

SPANISH 1

Instructor

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Available to Students: 7:45 a.m-8:15 a.m. or via appointment

Prep Block: 5th

Mission

To share my experience having been raised on the border in Texas, studied in Mexico during middle school and lived in Spain for 13 years while also having taught at a private University in Murcia, Spain. I am passionate about sharing Spanish culture, history and current news and how business is conducted in Mexico and Spain.

Course Overview

Introduction to the Spanish language. This course integrates not only the textbook and online learning system, but also includes cultural and news topics from Spanish speaking countries. This course is necessary for students planning on completing all four years of Spanish.

Course Materials: Require Text & Materials

Textbook: Senderos 1 via Textbook and VHL Online

Materials: Notebook

Computer: School computer, fully charged, to be used each class day.

Website / App: Duolingo

Course Schedule

Introduction

Class Introductions, Materials, Google Classroom Registration, VHL Registration and Explanation.

Lección 1

Greetings, Identifying Yourself, Expressions of Courtesy, Alphabet, Numbers 0-30, Nouns and Articles, Present Tense of SER, Telling Time. Cultural Focus: Greetings in the Spanish Speaking World

Lección 2

Talk about the Classroom and School Life, Discuss Everyday Activities, Ask Questions in Spanish, Describe the Location of People and Things. Present Tense of -AR Verbs. Present Tense of ESTAR. Numbers 31 and Higher. Culture: Secondary School in the Spanish Speaking World

Lección 3

Talk about Family and Friends, Describe People and Things, Express Possession. Descriptive Adjectives and Possessive Adjectives. Present Tense of -ER and -IR Verbs. Present Tense of TENER and VENIR. Culture: Surnames and families in the Spanish Speaking World, Spain's Royal Family

Additional Lessons

Cultural Festival Days:

Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 - October 15

Día de Independencia September 15 - 16

Día de los Muertos November 1 - 2

Cinco de Mayo May 5

We will also take a look at how the Spanish speaking world celebrates popular American celebrations.

Grading Policy

This class is designed to have students complete work in a timely manner. The design of the VHL system makes it easier to complete work during class, and if necessary as homework. In the second quarter, students will be expected to do speaking assignments individually and in groups. Some assignments will require the student to record speaking on the VHL system. Some projects will also have an option to either record a video or complete a presentation in class.

Should homework not be submitted by the deadline, there is an automatic 5% deduction per day.

Quizzes will be given at minimum twice during a unit, and over any significant material such as verb conjugations. Tests are after each unit. Semester projects are once a semester.

Grading Categories

40% of the Total Grade

- Daily Classwork
- Homework
- Participation Grades
- Duoligo Participation

30% of the Total Grade

- Quizzes

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- Tests
- Presentations (one per semester)

Speaking Spanish

Many activities involve practicing speaking Spanish- it's the best way to learn. Some students might feel stressed or anxious about speaking in public. If the student has an issue, please communicate this with me as soon as the test or presentation topic is announced. I routinely give students the opportunity to do speaking parts of quizzes or tests while standing in the hall.

Spanish in the Classroom

Students are expected to use the Spanish they have learned daily in the classroom. Spanish 1 will be in a more bilingual setting during the second semester, where directions are given in Spanish.

Spanish at Home

During certain times during the year, students will be expected to share their Spanish with family members and or friends.