



Course SPAN 3365.001 (ADVANCED SPANISH I)
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General Course Information

Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, & other restrictions

Students must have successfully completed SPAN 2312. Those who do not have credit in Spanish to transfer **MUST** take the UT Dallas Spanish Placement Test and obtain a score of 81-100 before they can enroll in SPAN 3365. **Language Assessment** — See details below.

Course Description

SPAN 3365 is a language course, which allows advanced language learners to increase their fluency and accuracy in spoken and written Spanish. Importance is given to reading, writing, conversation, and understanding elements of Hispanic cultures. Our goal will be to keep improving and to strengthen the Spanish skills acquired in previous courses and the students' abilities to develop and express very complex ideas in Spanish both orally and in writing. Therefore, the student will not simply acquire a way of acting and communicating in Spanish, but will become plurilingual and will develop interculturality. By the end of the course, students should have a high command of the four basic language skills: listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Students will also be qualified to take Advanced Spanish II and/or 3000 level courses.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. To consolidate competency in speaking, reading, listening, and writing in Spanish commensurate with the advanced level, and to allow student to move toward greater proficiency in conversational Spanish.
2. Express more complex thoughts, attitudes, and opinions responsibly and accurately in Spanish related to contemporary social issues.
3. Exhibit their knowledge of Spanish and Spanish American cultures.
4. Demonstrate the ability to collaborate and communicate with their peers in Spanish.

Required Texts & Materials

Campus Difusión access code (Ebook and Workbook URL: www.campus.difusion.com). *Aula Internacional 4*. Corpas, Garmendia, Sánchez and Soriano. Difusión 2018.

1. Go to www.campus.difusion.com and switch to English.
2. Under "Student", click on "Create free student account" and create your account.
3. Then click on "Go to Premium" and enter the "Course ID" your instructor provided you with.

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.

Students are responsible for all assignments, dates and policies contained in the syllabus. All matters associated with this course are subject to change at the instructor's discretion. Any changes will be communicated to students in writing. Assignments may be added to the syllabus on an ongoing basis. (Missing class does not excuse students from completing and turning in assignments on the due date).

Calendario oficial

Fecha	Contenidos y actividades
Semana 1	
Martes 1/14	Read the syllabus, calendar and familiarize yourself with the course, professor and classmates. Create a <i>campus.difusion.com</i> account, and familiarize yourself with it.
Jueves 1/16	Unidad 1: Buenas noticias
Semana 2	
Martes 1/21	Unidad 1: Buenas noticias
Jueves 1/23	Unidad 1: Buenas noticias
Semana 3	
Martes 1/28	Unidad 2: ¿Y tú qué opinas? Last day to drop a class without a “W” (1/29)
Jueves 1/30	Unidad 2: ¿Y tú qué opinas?
Semana 4	
Martes 2/4	Unidad 2: ¿Y tú qué opinas?
Jueves 2/6	Examen de las unidades 1 y 2 <i>campus.difusion.com</i> exercises (due today)
Semana 5	
Martes 2/11	Unidad 3: Yo nunca lo haría
Jueves 2/13	Unidad 3: Yo nunca lo haría
Semana 6	
Martes 2/18	Unidad 3: Yo nunca lo haría
Jueves 2/20	Presentaciones orales
Semana 7	
Martes 2/25	Presentaciones orales
Jueves 2/27	Presentaciones orales
Semana 8	
Martes 3/3	Unidad 4: Maneras de vivir
Jueves 3/5	Unidad 4: Maneras de vivir
Semana 9	
Martes 3/10	Unidad 4: Maneras de vivir
Jueves 3/12	Examen de las unidades 3 y 4 <i>campus.difusion.com</i> exercises (due today)
Semana 10	
3/17-3/19	SPRING BREAK – ¡NO HAY CLASE!
Semana 11	
Martes 3/24	Unidad 5: Lugares con encanto Last day to drop with an automatic “WL”
Jueves 3/26	Unidad 5: Lugares con encanto
Semana 12	
Martes 3/31	Unidad 5: Lugares con encanto
Jueves 4/2	Unidad 5: Lugares con encanto

Semana 13	
Martes 4/7	Unidad 6: Se valorará la experiencia
Jueves 4/9	Unidad 6: Se valorará la experiencia
Semana 14	
Martes 4/14	Unidad 6: Se valorará la experiencia
Jueves 4/16	Unidad 6: Se valorará la experiencia
Semana 15	
Martes 4/21	Presentaciones orales
Jueves 4/23	Presentaciones orales
Semana 16	
Martes 4/28	Presentaciones orales
Jueves 4/30	Fiesta fin de curso

Grading (credit) Criteria

<i>Campus Difusión</i> Homework	15%
Chapter Exams (3)	30%
Projects (2)	20%
Oral Presentations (2)	20%
Class Attendance	7.5%
Participation and Preparation	7.5%

Graded Categories

1. **Campus Difusión exercises** must be completed outside of class and by the assigned dates to receive full credit. You are allowed several attempts for each exercise. You are responsible for keeping up with assignments. Waiting until the night before an assignment is due and encountering a technical problem is not an excuse.
2. **Chapter exams:** There will be 3 chapter exams for the material covered in chapters 1 to 6. You will find more information in eLearning. **THERE ARE NO MAKEUPS FOR EXAMS.**
3. **Oral presentations:** You will give two presentations (8-10 minutes) to the class directly related to the themes discussed in the course. These presentations should incorporate the most relevant information about your topic, and you will include the related vocabulary and the grammar you are learning as a proof of your knowledge of the topics and the desired proficiency level for SPAN 3365. Students are also required to participate and ask questions to the presenter.
4. **Projects:** During the semester, you will work in two projects for which you will write a first draft and then you will publish a final product on eLearning. The first draft of your project will be returned to you with errors indicated. For the final product, you will have to make the corrections and then submit it on indicated dates.
5. **Daily active participation** includes responding when called on, volunteering, group work, participating in exercises, and any other activity assigned by the instructor. This is a Spanish class, and since speaking is one of the most important of the four skills, students are expected to be active speakers. Your participation and your level of engagement in this class will be graded daily. I am interested both the quantity and quality of your participation. Simply attending class does not guarantee a student a good participation grade.

Course & Instructor Policies

Class Attendance

Since exposure to the target language is essential for successful language learning, **class attendance is mandatory. Three unexcused absences will lower your grade by 5%**; with each additional absence, your grade will be furthered lowered proportionately. Arriving late to class or leaving early three times will count as one absence.

As a general rule, no absence will be excused without proper documentation. Excused absences are limited to the following: school-sponsored activities, including fieldtrips and athletic events; religious observance; doctor's appointments and/or hospital stays. In the case of school activities or religious observance, the student must notify the instructor in writing in advance. In the case of fieldtrips, the student must provide a letter or email from the sponsoring department or professor(s) in advance. Athletes must provide a letter or e-mail signed by their coach and addressed to the Instructor stating the reason for their absence and calendar of events. Please note that only UTD intercollegiate sports, not club or recreational sports are covered by this policy. In the case of illness, students must present a letter or note on letterhead or stationary from the physician to the instructor on the first class upon returning. The letter or note must contain contact information. This documentation must be original and not photocopied. Please note: I do not accept emails, letters from parents, etc. There are no exceptions to this policy.

In the event of a family emergency, such as the hospitalization or death of an immediate family member, you must contact your instructor via email as soon as possible. Documentation (such as an obituary or service bulleting) may be requested. The professor reserves the right to make a determination as to the validity of these absences on a case-by-case basis.

Likewise, late work will not be accepted, except in the cases stated above and upon production of the required documentation.

Punctuality

Tardiness is disrespectful to both your instructor and your peers. Arriving late to class will affect your daily participation grade in the course. An attendance sheet is passed around at the beginning of the hour. If you do not sign the sheet, for any reason, you will be counted absent. Please do not ask to sign the sheet after it has been passed around. Please do not leave class early or ask to leave during class (except in cases of emergency). You are adults. Unless you have a medical problem, you should be able to sit through a 75-minute class without needing to leave.

Make-ups

As a general rule, **no absence will be excused without justification. Also, no late work will be accepted and no make-ups will be given.**

Nota bene: It is possible to fail this course based solely on attendance (or lack thereof). It is your responsibility to withdraw from the course to avoid receiving an "F."

Late Work

All work is due on the dates specified. No late work will be accepted in accordance with the policies outlined above. No exceptions. Please do not ask me to deviate from this policy. If you do, I will simply say, "Refer to the syllabus", and I will consider the matter settled.

Nota bene: As free agents, you are free to make decisions about coming to class and completing your assignments on time. But every decision (action) carries a consequence. The consequence for missing class is outlined above. The consequence for missing an assignment deadline (regardless of the reason or "intention") is a zero on the assignment.

Written Work

It is important to remember that, although your instructor is always available and willing to be consulted prior to submission of assignments, they **cannot, under any circumstances, be presented with a draft and asked to read and/or correct the entire draft or parts of it** as this would give the student in question an unfair advantage over his or her classmates. Also, **you are not allowed to use an online translator (Google Translate, Spanish Dict...), or to ask others to proofread your work,** unless asked to do so by your instructor. As a general rule, your instructor must always be the first person to read your written work.

Please note that all of the following **are also unacceptable:** (1) **carelessly or inadequately citing ideas and words borrowed from another source,** (2) **submitting someone else's text as your own,** (3) **attempting to blur the line between your own ideas or words, and those borrowed from another source.** **Failing to comply with this policy will result in an automatic "F".** If you have any questions or concerns regarding these regulations, please consult your instructor.

Oral Work

Based on the ACTFL and the CEFRL Proficiency Standards, a student with an Advanced (Low-Mid) level of Spanish should be able to successfully deliver as well as conduct both oral presentations and debates on a variety of topics. Therefore, **reading your presentation** (from the power point or the index cards) **will result in an automatic "F".**

Personal Communication Devices

Unauthorized texting, **use of** laptops, MP3s, and other **personal communication devices is prohibited** without prior consent. If students are caught using any of these devices, it will be count as if they were absent for the day and/or the device will be confiscated. I take this matter very seriously, and I suggest you do too.

Classroom Comportment/Manners

Students should stay on task at all times, which means paying attention, being prepared to respond when called on; it does not mean talking to classmates (except during group work), texting, reading emails, daydreaming, working on assignments for other classes, etc. **No exceptions.** Students are expected to remain in class and be seated, unless otherwise instructed. Students should take care of biological functions before or after class. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in a "o" participation grade for the day.

Email and Course Communication

Students must use their UTD email account for all correspondence. Please be aware of the following:

- No homework should be sent via email without prior approval.
- Emails sent at night or on weekends may not be answered until the next class day.
- Failure to receive a reply does not constitute permission.

Please make sure your UTD email account is not full. Questions regarding language/grammar/usage should be addressed in class or in my office.

Language Assessment

All students who are taking Spanish for the first time at UT Dallas must take an online placement test before enrolling*. If the student meets the prerequisite course using prior course credit earned, the student is still recommended to take the Language Placement Assessment to ensure they have the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in the course. Students who have not taken this test may be asked to take it before being allowed to continue in the course.

The Language Placement Assessment is completely free to take. The assessment will have 100 questions that increase in difficulty. We recommend that you do not guess an answer on the assessment as you might place higher than the level that you are actually.

To complete the Spanish Language Placement Test, please follow the instructions:

1. Register yourself in eLearning for the Spanish Language Placement Test.
2. Take the test. When you begin the test, you may not stop and go back. If you don't know how to answer a question, click "next". Make sure you save your answers before exiting.
3. Save and/or print your results (score) for your own records.
4. Your score will be loaded to Orion within 24 hours of taking the test. At that point, you will be able to register yourself in Orion (in Galaxy) for the course approved by your test score as shown below. If you have any problems registering, please see or contact your academic advisor.

* Students do not need to take the exam if prior courses and/or credit by exam scores satisfy SPAN course prerequisites (this includes credit through courses at UT Dallas, transfer credit, and AP, IB or CLEP credit).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lorena Camacho-Guardado (lorena.camacho-guardado@utdallas.edu).

Comet Creed

It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same: "As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do".

University Policies

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with and adhere to University policies, which are available here: <http://coursebook.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies/>