

**South Plains College**  
Arts and Science Division  
Communication Department

**Spanish 1412 – Spring 2023**

(.364) Dual Credit

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**Required Materials:**

Arriba-Communication and Culture. 7<sup>th</sup> Ed. (Textbook or e-book via MySpanish Lab).

MySpanish Lab. (online component-purchase access)

Spanish/English Dictionary and Spanish verb book (recommended).

**Course Description:** SPAN 1412 (364). Continued development of basic Spanish language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing within a cultural framework. Students acquire the vocabulary and grammatical structures necessary to communicate and comprehend at the high beginner to low intermediate level. Semester hours: 4; Lecture Hours: 3; Pre-requisite: two years of high school Spanish or Beginning Spanish 1 (Spanish 1411).

**Additional Information:** This course is founded in 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. You will continue to acquire and improve upon your aural comprehension by listening to a variety of speakers in audio and video and by listening and responding to the comprehension exercises in MySpanish Lab (MSL), as well as any additional materials presented online. It is recommended that you spend time outside the 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. Also, 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/viewed 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.

**Assignments:** This course will cover chapters 4-8 of the Arriba textbook. All online assignments on the MSL are to be completed by 11:59pm CST on the assigned due date. You should read and study your materials prior to attempting them. Assignments will include MySpanish Lab (MSL) assignments, watching assigned videos in Spanish, listening and speaking activities (recordings). Please prepare your assignments carefully. **Assignments will not be accepted incomplete or late.** In average you should study an amount of time equal to that spent in class. This will likely entail 3-5 hours weekly, including preparation, vocabulary review, exercises, etc. 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.

**MySpanish Lab calendar assignments** are structured as follows (using Chrome as your browser):

**SAM activities-** These Student Activity Manual exercise (SAM) will be the majority of your online assignments on the calendar. You will be able to work these exercises 3 times AFTER looking at the corresponding textbook pages. You should use the feedback bubble to see any hints or, after your second attempt, the correct answer will be given. So, your third submission should be 100% correct. If you make a 100 on your second attempt, you should “try again” and submit it a 3<sup>rd</sup> time. This will help your average on the exercise. It is important that you self-evaluate and learn from your mistakes on these exercises. These are not exams; they are homework so you should be utilizing your textbook and notes to complete them (be prepared before you start).

**TXT activities-** These activities are identical to the ones listed in your textbook on the pages indicated. These can be worked up to 100X and your highest grade will be taken. These tend to be more reading intense so take your time and make the extra effort to look up what’s being said.

**Extra Practice activities-** These activities are usually assigned toward the end of the chapter. They are not optional practice as they weigh the same as other grades so don’t be fooled by the title. These test your essential grammar for the chapter. These can be worked up to 100X and your highest grade will be taken.

**Practice Test-** Depending on the test format, these may be assigned prior to a given exam. These can be worked up to 100X and your highest grade will be taken. You should check the feedback bubble after your 1<sup>st</sup> attempt and look at your mistakes and possible hints.

**Grammar and Vocabulary Tutorials-** These are always available in the tutorials tab. I suggest spending 30 minutes a day with them. I will purposely assign some of the calendar, but can always access them from the top of the page.

**Tests-** These will be posted on designated test days/location. They will be timed, and all the questions must be answered. You will have one attempt. They will cover all forms of grammar and vocabulary from the chapter. You will have Listening, Reading, and Writing sections in multiple forms (true/false, fill in the blank, multiple choice, word banks, and short sentence answers).

**Evaluation; Grade Determination:**

MySpanish Lab (includes all exercises posted on the MSL) .....	60%
Chapter Exams (Arriba textbook) .....	30%
Final Exam (oral) .....	10%

**\*A grade of “C” or better is required in order to continue to the next level of Spanish at SPC. The next course is SPAN 2311 Intermediate Spanish 1.**

**MySpanish Lab:** This is an online class which includes a 3 hours weekly lab requirement. This means that you must log in and complete the assigned activities and exercises in order to fulfill this component of the

course. You are to remain above 80% completion of all assigned activities at any given time. You must simply do your assigned work. Students not meeting this requirement will receive one warning in writing. Failure to meet requirements will result in the student being dropped from the course (see Especial Note below).

**Missed Assignments:** There will be **no make-up work, quizzes, nor make-up exams**. I encourage you to let me know if you fall ill during the course of the semester, a family emergency, or find yourself with an approved school activity that impedes with pending MSL assignments (not past due). I will, at my discretion and within reason, work with you. I would expect these instances to be rare. Your communicating with me in a timely manner will be expected and is appreciated.

**Written Exams:** Written exams will consist of timed evaluations over the textbook chapter material/readings. Format will vary but will be completed on the MySpanish Lab. You are not allowed to access any material or 3<sup>rd</sup> party sources for completing exams unless instructed otherwise.

**Oral Final Exam:** Every student must take the comprehensive Oral Final Exam. Specific date and format to be determined.

**Special Notice:** If at any time you decide to quit attending class 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. **The last day to drop a course is Thursday, November 19th.** If you have not logged into the MSL, maintained an 80% completion of all posted exercises after warned, expect to be dropped from the course by the instructor and receive the grade of "F".

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

**SPAN 1412 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 past.
2. Demonstrate understanding of level-appropriate spoken Spanish produced by Spanish speakers of diverse origins.
3. Write simple to moderately complex sentences using level-appropriate grammatical structures and organize them into cohesive paragraphs.
4. Read and comprehend level-appropriate authentic 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 Objectives:** The purpose of this is formed by ACTFL *National Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## **Institutional Syllabi Statement.**

### **Diversity Statement:**

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurture individual and group differences and encourages engagements 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 case 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 (Students 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, national origin, 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, 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. Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362.

**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/campus\\_carry.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campus_carry.php)

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited in all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

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

