

# NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## SPANISH 1010 BEGINNING SPANISH SYLLABUS

### Course Information

Spanish 1010 Beginning Spanish 1

NSCC Web Course

Three Credit Hours

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

### 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 a microphone 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:

- Tests (4 tests, 100 points each) 60%
- Practice Activities and Quizzes (various point values) 15%
- Discussion Participation (5 discussions, 10 points each) 5%
- Final Exam (50 points) 20%

## 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. Each chapter will provide practice tests, review activities, and study

guides to help with test preparation. All chapter tests will be completed on the MySpanishLab site. Your instructor will grade each test and post the grades on our class website.

## **Practice Activities**

We will complete many practice activities in the class. These activities help students practice specific aspects of our course content and communication skills. Most of these activities will be completed on the Supersite, but some will be completed on the class site. 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. Grades are earned by meeting the specific criteria as explained for each individual activity.

## **Discussion Participation**

For each chapter there will be a Discussion Question for students to answer. This allows students the opportunity to express their own thoughts and ideas on various topics. Grades will be assigned according to the specific criteria explained in the course content.

## **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. The question type is multiple choice and there are 50 questions. It is a 50 point test and is on our class site.

## **Important Note:**

This class requires a great deal of writing; fill in the blank, short answer, paragraph. Students **MUST** use only the vocabulary and grammar that has been studied in current or previous chapters. If students use grammar and/or vocabulary that has not been covered in the current chapter or previous chapters of Panorama, 5 point deductions will be taken from the activity's score for EACH instance.

## **Attendance Policy**

Attendance is determined by online communications and assignment submissions. You are expected to log on to the online course at least twice per week. You are expected to submit assignments, quizzes, tests, and discussions by the due date. If for any reason it is not possible for you to continue with the class, it is your responsibility to complete and process a form to officially drop the class by the last withdrawal date for the current semester, which is listed in the Nashville State catalog.

## **Deadlines**

We have many deadlines for this class. These deadlines and due dates are listed on the course calendar. You can access the calendar by clicking on "calendar" on the top left of our course page. I strongly recommend the following:

- Print the calendar and read it carefully
- Think about your personal schedule and events that are coming up for you and your family
- Complete assignments prior to your personal events
- Complete assignments **BEFORE** the due dates. You may need help with the material and the day the activity is due is too late to receive help with the activities

There are no extensions, no late work will be accepted

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.

## **Assignment Due-Dates and Testing Schedule**

All assignment due-dates and test dates are entered on the class calendar. To access the calendar, click on the Calendar Tab located in the top left area of the course. It is important to note that individual assignments will not be available for completion after the posted due dates. Tests will not be available past the posted due dates.

## **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/>.