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Required text: 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 TO ACCESS STUDY TOOLS, MEDIA, SCORES, INSTRUCTOR STUDENT COMMUNICATION AND MORE.

Objectives/Outcomes
SPA 131: Three semester hour course designed to introduce students to the Spanish language and Spanish speaking cultures and customs. 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 of Hispanic culture, SPA 131 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 a 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.
- Understanding the role that personal responsibility has played throughout history and gain the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to making ethical 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 verb 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 ILR. Students will be assigned readings, activities, and grammatical exercises to be completed before each class in order to practice the necessary skills in the target language during class time.

Attendance and Participation: Attendance 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 be measured by written exams. Therefore a portion of the final grade will depend on class participation. Your participation grade is based on attendance, your attempts to communicate in Spanish whenever possible, regular preparation of all daily assignments, participation in paired and group activities, and arriving to class with all materials. All students are expected to participate actively speaking in Spanish during the class period. Since this class meets three times a week, you must study an adequate amount of time outside of class every day. Classroom attendance accompanied by 30 to 60 minutes of additional study time per day is recommended. Speaking English in class or disrupting the class in any way will result in a poor participation grade. Unexcused absences and tardies will also adversely affect participation averages. If you exceed nine unexcused absences in one semester you cannot pass the class.

Late Work: No late work will be accepted without approval from your instructor and/or proper documentation is submitted 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. Make an appointment during office hours.

Class Conduct: All cellular devices should be silenced during class. They must be facedown on your desk at all times! University policy forbids bringing food or drink into the classroom so please refrain from doing so. Courteous behavior is expected at all times and includes being attentive and respectful to other students during class. Please do not leave class after completing a quiz. You may, however, leave quietly after completing a test or an exam.

Lab: The language lab is available to you to complete assignments for your class and to use as a resource center. There are tutors available to you in the lab that can help guide you with online or instructor generated exercises and activities. They cannot give you the answers directly, but they can point you in the right direction. They also conduct general reviews and can go over tests with you. Tutors are not allowed to help you with compositions or presentations. Remember it is
your responsibility to know when you can and cannot seek assistance from tutors or native
speakers. A schedule of available tutoring times is available in the lab.

Grading Criteria: Exams: 35%
Tests / Oral Q-A 25%
Quizzes / Compositions: 20%
*iLrn / Participation: 20%

*One iLrn / Participation grade will be dropped

\[ A = 89.5 - 100 \quad B = 79.5 - 89.4 \quad C = 69.5 - 79.4 \quad D = 59.5 - 69.4 \]

*Students must pass Spanish 131 with a 70 or higher to enroll in Spanish 132.

Extra-Credit: You have a unique opportunity to earn up to 3% extra credit on your Final Exam
grade. As noted in your syllabus, you will have access to a cumulative assessment in D2L during dead
week. The assessment has to be completed by the date and time assigned. It is designed to get you
ready for the final exam, and a low score will not count against you nor will it lower your test score or
your final average in any way. Consider it preparation for your final exam and an opportunity to add
3% to your final exam average. More details will be provided at a later date.

Withheld Grades: Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of
the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the
course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one
calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically
becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically
become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point
average.

Academic Honesty: Academic dishonesty, cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. All
students in this class are expected to comply with university policies regarding academic honesty. Any
student caught cheating will receive a grade of zero on the assignment and will be reported to the
dean of his or her school. All homework should be done on your own. Students are not allowed to
use translation programs, native speakers, LRC workers or other students to assist them with
assignments. Doing so constitutes academic dishonesty and will be dealt with according to
university policy. Academic integrity is the responsibility of all university faculty and students.
Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the
components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating
and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism.
Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in
achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any
information, including citation, on an assigned exercise; (3) helping or attempting to help another in
an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the works or ideas of another person as if
they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are; (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's
own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting work that has been
purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the works or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

**Students with Disabilities:** If you have a learning or physical disability, visual or hearing impairment that might affect your progress in Spanish, please see me. 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, 468-1004 (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/.

**Tentative Course Schedule for SPA 131**

**TB:** Textbook: CONECTADOS. (Also referred to as the Communication Manual.) Please consult iLrn for specific homework and lab assignments related to class activities.

**W Jan 23:** Introducción al curso. **TB:** 1-3, Para presentarte, para deletrear. **Homework:** Review and practice the alphabet and greetings by completing iLrn assignments.

**F Jan 25:** TB: 4-8, Para saludar, las asignaturas, para hablar de las clases y para entender en clase. **Homework:** Complete iLrn activities and review using online text and resources.

**M Jan 28:** TB: 9-15, El mundo hispanohablante, Paso 1, Vocabulario. **Homework:** Study vocabulary, review formal and informal greetings and introductions, and Para entender en clase and complete related iLrn exercises.

At this point the class will be "flipped". In a flipped class you will begin each lesson online before meeting with me in class. This allows us to use the language actively during class time. I will address any questions you have about what you have previewed at the beginning of class if needed. The benefits of this approach are numerous. As you are already familiar with the material, class time will be used to help reinforce what you have studied on your own. The extra time allows us to actually use the language to communicate helps and develop fluency. Vocabulary is reinforced in class which helps with retention, and listening and speaking becomes the focus of class time rather than grammatical explanations and repetition of words. **When time allows,** I will go over the upcoming material briefly in class before you see it in the textbook/online.

**Before you come to class on Wednesday,** study TB: 16 and complete the iLrn assignments related to numbers 0-100. Review and practice pronunciation. Write down any questions you might want me to address.

**W Jan 30**- TB: 18, ¡Expresate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. Brief introduction to grammar. **Homework:** TB: 19-20. **Paso 1, Gramática B, Subject pronouns and estar.** Complete iLrn assignments related to Gramática B.

**F Feb 1**- TB: 21, ¡Expresate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. **Homework:** 

**Paso 2, Vocabulario, En el salon de clase.** TB: 22-23 and related iLrn assignments.
M Feb 4- TB: 25, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

*Homework:* **Paso 2, Gramática A, Los sustantivos y los artículos. TB:**26-27 and related iLrn assignments.

W Feb 6- TB: 28, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

*Homework:* **Paso 2, Gramática B, El verbo ser. TB:**29 and iLrn assignments.

F Feb 8- TB: 31, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. *Homework: TB:* 32-33, **Paso 3, Vocabulario, Por el campus** and related iLrn assignments.

M Feb 11- TB: 35, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

*Homework:* **TB:** 36&39, **Paso 3, Gramática A&B, El verbo tener e ir** and iLrn assignments.

W Feb 13- TB: 38&41, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

Review for Test 1, Wednesday. *Homework:* **Review and prepare for Test 1.**

Complete all iLrn 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 Feb 15- **TEST 1, Lección preliminar y Capítulo 1.** *Homework:* **Paso 1, Vocabulario, Háblame de tus clases. TB:**52-53 and iLrn activities.

M Feb 18- TB: 50-55, Introducción al capítulo 2 y ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities. *Homework:* **Study TB:** 56, **Paso 1, Gramática A, Los adjetivos and complete iLrn assignments.**

W Feb 20- TB: 58, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

*Homework:* **Study TB:** 59, **Paso 1, Gramática B, La oración y la negación and complete iLrn assignments.**

F Feb 22- 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 iLrn assignments.**

M Feb 25- TB: 65, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

*Homework:* **Study TB:** 66, **Paso 2, Gramática A, El presente de los verbos regulares –ar and complete iLrn assignments.**

W Feb 27- TB: 68, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

*Homework:* **Study TB:** 69, **Paso 2, Gramática B, Las preguntas de sí/no and complete iLrn assignments.**

F Mar 1- TB: 71, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

*Homework:* **Study TB:** 72-73, **Paso 3, Vocabulario, El fin de semana and complete iLrn assignments.**

M Mar 4- 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 iLrn assignments.**

W Mar 6- 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 iLrn assignments.**

F Mar 8- TB: 81, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

*Homework:* Start reviewing for **Exam 1, Capítulos 1 y 2 on Monday.**
Complete all iLrn 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 Mar 13- EXAM 1, Capítulos 1 y 2. Homework: study TB:92-93, Paso 1, Vocabulario, La
familia, los amigos y los mascotas and complete iLrn assignments.

F Mar 15- TB: 90-95, Introducción al capítulo 3 y ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated
communication activities. Homework: Study TB: 96-97, Paso 1, Gramática, Los
adjetivos y los pronombres posesivos and complete iLrn assignments.

M Mar 16 - Mar 24 - SPRING BREAK

M Mar 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 iLrn assignments.

W Mar 27- TB: 101, 105 ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
Homework: Study TB: 106 & 109, Paso 2, Gramática A&B, Los comparativos y
Los superlativos and complete iLrn assignments.

F Mar 29- TB: 108&111, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
Homework: Study TB: 112-113, Paso 3, Vocabulario, Las fiestas and complete
iLrn assignments.

M Apr 1- 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 iLrn assignments.

W Apr 3- TB: 118, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
Homework: Study TB: 119-120, Paso 3, Gramática B, El verbo gustar and complete
iLrn activities.

F Apr 5 - TB: 121, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
Homework: Start reviewing for Test 2, Capítulo3 on Wednesday.

M Apr 8- Review for Test 2. Homework: Review and prepare for Test 2 on Wednesday.
Complete all iLrn 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 Apr 10- TEST 2, Capítulos 3. Homework: Study TB: 132-133, Paso 1, Vocabulario, Las
vacaciones/De vacaciones en la playa and complete iLrn assignments.

F Apr 12- TB: 130-135, Introducción al capítulo 4 y ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated
communication activities. Homework: Study TB:136-137, Paso 1, Gramática, Los
verbos irregulares en el presente and complete iLrn assignments.

M Apr 15- TB: 138, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
Homework: Study TB: 139, Paso 1, Gramática, El futuro: ir + a + infinitivo and complete
iLrn assignments.

W Apr 17- TB:141, ¡Exprésate!  Homework: Study TB: 142-143, Paso 2, Vocabulario, El tiempo,
las estaciones y las fechas and complete iLrn assignments.

April 18-21 - EASTER HOLIDAY
M Apr 22- Actividad en clase.

W Apr 24- TB: 145 ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
   *Homework: Study TB: 146, Paso 2, Gramática A, Los números mayores de 100 and complete iLrn assignments*

F Apr 26- TB: 148, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
   *Homework: Study TB: 149-150, Paso 2, Gramática, El presente progresivo and complete iLrn assignments.*

M Apr 29- TB: 151, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
   *Homework: Study TB: 152-153, Paso 3, Vocabulario, De viaje and complete iLrn assignments.*

W May 1- TB: 155, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.
   *Homework: Study TB: 156 & 159, Paso 3, Gramática A&B, Las frases verbales y Las expresiones indefinidas y negativas and and complete iLrn assignments.*

F May 3- TB: 158 & 161, ¡Exprésate! and/or instructor generated communication activities.

D2L Assessment Review will be available during dead week. Details will be provided.

M May 6- Review for Final Exam.
W May 8- Review for Final Exam.
F May 10- Review for Final Exam.

**FINAL EXAM:** Wednesday, May 15th, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Your instructor, Kim Wells, invites you to enroll in the following course.

Course: SPA 131  
Code: RANCJ769  
Book: Conectados 1st Edition

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