

**SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE
COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**COURSE SYLLABUS COVER PAGE
SPANISH 1411
FALL 2019**

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Course Syllabus
SPAN 1411 – Beginning Spanish I

Department: Communication Department

Discipline: Spanish

Credit: 4 semester hours--3 hours lecture, 3 hours lab

Prerequisites: none

Available Formats: conventional

Campus: Seagraves Schools 9-12 Campus

Textbooks: *Arriba* 7th Ed., by Zayas-Bazán, Bacon & Nibert.

(1) Textbook (Comunicación y Cultura) and/or

(2) MySpanish Lab access code for Arriba

Supplies: Notebook, Spanish/English dictionary and verb book recommended

Course Description: SPAN 1411 - Beginning Spanish I

This course is specifically designed for beginning Spanish students. The course includes a study of 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. Semester Hours: 4; Lecture Hours: 3; Lab Hours: 3. Pre-requisite: none.

Course Objectives: The purpose of this course is formed by *ACTFL National Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century*, focusing on the five general areas:

Communication

Communicate in Languages Other Than English

Standard 1.1: Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions

Standard 1.2: Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics

Standard 1.3: Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.

Cultures

Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures

Standard 2.1: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied

Standard 2.2: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied

Connections

Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information

Standard 3.1: Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the foreign language

Standard 3.2: Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures

Comparisons

Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture

Standard 4.1: Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own

Standard 4.2: Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.

Communities

Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home & Around the World

Standard 5.1: Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting

Standard 5.2: Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

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.
2. Demonstrate understanding of level-appropriate spoken Spanish.
3. Write simple sentences and organize them into short paragraphs.
4. Read and comprehend level-appropriate texts.
5. Identify and discuss traditions, customs and values of the Hispanic world.
6. Compare and contrast the traditions, customs and values of the Hispanic world with characteristics of their own culture.

Course Requirements: Since this is a performance class, in order to maximize the potential to successfully complete this course, the student must attend all class meetings, participate actively and complete all assignments.

Evaluation: Grade determination:

Written Exams/ Compositions	30%
Daily Assignments (written—homework/quizzes/classwork/participation).	15%
MySpanish Lab (includes all exercises posted on the MSL).	25%
Oral/Auditory (listening/speaking—quizzes/exams/dialogues/recordings/discussions)	15%
Final Exams (Oral and Written components)	15%

Grading Scale:

A=100-90

B=89-80

C=79-70

D*=69-60

F*=59 – below

***Note:** a “C” or better is required for continuing to the next Spanish course at South Plains College. After successfully passing SPAN 1411, your next course will be SPAN 1412.

Contacting your Instructor- Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about your progress in this class. Please let me know in advance if you will have to miss class. Arrangements may be made to turn in your assignments early. You may contact me at via e-mail at: glenn.thompson@seagravesisd.net

South Plains College
Arts and Sciences Division
Communication Department

Spanish 1411- Fall 2019

M-TH 8:30-9:16—SHS Rm 10
Friday 9:00-9:40—SHS Rm 10

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Required Materials: Arriba-Comunicación y Cultura, 7th edition
MySpanishlab, (online component--purchase access)--Course ID-
CRSKLGP-667091
Spanish/English Dictionary and Spanish verb book (recommended)

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Additional Information:

This course is founded on interaction, communication, and culture and is geared at improving all aspects of Spanish language-speaking, listening, reading, writing and knowledge of the Hispanic culture. Strong emphasis will be placed on reading and speaking the language; therefore, the course entails a great deal of reading preparation and oral practice of the language during class time. You will exchange real-life information about yourself in a variety of activities. You will continue to acquire and improve upon your aural comprehension by listening to me and others speak in class, which will be conducted primarily in the target language (Spanish), and by listening and responding to the comprehension exercises in MySpanish Lab (MSL), as well as any additional materials presented in class. It is recommended that you spend time outside of class exposing yourself to the Spanish language by watching Spanish-speaking programs, listening to Spanish radio stations, choosing print materials of personal interest that are in Spanish, and engaging in interactions with others that speak the language. You will continue to acquire and improve your speaking ability by using Spanish with the whole class and in small activity groups. Nevertheless, it is always important to understand the basic principles of grammar in order to become more proficient, and this will require that you learn said principles and rules, which will be discussed in English.

In learning such an array of communication skills you must diligently practice and strive for improvement. It is impossible to "cram" for a language class and expect satisfactory results as communicative competence is built gradually over a period of time. You will be given ample resources to help you succeed and you will be held to high expectations in all aspects of this course.

Having and maintaining an active email account as well as online access will be essential for this course.

Assignments: Assignments are to be prepared before class. Each assignment will be due at the beginning of class unless otherwise stated. Assignments will include readings and textbook exercises (oral and written/typed), supplementary worksheets, the MySpanish Lab (MSL) assignments and any other activities designed to stimulate and reinforce foreign language acquisition. Please prepare your assignments carefully and expect to participate in class. On average you should study an amount of time equal to that spent in class. **Assignments will not be accepted incomplete or late (after I've taken them up). This includes arriving late to class.** Please note that in this class, utilizing translation websites for written assignments in Spanish will not be allowed and will infringe upon the guidelines of academic integrity.

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Attendance Policy: You are expected to be on time and to remain the entire class period. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class period.

Missed assignments: If you are absent, it is your responsibility to talk to me about what you missed. You will have the number of days you missed to get work turned in or quizzes and tests made up.

MySpanish Lab: This is a 3 hour lab credit class. Though you do not typically have to attend a specific lab location, you must log in and complete the assigned interactive activities and exercises in order to fulfill this component of the course. Students not meeting this weekly requirement will receive one warning in writing.

Written Exams: Written exams will consist of evaluations over the textbook chapter material. Format will vary. You will need to bring earphones for all textbook exams as we will utilize the lab.

Oral Final Exam: Every student must take the comprehensive Oral Final Exam (interview).

Written Final Exam: The written-final exam is scheduled for **Wednesday December 11th**. It is comprehensive and must be taken at the scheduled time. It will average with the oral final component. Though students missing an exam during the semester is extremely rare, if for any reason a student misses an exam they can replace **one** "0" with the comprehensive final. Likewise, a student having taken **all** scheduled exams may replace **one** low exam grade with the comprehensive final **or** take it to average with their oral final grade.

Special Notice: If at any time you decide to quit attending class or have been absent 4 times it is your responsibility to follow the appropriate procedures and drop the course. I strongly encourage you to visit with your professor before dropping any course.

Class Conduct: You should be courteous and respectful to your classmates and me, your instructor, at all times. It is my belief that learning best occurs in a supportive and respectful atmosphere. It is expected that you will conduct yourself in a responsible manner. Rudeness and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Tardiness, sleeping and visiting with classmates will not be permitted since such activities inhibit the learning atmosphere. Cell phones are not appropriate in class. Should you carry one, please turn it off and put it away upon entering the classroom. **Tablets and laptops are to be used for e-book access only, when appropriate.** If any infractions occur, I will visit with you at that time.

Academic Integrity: Cheating and plagiarism constitute serious offenses and will not be tolerated. (Refer to the SPC General Catalog and Student Guide). **For this class, the use of online translators/websites for written assignments is considered cheating.**

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Institutional Syllabi Statements

Diversity Statement In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Disabilities Statement Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Non-Discrimination Statement South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Chris Straface, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email cstraface@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>
Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

Taken from:

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<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/employees/manualshandbooks/facultyhandbook/sec4.php>