

NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SPANISH 1010 BEGINNING SPANISH I

SYLLABUS

Instructor:

Spanish 1010 Beginning Spanish 1

Three Credit Hours

Prerequisites for Spanish 1010: Level 2 placement in English; Level 1 placement in Reading.

Office Hours:

Course Description

This class is an introduction to the learning and usage of Spanish. Students will acquire proficiency in hearing, speaking, reading, and writing elementary Spanish.

Course Objectives

1. Apply basic vocabulary and grammatical constructions to communicate effectively in everyday situations.
2. Demonstrate beginner level proficiency in practice activities, written assignments, discussion questions, and tests.
3. Examine and compare/contrast various topics related to culture in the Spanish-speaking world.

Course Outcomes

As a result of successful completion of this course, a student will be able to listen to elementary Spanish with increasing comprehension; use Spanish vocabulary for practical, every day use; apply grammatical concepts to form simple sentences; compare and contrast aspects of life in the Spanish-speaking world.

Required Text and Supplementary Materials

¡Arriba!: comunicación y cultura, 2015 Release, Loose Leaf plus MySpanishLab, 6/E – ISBN 9780134225845

MySpanishLab with Pearson eText – ISBN 9780134071459

You can purchase your textbooks from the NSCC Campus Bookstore or from the NSCC Online Bookstore.

Required Computer Skills

Students must know how to use the keyboard and mouse, be able to open, create, save, and attach documents, be able to use email, and be able to navigate the Internet. NSCC has made many tools available for students to help them learn how to use the NSOnline website. NSOnline Tools.

Computer Hardware and Software Requirements

Students must download the following software, if it is not installed already:

- Operating System: Microsoft Windows 98, NT, 2000, ME, XP, Vista or Mac OS X.
- CPU: 233MHz
- RAM: 64MB
- Browser: PC: Internet Explorer 6.x or higher, or Firefox version 1.x or higher.
- Mac: Firefox version 1.x or higher.
- Network Connection: A high-speed connection with throughput of 256 Kbps or more is recommended to use audio and video components.
- Equipment: You will need speakers or a headset to listen to audio and video components, and amicrophone is necessary for recording activities. Make sure to have your microphone available as soon as you begin the class.
- Plug-ins: You must have the latest versions of Adobe Flash Player and Shockwave Player. You may download these for free: Flash & Shockwave Player, On a PC, you will also need Acrobat Reader. On a Mac, you will need this PDF plugin.

Grading Scale

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F Below 60

Grade Distribution

The grading system for this class is weighted. The final grade is an average of the following activities:

- Chapter Tests(4 tests, one after each chapter) 60%
- Homework and My Spanish Lab Assignments 10%
- Conversation Quizzes (2 per semester) 5%
- Attendance 5%
- Final Exam 20%

Chapter Tests

We will have four tests, one for each chapter. The tests will cover the grammar and vocabulary from the chapter. The question formats will vary, multiple-choice, fill in the blank, reading comprehension, writing sections, and listening comprehension.

My Spanish Lab Activities

For each chapter there will be several My Spanish Lab activities to complete. The activities and skills come in many different formats. Some are computer graded and some are instructor graded. All will be graded for accuracy and correctness. All should be completed successfully by the posted deadlines and before taking tests. Please see your Instructor for due dates.

Conversation Quizzes

Students will complete one conversation quiz before the midterm and another before the final exam. This activity will be entirely speaking one-on-one with the Instructor. The questions asked will be covered during the practice activities in class. Please see your Instructor for the quiz rubric and due dates.

Final Exam

A comprehensive final exam will be given at the end of the semester. It will cover all the grammar, and vocabulary we cover in class during the semester.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is vitally important to success in this course. You can miss three class meetings without affecting your attendance grade. Any additional absences will reduce your attendance grade by five points each.

If you come to class after the class roll has been taken, it is your responsibility to meet with the instructor after class to ensure that you are marked as being tardy instead of absent.

If you leave class prior to the class being dismissed, your exit will be marked in the attendance book and will count the same as a tardy. Three tardies equal one absence. Failure to attend class will result in a final course grade of "FA" or "FN" (see explanation below). FA= failure, attendance-related (unofficial withdrawal). Last recorded date of attendance required. FN= failure, never attended class (unofficial withdrawal)

Inclement Weather Policy:

Decisions about class cancellation are made primarily on the basis of actual conditions, not forecasts. Nashville State does not follow Metro or other school system decisions and rarely cancels classes. A decision to cancel classes will be announced through the following channels: local television stations, www.nsc.edu, and a recording on (615) 353-3333.

If there is no announcement about Nashville State Community College, classes will be held on schedule. In the event of inclement weather, the following procedures will be followed by NSCC: A. A decision to delay or cancel classes will be made as soon as possible. The decision about canceling day classes will usually be made by 6:00 am.

A decision about canceling evening classes will usually be made by 3:00 p.m. If classes are cancelled, you must access NSOnline/D2L to complete our classwork and assignments. This will be posted in the News Section of our course. B. Nashville State may announce through the usual media that it will open late and begin classes at 10:00 a.m. This means that: (1) All daytime classes will meet, but that they will meet on an abbreviated schedule. (2) Further announcement of the closing of all day classes and/or night classes may be made at a later time depending upon conditions. Therefore, everyone is advised to stay tuned to local radio and/or TV stations.

Deadlines

There are no extensions, no late work will be accepted in this course.

Reminder: It's always the student's responsibility to provide himself or herself with the textbook, computer, microphone, and other technology necessary to complete assignments and correspond with the instructor. Deadlines will not be extended because the student does not have the necessary supplies and technology.

Academic Honesty Policy

Plagiarism, cheating, copying files from another student's disk, and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. Students guilty of academic misconduct, either directly or indirectly through participation or assistance, will receive a zero for the test or exercise and may result in dismissal from the class with a grade of F.

Americans with Disabilities Policy

Nashville State Community College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you wish to request any accommodation(s) for this class, please contact the Coordinator for Students with Disabilities at (615) 353-3721 as soon as possible. Also, notify your instructor.

Guidelines for Communications

Email Always include subject line; use standard fonts; be as specific as possible with questions and requests.

Discussions Review the discussion threads thoroughly before entering the discussion; try to maintain threads by using the "Reply" button rather starting a new topic; do not make insulting or inflammatory statements to other members of the discussion group; be respectful of other's ideas; be patient and read the comments of other group members thoroughly before entering your remarks; be positive and constructive in group discussions; respond in a thoughtful and timely manner.

In all communications we will follow the "netiquette" guidelines as they are presented on the following website: <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/>.

Tentative course schedule

Please note that this schedule is a guide for the semester and may be changed or adjusted by the instructor. All changes and adjustments will be announced in class.

Week	Topic
1	Introduction to course/Chapter 1
2	Chapter 1
3	Chapter 1
4	Chapter 1 Test/Start Chapter 2
5	Chapter 2
6	Chapter 2
7	Chapter 2
8	Chapter 2 Test/Start Chapter 3/Conversation Quiz #1
9	Chapter 3
10	Chapter 3
11	Chapter 3
12	Chapter 3 Test/Start Chapter 4
13	Chapter 4
14	Chapter 4/Conversation Quiz #2
15	Chapter 4 Test/Review for final
16	FINAL EXAM

Important Dates

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January 17: Classes begin

March 6-10th: Spring Break (No Class)

March 27th: Last day to withdraw and receive a "W" and Last day to remove an "I" grade from Fall 2016

April 14-16: Easter Holiday (No Class)

April 29-May 5: Final Exams

May 9-Commencement