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SPA 131.400 Spanish 3 Dual Credit

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Required text: CONECTADOS by Marinelli/Fajardo plus access to MindTap Learning Center. Additional materials provided by instructor.

THIS CLASS REQUIRES TECHNOLOGY ACCESS. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS, AND TO ACCESS STUDY TOOLS, MEDIA, SCORES, INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT COMMUNICATION AND MORE.

Objectives/Outcomes: This three semester hour course is designed to introduce students to the Spanish language and Spanish speaking cultures and customs in the online format. In addition to helping students develop skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing in Spanish and providing them with a better understanding and appreciation for and of Hispanic culture, this class will also allow for the more general ability to:

- communicate effectively by developing and expressing ideas through written and oral communication.
- think critically, which includes the ability to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information about the history, culture, family, and artistic production of the Spanish-speaking world.
- work as part of a team, by demonstrating the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others, supporting a shared purpose of goal.
- understand the role that personal responsibility has played throughout history and gain the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to making critical decisions.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be exposed to and actively engage in discussions selected from songs, comics, videos, news and internet materials, and readings from text that relate to the culture of Spanish speaking countries.
- Students will use vocabulary dealing with the following themes in their writing and speaking: greetings and leave-taking, introductions and expressions of courtesy, academic life and leisure activities, numbers to 100, the calendar, time, seasons, interrogative words, the family and friends, physical traits and personality, parties,
celebrations and activities, the city and travel-related expressions, transportation and directions and weather.

- Students will be able to correctly utilize the following grammatical structures: articles, gender and number of nouns, present tense, the implied future tense, adjective placement and agreement, ser and estar, -ar, -er and -ir verb conjugations, irregular present tense verb conjugations, the verbs gustar and saber and conocer.
- Students will be able to communicate in oral and written form about what one normally does, where one lives, what one likes to do, vacations, and one’s family and friends.
- Students will investigate very simple topics on the Internet in Spanish and record their findings.

Organization: This course will cover LECCIÓN PRELIMINAR through Capítulo 4 in CONECTADOS and includes enrolling in MindTap. Students will be assigned readings, activities, and grammatical exercises to be completed online in order to practice the necessary skills in the target language during class time.

Attendance and Participation: Participation is mandatory. Using Spanish to interact with your instructor and other students in the class is an important aspect of learning the language and cannot fully be measured by written exams. Therefore a portion of the final grade will depend on class participation. All students are expected to participate actively speaking in Spanish at every opportunity in the classroom and through online activities.

Late Work: You will not be able to submit late work without approval from your instructor and/or proper documentation from a university sponsor, physician, etc. For documented excused absences, you may make up quizzes and exams for classes missed. You are encouraged to discuss any missed assignments with your instructor.

Grading Criteria:

- Exams 25%
- Quizzes/Oral Q-A/Compositions 15%
- MindTap/Participation 60%

A = 89.5 – 100  B = 79.5 -89.4  C = 69.5 – 79.4  D = 59.5 – 69.4
Tentative Course Schedule for Spanish 3 Dual Credit
TB: Textbook: CONECTADOS (Also referred to as the Communication Manual). Please consult MindTap for specific homework and lab assignments related to class activities.


W Aug 28: TB: 4-8, Para saludar, Las asignaturas, Para hablar de las clases y Para entender en clase. Homework: Complete MindTap activities and review using online text and resources.


M Sept 02: Labor Day Holiday

W Sept 04: TB: 18, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Brief introduction to grammar. Homework: TB: 19-20. Paso 1, Gramática B, Subject pronouns and estar. Complete MindTap assignments related to Gramática B.

F Sept 06: TB: 21, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Homework: Paso 2, Vocabulario, En el salon de clase. TB: 22-23 and related MindTap assignments.


W Sept 18: TB: 38&41, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Review for Test 1, Friday. Homework: Review and prepare for Test 1. Complete all MindTap assignments and take the Self-test. It is not a part of your grade. It will determine what you do not have mastered and design a personalized study guide for you.


W Sept 25: TB: 58, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Homework: Study TB: 59, Paso 1, Gramática B, La oración y la negación and complete MindTap assignments.

F Sept 27: TB: 61, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Homework: Study TB: 62-63, Paso 2, Vocabulario, Un día típico entre semana/La hora and complete MindTap assignments.


T Oct 02: TB: 68, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Homework: Study TB: 69, Paso 2, Gramática B, Las preguntas de sí/no and complete MindTap assignments.

F Oct 04: Student Holiday


W Oct 09: TB: 75, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Homework: Study TB: 76-77, Paso 3, Gramática A, El presente de los verbos Regulares – er/-ir and complete MindTap assignments. *SIGN UP FOR EXAM 1 WITH PROCTORU.

F Oct 11: TB: 78, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Homework: Study TB 79-80, Paso 3, Gramática B, Las preguntas de información y de confirmación and complete MindTap assignments.

M Oct 14: Student Holiday

W Oct 16: Homework: Start reviewing for Exam 1, Capítulos 1 y 2.

F Oct 18: Review for Exam 1. Homework: Review and prepare for Exam 1 on Monday. Complete all MindTap assignments and take the Self-test. It is not a part of your grade. It will determine what you do not have mastered and design a personalized study guide for you.

M Oct 21: EXAM 1 (Must be taken with ProctorU, the exam is in D2L in Quizzes). Capítulos 1 y 2. Homework: study TB: 92-93, Paso 1, Vocabulario, La familia, los amigos y los mascotas and complete MindTap assignments.
W Oct 23: TB: 90-95, Introducción al capítulo 3 y ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Homewor: Study TB: 96-97, Paso 1, Gramática, Los adjetivos y los pronombres posesivos and complete MindTap assignments.

F Oct 25: TB: 98, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. 
Homework: Study TB: 99, Paso 1, Gramática, Los verbos ser y estar, 102-103, Paso 2, Vocabulario, Mis amigos y mi familia, and complete MindTap assignments.


F Nov 01: TB: 115, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. 
Homework: Study TB: 116-117, Paso 3, Gramática A, Los verbos con cambio de raíz en el tiempo presente and complete MindTap assignments.

M Nov 04: TB: 118, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. 
Homework: Study TB: 119-120, Paso 3, Gramática B, El verbo gustar and complete MindTap assignments.

W Nov 06: TB: 121, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. 
Homework: Start reviewing for Test 2, Capítulo 3 on Monday.

Complete all MindTap assignments and take the Self-test. It is not a part of your grade. It will determine what you do not have mastered and design a personalized study guide for you.


F Nov 15: TB: 138, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. 
Homework: Study TB: 139, Paso 1, Gramática, El future: ir + a + infinitive and complete MindTap assignments.

M Nov 18: TB: 141, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. 
Homework: Study TB: 142-143, Paso 2, Vocabulario, El tiempo, las estaciones, y las fechas and complete MindTap assignments.
W  Nov 20: TB: 145, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
   Homework: Study TB: 146, Paso 2, Gramática A, Los numeros mayores de 100
   and complete MindTap assignments.
F  Nov 22: TB: 148, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
   Homework: Study TB: 149-50, Paso 2, Gramática, El presente progresivo and
   complete MindTap assignments.

November 25 – 29  Thanksgiving Break

M  Dec 02: TB: 151, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
   Homework: Study TB: 152-153, Paso 3, Vocabulario, De viaje and complete
   MindTap assignments.
W  Dec 04: TB: 155, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
   Homework: Study TB: 156&159, Paso 3, Gramática A&B, Las frases verbiales
   y Las expresiones indefinidas y negativas and complete MindTap assignments.
F  Dec 06: TB: 158 & 161, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
   *SIGN UP FOR FINAL EXAM WITH PROCTORU.

M  Dec 09: Review for Final Exam/Final Exams
W  Dec 11: Review for Final Exam/Final Exams
F  Dec 13: End of Course