

Spanish 101
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Welcome to Spanish 1!

COURSE DESCRIPTION (*descripción del curso*): An introductory course for students who wish to begin or review the study of Spanish. No prior experience is needed. This course teaches the four skills of learning a foreign language – listening, speaking, reading and writing. This class meets four (4) days a week, Monday-Thursday via interactive television (ITV).

REQUIRED TEXT (*labor de texto obligatorio*): **PASO A PASO, (1)**

This is a year long course. The first semester will cover Chapters 1-7. The second semester will cover chapters 8-14.

**It is preferred, but not mandatory, that all students have a Spanish language dictionary., a valid e-mail account, and Internet access.*

COURSE OBJECTIVE (*objetivo del curso*):

This course is designed for students who want to develop their abilities in understanding, speaking, reading and writing everyday Spanish. Students will learn to:

- Understand basic Spanish grammar and grammar rules
- Pronounce Spanish with accuracy and increasing fluency
- Hear and interpret basic Spanish language phrases based on context clues
- Read, interpret, translate and write phrases and paragraphs in Spanish
- Develop a functional oral and written Spanish vocabulary
- Gain an understanding of cultural holidays and practices in the Spanish-speaking world

THE USE OF ENGLISH (*el uso del inglés*): In Spanish 101 your instructor will speak Spanish up to 50% of the time. You may use English only when absolutely necessary. From time to time you may need to ask something in English, however, you must ask permission first in Spanish and ONLY after you have tried to express yourself in Spanish. Speaking only in Spanish will enhance your ability to acquire the skills you are seeking to achieve. It is therefore important that you make an effort to use the vocabulary and constructions you will be learning. In group work, you will be expected to speak in Spanish the entire time.

EXPECTATIONS (*expectaciones*):

- Come with a **positive attitude, courage** to try new things, and **support** for your fellow students' efforts.
- Besides your text, **you will need a notebook, folder and a pen/pencil.**
- Keep your Spanish materials maintained and organized.
- **Class participation is crucial.** Be prepared to participate in all exercises, activities and exam reviews.
- **Learn vocabulary** as needed and on time.
- **You are expected to be in the classroom by the start time of the class.**
- **You will be counted tardy if you are not present for roll call. Tardies count towards your participation grade. You are allowed TWO tardies per semester.**
- **There is no extra credit in this class. There will be bonus points on each quiz and or exam.**
- **Plagiarism and/or academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.** Students will follow the policy established by Central Methodist University. Students suspected of cheating or plagiarizing will be referred to their school administrator(s) and Central Methodist University and parents/guardians will also be informed. Class expulsion is possible. District and University penalties can be more severe.
- **Complete all assigned work on time.** Late assignments are allowed up to one (1) class period, with a 25% deduction.
- **Cell phones and any other electronic devices are not allowed in class.**
- **Contact me the minute you have a problem or are confused!** You can't learn Spanish overnight, don't wait until you're too far behind!
- **Notify the instructor, with as much advance notice as possible, of any absences.**
- **Do not alter or move the ITV equipment** in your classroom.

ATTENDANCE (*asistencia*): The class meets four (4) days each week, Mon--Thurs via ITV. Attendance will be taken for every class. Because daily practice is essential for proficiency in a language, you are expected to attend every class. **ALL absences require a written excuse from your school's ITV Coordinator, Counselor, or a parent/guardian the day of your return to class.** If you cannot make it to class because of an emergency or

unexpected problem, please try to call or e-mail Señora Jordan PRIOR to the start of class.

MISSED CLASS(ES): If you miss a class session you are responsible for collecting the information that was passed out in your absence. It is a good idea to exchange telephone numbers and e-mail addresses with other class members, in order to get missed information.

GRADING SCALE: 500 POINTS

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| • 450 pts or more | A |
| • 400-449 pts | B |
| • 350-399 pts | C |
| • 300-349 pts | D |
| • 299 pts or less | F |

ASSIGNMENT VALUE:

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| • Class Participation, Effort and Attitude | 30% |
| • Homework/In-Class Assignments/Pop Quizzes | 25% |
| • Term Paper | 10% |
| • Vocabulary Quizzes | 10% |
| • Chapter Exam (1) | 10% |
| • Semester Final Exam | 15% |
- *Be prepared for a pop quiz at any time. They will NOT be announced. Pop Quizzes will not be made up.*

**The instructor reserves the right to amend the Course Schedule as needed based on inclement weather, school conflicts, learning patterns, etc*