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¡BIENVENID@S A CLASE!

Descripción del curso

This course is specifically designed for students who have proficiency speaking and understanding Spanish from family heritage or cultural immersion. The course is intended to ...

- Refine your use of grammar and expand your vocabulary. Tackle “problems” caused by English interference.
- Familiarize yourself with formal use of Spanish necessary for communication at work and in academic settings.
- Write in a clear and organized style applying the norms of written Spanish: spelling, accentuation and punctuation.
- Read and interpret articles and stories written by Spanish-speaking authors.
- Gain better understanding of your language of heritage along with the history, culture and identity of our Spanish-speaking communities within and beyond the United States.

☺ This class is conducted entirely in Spanish for the benefit of all!

Required Texts

- Español 40 para hispanohablantes: Manual de ejercicios y lecturas, Susana Ackerman (only at SRJC bookstore)
- “Más allá de mí” by Francisco Jiménez / Houghton Mifflin

Additional materials: 2-3 large Green Exam Booklets (in bookstore)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING POLICY

Grading works on a point basis. All the points you earn throughout the semester are added up and divided by the maximum total you could have earned. Example: If you’ve earned 1250 pts out of a maximum total of 1400 in the course, your final grade would be 89% (B+) (1250/1400).

GRADING SCALE: A = 100-90 B = 89-80 C = 79-70 D = 69-60 F = below 60

☞ **ASISTENCIA** Attendance 100 pts

Regular attendance is a vital component of your success in this class. Two missed classes will be excused! If you miss 3 classes during the semester, your attendance grade will be lowered to 70pt, 4th absence 60pt, 5th absence 50pt. If you have more than 5 absences, make an appointment to talk with me in order to avoid being dropped. Tardiness: Arrivals after 5 min of start time are considered late (2 late arrivals = 1 absence).

🔗 **PARTICIPACIÓN EN CLASE** 100 pts (Poor attendance might affect your participation grade)

I hope everyone will make use of their *Spanish voice* in this class!

- Be actively involved in group/pair activities. Show your eagerness to learn and help others learn.
- Raise your hand often. Volunteer to answer questions or ask questions when you are confused.
- Communicate in Spanish with your classmates and instructor at all times!

🔗 **PREPARACIÓN PARA LAS LECCIONES** 100 pts > Class preparation

Please, complete all assignments before each class so you can participate more effectively in each lesson. The *Calendario de curso* shows the homework due for each class. Print it from Canvas and keep it handy at all times.

🔗 **HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS** > ASIGNACIONES Approx 800 pts

Normally, **I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE HOMEWORK**. Some exceptions may apply under special circumstances, but you must talk to me first.

1) MANUAL DE EJERCICIOS

- Daily grammar exercises and readings from the Manual must be completed before each class. These are part of your class preparation grade.
- The SÍNTESIS section at the end of each chapter provides you with a review of the Chapter. These need to be submitted for grading.

2) ESTUDIO INDEPENDIENTE

You will be doing some independent learning using lessons in Youtube. Complete and self-correct the activities in the back section of the Manual. I will collect these pages periodically for grading without prior notice. To obtain full points these exercises need to be fully completed and corrected by yourself using the answer keys provided. Please, use different color ink to write your corrections.

3) DAIRIO Use a **LARGE** Green Exam Booklet

You will include here all the journal entries assigned in your Manual. The objective is to help you develop ease expressing your ideas in written Spanish. I will collect your *Diario* periodically to assess your progress. To earn full credit, your Diario needs to be complete, readable and must include your own spelling and grammar revisions with different color ink.

4) COMPOSICIONES

You will write several compositions throughout the semester. Topics and guidelines can be found in our CANVAS class page. You will need to submit re-writes for any composition receiving a B or less.

5) RESÚMENES *Más allá de mí*

During the semester we will be reading the first 10 chapters of the memoir *Más allá de mí*. For every section assigned, you are expected to submit a short summary with the addition of your own reactions to the story.

¡Atención! All your written work must be original and done to the best of your own ability. Any writing that includes language extracted from other sources (published or non-published) or uses online translators, will receive NO CREDIT.

6) Conjuguemos.com

10 pts x assignment

Regular verb conjugation practice from a free website. To use the site, see instructions in our CANVAS class page.

TESTS & EXAMS

PRUEBAS (200 pts)

We will have regular 30 minute Pruebas to review all the spelling, accentuation, vocabulary and readings covered in class. All tests are announced in the *Calendario*.

EXAMEN BIMESTRAL Midterm (120 pts)

EXAMEN FINAL (150 pts)

Test make-up policy: You can make up only 1 test per semester!

If you need to miss a test due to illness or a foreseeable absence, you may take a make up in the Lab before the following class session. It is your responsibility to make arrangements with me via email to take the make-up exam. Once exams have been returned, you will not be able to receive a make-up.

PRESENTACIONES ORALES

You will be doing formal and informal presentations to the class on various cultural topics. Some presentations will require research and creating Power Points in Spanish.

✂ EXTRA CREDIT

Lectura completa del libro - I hope you feel inspired by Jimenez's story. If you feel compelled to read the whole book "Más allá de mí", you may write a 300-word book report in Spanish at the end of the semester to receive 80 extra credit points.

Actividades culturales en el campus – I encourage you to attend the many cultural and educational activities offered on our Campus. For any activity related to Latino issues that you attend, you may write a brief narrative in your Diario for 20 extra credit points.

Grupos de conversación – Midway through the semester you can sign up to be a moderator of a conversation group in Spanish for beginning Spanish students (30 min sessions in the Lang Lab). You will earn extra credit and help students practice their Spanish. This is a great experience for those wanting to become Spanish teachers!

Por favor...

- In order to avoid distractions, eating in class is not allowed! Bottled water, hot drinks in sealed cups are OK.
- Please, dispose of your gum before class since it interferes with your phonetics.
- No texting is allowed during class! Please, turn off your cell phones and put away all electronic devices.
- As per college regulations, academic dishonesty, disrespectful speech or behavior toward others, or any violations of common standards of conduct, will result in suspension or dismissal from this course. <http://www.santarosa.edu/polman/8stuserv/8.2.pdf>.

E-mailing your instructor

I am more than happy to help you with any class related questions via email, but please be selective. Get the email from a few classmates in case I can't respond to you fast enough.

I greatly appreciate when your messages to me are written in Spanish! ¡Sí se puede! ☺

If you need my help –

Do not hesitate to come by my office during office hours for any extra help you might need or to share any concerns. As your teacher, I want to support you in achieving your goals and I want to make certain you succeed in your endeavors.



