

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

School of Arts and Humanities

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

SPA 201-1D Intermediate Spanish I

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You can download this syllabus at <http://www.uab.edu/foreignlang/spa-syllabi.html>

I. TEXTBOOK

Long, S. et al. (2005), NEXOS. Houghton Mifflin. (NEXOS will come packaged with a set of audio CDs, a Multimedia CD-ROM and a QUIA pass card --QUIA is an on-line workbook/Lab manual).

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES (Prerequisites: SPA 101, 102 or equivalent)

Spanish 201 is the third course of a three-course sequence (101, 102 and 201). The general goals of this course are to acquaint students with the Spanish language spoken daily and Spanish-speaking cultures as well as to provide opportunities for language practice and cultural awareness. Specific objectives include the following:

- 1 To discuss a variety of chapter topics in Spanish.
- 2 To practice spoken Spanish based on chapter topics and vocabulary.
- 3 To read Spanish passages based on chapter topics and vocabulary.
- 4 To write short compositions in Spanish based on chapter topics and vocabulary.
- 5 To identify important elements of Spanish-speaking cultures throughout the world.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, the student will:

- 1 Converse in Spanish about selected information based on chapter topics.
- 2 Correspond in written Spanish to communicate thoughts and feelings.
- 3 Read passages to gain cultural awareness of the Spanish-speaking world.
- 4 Use Spanish in a variety of contexts outside the classroom.
- 5 Present an oral report about chapter topics using resources from the Internet.
- 6 Compare Spanish-speaking cultures w/one another and w/the home culture.
- 7 Contrast Spanish-speaking cultures w/one another and w/the home culture.
- 8 Increase speed in spoken Spanish using a variety of oral techniques.
- 9 Connect the study of Spanish w/other disciplines.
- 10 Recognize the contributions of Spanish-speaking citizens to the global community.

IV. ATTENDANCE AND CLASS PARTICIPATION

The University of Alabama at Birmingham recognizes that the academic success of individual students is related to their class attendance and participation. The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures complies with the

official UAB Attendance and Excused Absence Policy for Undergraduate Programs and therefore allows, with anticipated proper official documentation, absences due to jury or military duty as well as absences due to participation in specific university-sponsored activities. In addition, the Department has its own Attendance Policy.

Regular attendance is necessary to learn a foreign language. Repeated absences, tardiness, passivity, and silence will definitely be reflected in your course grade. For semester-length classes*, the Attendance Policy of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is:

Class participation, contribution and actual speaking in the target language is crucial in order to learn a language, therefore class attendance is mandatory. Any absence is going to affect students' class participation and final grade. If under special circumstances, students need to miss classes, the following attendance policy will be applied:

3-days a week classes: 2 % from the FINAL grade is deducted for EACH absence above 4. More than 9 absences will result in an AUTOMATIC "F".

2-days a week classes: 2 % from the FINAL grade is deducted for EACH absence above 3. More than 7 absences will result in an AUTOMATIC "F".

1-day a week classes (seminars): 2 % from the FINAL grade is deducted for EACH absence above 1. More than 3 absences will result in an AUTOMATIC "F".

Example for 3-day classes:

Final grade = 93

6 absences (2 above maximum permitted) = 93 - 4 = 89% final grade

10 absences = F

Example for 2-day classes:

Final grade = 90

6 absences (3 above maximum permitted) = 90-6 = 84% final grade

8 absences = F

V. CLASSROOM POLICIES

- 1 Exams are ONLY taken on dates and times indicated on syllabus. Once the exam has started, students will not be allowed to leave the room unless they have finished and turned the exam in. If in case of **medical emergency** students miss an exam or quiz, they need to appeal directly to the Coordinator of the Spanish Introductory Program in order to be considered eligible for a make-up test no later than one day after having missed the exam (appropriate medical documentation must be presented).
- 2 Classes begin promptly at hours scheduled. More than ten minutes late to class will be considered one absence, as well as leaving early. On quiz and exam days, the oral part of the quiz or exam will not be repeated for latecomers.
- 3 No credit will be given for homework turned in late.
- 4 Phones and pagers should be turned off and put away while in class.

VI. THE UAB ACADEMIC HONOR CODE

UAB expects all students to function according to the highest ethical and professional standards. Academic misconduct undermines the purpose of education. Unacceptable behaviors such as abetting, cheating, plagiarism, fabrication and misrepresentation are serious violations of the UAB Academic Honor Code and are punishable by a range of penalties. For more information, please visit the UAB website at <http://www.catalog.uab.edu/UAB-Catalog2004-2006/>

VII. UAB DISABILITY SERVICES

UAB Disability Support Services (DSS) provides a broad array of services and technologies to make the UAB campus—and a UAB education—accessible for everyone. Please visit the UAB DSS website at <http://students.uab.edu/services/>

VIII. UAB EARLY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)

EAS is designed to help students be more successful academically at UAB. If you receive an email with EAS in the title, please open it, read it and take advantage of the support that UAB offers to all students. UAB is committed to ensuring that students receive academic support and are aware of the resources available that will help assist them in successfully completing their degree program.

IX. CLASS POLICIES

- First week of class you must pass the placement test in the Foreign Language Media Services Lab. If you do your placement test from a different place than FLMS you should print your record and give to the teacher the next day.
- Class starts on time. **More than 10 minutes late (as well as leaving early) will be considered absent.**
- Exams must be taken on dates and at time indicated on syllabus.
- No test make-ups or late assignments.
- No cell phone
- No leaving the room before class is over (unless an emergency)

X. EVALUATION

The grading system will be as follows:

Class preparation, participation	10%
Chapter exams (5)	50% (10%)
Final Oral (la bolsa)	15%
“La bolsa” assessment	5%
Activities Manual (<i>Quia</i> e-book)	10%
Writing Assignments	5%
Cultural events participation	5%

Grade scale

A= 92-100, B=82-91, C=72-91,D=62-71,F=0-62

XI. EXAMS

1 There will be five (5) chapter exams during the semester where your listening comprehension, reading and writing skills will be evaluated. The dates of these exams are printed on your syllabus. Your instructor will announce the content and format of these exams.

2 “La bolsa”: There will be a final cumulative oral exam where you will show your ability to communicate using the grammar and vocabulary covered in the semester through your “bolsa”. You will work on your “bolsa” throughout the semester and will have ample practice to prepare for the exam (guidelines and rubric are on the web page at www.uab.edu/foreignlang/spanish).

3. **Final exam "La Bolsa"** will be scheduled during the designated time for your Spanish final exam, as listed in the class schedule booklet. If it is impossible to schedule your exam during the designated time due to the number of students in your section, your instructor will provide other options. Due to university policy, final exams cannot be scheduled on “open days”, and you should not sign up for a time that conflicts with the exam for another class or on a day on which you have two other final exams. **Final exam for this class is Monday, Dec. 7, 10:45-1:15.**

XII. LAB ASSIGNMENTS

Although SPA 201 is a 3 credit-hour course, students are required to work with the technology component of NEXOS. These exercises can be completed at Foreign Language Media Services (FLMS, HB 412) or at home. For every chapter, you are expected to complete activities and have them ready by the due date specified on the syllabus. The technology/lab components that you are expected to complete for each chapter are:

1. NEXOS-QUIA On-line Workbook & Lab Manual

BEFORE each class session, you need to prepare and study the assigned pages for that class. AFTER class, you need to complete the assigned WB/LM activities. Your instructor will expect you to raise questions about the material in the workbook, so that clarifications and additional explanations can be given in class. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CHAPTER IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THE MATERIAL COVERED DURING EACH CLASS. Late work will not be accepted. Each chapter assignment will be graded based on the completeness and the quality of the work.

2. Writing Assignments

During the semester you will write 2 compositions in Spanish. The instructor will give you the topics for the compositions one week before they are due. The composition is to be at least **one page, typed** and written completely in Spanish. No late work will be accepted.

XIII. Cultural Events

Students are required to participate in at least **three** cultural activities. The purpose of this requirement is to expose you to languages and cultural events beyond the classroom that correspond to personal preferences for cultural enrichment and to stimulate your Spanish acquisition beyond the classroom. One event will be designated and the other two will be optional. Students must formalize their attendance on a sign-up sheet at every event.

All schedules, topics and information available on the DFL website.

www.uab.edu/foreignlang

Students Must Attend: Foreign Language for the Professions Panel **Thursday, Sept. 24, 7:00 p.m. Hulsey Recital Hall**

Other Options

- El club de español
- Foreign Language Film Series
- Spanish Speaking World Series
- Spanish Conversation Tables
- Other Department of Foreign Languages Sponsored Events.

CLASS SCHEDULE

* **Capítulo 10: ¿Cómo es tu casa?**

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| 8/19 | Intro to class.pp. 298-302 |
| 8/21 | Preparation: pp. 298-302: Homework: See Quia
<u>Visit Foreign Language Media Services</u>
<u>Take WebCAPE Placement Exam</u> |
| 8/24 | Preparation: pp. 303-310: Homework: See Quia |

8/26 Preparation: pp. 311-315; Homework: See Quia

8/28 Preparation: pp. 316-320; Homework: See Quia

8/31 Preparation: pp. 320-323; Homework: See Quia

9/2 Preparation: pp. 324-329; Homework: See Quia

9/4 La bolsa Cap. 10

9/7 **Labor Day: NO CLASS!**

9/9 Review for Exam

9/11 **Exam 1: Capítulo 10**

*** Capítulo 11: ¿Qué quieres ver?**

9/14 Preparation: pp. 332-336; Homework: See Quia

9/16 Preparation: pp. 336-343; Homework: See Quia

9/18 Preparation: pp.344-349; Homework: See Quia

9/21 Preparation: pp.350-351; Writing Process; Homework: See Quia

9/23 Preparation: pp. 352-361; Homework: See Quia

9/25 Composition 1 Due!! Homework: See Quia

9/28 Review for Exam

9/30 **Exam 2: Capítulo 11**

10/2 **La bolsa Cap. 11 GRADED**

*** Capítulo 12: ¿Qué síntomas tienes?**

10/5 Preparation: pp. 362- 367; Homework: See Quia

10/7 Preparation: pp. 368- 372; Homework: See Quia

10/9 Preparation: pp. 373- 378; Homework: See Quia

10/12 Preparation: pp. 379-381 ; Homework: See Quia

10/14 Preparation: pp. 381-389; Homework: See Quia

- 10/16 **FALL BREAK; NO CLASS**
- 10/19 Review for Exam; La bolsa Cap. 12
- 10/21 **Exam 3: Capítulo 12**
- * **Capítulo 13: ¿Te gusta trabajar con la gente?**
- 10/23 Preparation: pp. 392-395; Homework: See Quia
- 10/26 Preparation: pp. 396-402; Homework: See Quia
- 10/28 Preparation: pp. 403-406; Homework: See Quia
- 10/30 Preparation: pp. 407-411; Homework: See Quia
- 11/2 Preparation: pp. 412-417; Homework: See Quia
- 11/4 Preparation: pp.; Homework: See Quia
- 11/6 Preparation: pp.; Homework: See Quia
- 11/9 **La bolsa 4**
Review for Exam 4
- 11/11 **Exam 4: Capítulo 13**
- * **Capítulo 14: ¿Te gustaría ir conmigo?**
- 11/13 Writing Process, pp. 418-419
- 11/16 Preparation: pp. 422-433; Homework: See Quia
- 11/18 Preparation: pp. 434-439; Homework: See Quia
- 11/20 **Composition 2 DUE** Preparation: pp. 440-442; Homework: See Quia
- 11/23 Preparation: pp. 443-449; Homework: See Quia
- 11/25 No CLASS; Thanksgiving
- 11/30 Review for Exam 5; Bolsa Cap. 14
- 12/2 **Exam 5: Capítulo 14**

FINAL ORAL EXAM "LA BOLSA": Monday, Dec. 7, 10:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

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