas (pp. 92-95)
- Paso 1 Gramática A: Los adjetivos y los pronombres posesivos (pp. 96-98)
- **QUIZ 4 ON FRIDAY**

*Homework:*

- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 10/31__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/2__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/5__
- Complete language log #9 on d2L by end of day on 11/5__

Week of Monday, November 6th:

*What should I be studying?:*

- Paso 1 Gramática B: Los verbos *ser* y *estar* (pp. 99-101)
- Paso 2 Vocabulario: Mis amigos y mi familia (pp. 102-105)
- Paso 2 Gramática A: Los comparativos (pp. 106-108)

*Homework:*

- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/7__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/9__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/12__
- Complete language log #10 on d2L by end of day on 11/12__

Week of Monday, November 13th:

*What should I be studying?:*

- Paso 2 Gramática B: Los superlativos (pp. 109-111)
- Paso 3 Vocabulario: Las fiestas (112-115)

*Homework:*

- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/14__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/16__
- Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/19__
Complete optional language log #11 by end of day on 11/19

Monday, November 20th:  *Thanksgiving holiday*

Monday, November 27th:

*What should I be studying?:*
  - Review and practice of previous topics
  - Paso 3 Gramática A: Stem-changing verbs (pp. 116-118)
  - **QUIZ 5 ON FRIDAY**

**Homework:**  Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/28
  - Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 11/30
  - Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 12/03
  - Complete optional language log #12 on d2L by end of day on 12/03

Monday, December 4th:

*What should I be studying?:*
  - Paso 3 Gramática B: El verbo *gustar* (pp. 119-121)
  - Review for final exam

**Homework:**  Complete iLrn homework by end of day on 12/05

Monday, December 11th:  *Final exams begin*

*Other important dates:* Wed. 10/18: mid-semester; Wed. 10/25: last day to drop courses