

Syllabus for UWXSP101

First Semester Spanish

NOTE: This syllabus document contains the basic information of this course. The most current syllabus is available in the full course.

Course Description

This course is designed for students who have had little or no previous training in the language. The fundamentals of pronunciation and grammar are presented through reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities created to introduce students to both the Spanish language and the cultures of Spanish-speakers in the US and abroad.

Prerequisite(s)

None

Course Outcomes

Upon completing this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Listening:
 - Identify familiar words and basic phrases to everyday life.
- Reading:
 - Interpret phrases and sentences after reading a text.
- Writing:
 - Construct short compositions by writing simple and complete sentences on familiar topics using vocabulary and grammar covered in class.
- Speaking:
 - Demonstrate speaking ability in Spanish by asking and answering simple questions utilizing accurate vocabulary.
- Cultural Knowledge and Competence:
 - Develop an awareness between English and Spanish in their culture, grammar, and syntax.
- Culture:
 - Differentiate cultural practices in the Spanish-speaking world in comparison with their own culture.

Course Requirements/Components

Tarea

All homework activities are found on the Portales site and due dates are listed in the Portales calendar. For credit activities, you'll earn full credit for viewing content (tutorial, reading, vocabulary list, etc.). For graded activities, you will enter responses and accuracy will determine your grade. Most graded activities allow up to a maximum of 5 attempts. Be careful with spelling (including use of accents)! Aim to complete Portales's activities 5-6 days/week. You will have until 11:59pm CST to submit them on the date they are due.

This site contains many resources including videos, tutorials, flashcards, auto-graded practice tests and more. Many of these exercises will be assigned as homework. Completion of these exercises is required as part of the final grade. The Portales calendar displays both homework and test deadlines.

Discusiones:

A new discussion topic will be presented each week under Discussions on Canvas. Students must create an original post that directly responds to the prompt by Monday (11:59pm CST) of that week. Each student must then read at least one peer's posting and respond by Thursday (11:59pm CST).

The discussions are set to close each Thursday. The purpose of the discussion board is to foster consistent interaction to build a sense of community. For this reason, late posts and replies will not be accepted.

Exámenes

There will be a proctored, closed-book lesson test at the end of each of the seven lessons included in this course. You are allowed approximately 40 minutes to complete each lesson test. Instructions for accessing tests are provided on Canvas. Lesson tests assess your ability to use new vocabulary and structures presented in various skill areas: listening, reading, writing, and cultural knowledge. It is recommended that you use both the assigned and optional activities provided on Portales so that you become very familiar with the material and can complete all components of these assessments within the time limit and without use of any notes or other resources.

Experiencia cultural

The Cultural Experience will consist of a Spanish Speaking Country Research Project and a reflective essay in English. For the project you will share with your classmates in a discussion post your findings on a country that you chose. For the reflective essay you'll gather peer feedback on a discussion post before starting writing. The essays reflect two activities that will require preparation/planning. Find description and grading rubric on Canvas under Assignments.

Examen final

A 70-minute cumulative final exam will be administered at the end of the course to assess your ability to utilize the grammar structures and vocabulary presented in lessons 1-7 and demonstrate the cultural knowledge you have developed. You will also complete a short oral exam. For the oral exam you will create a short video in Spanish describing a situation that you choose, you'll have two options to choose from.

Grading

The following grading scale will be used to evaluate all course requirements and to determine your final grade:

Grade	Percentage Range
A	93% - 100%
A-	90% - 92%
B+	87% - 89%
B	83% - 86%
B-	80% - 82%
C+	77% - 79%
C	73% - 76%
C-	70% - 72%
D+	67% - 69%
D	60% - 66%
F	0% - 59%