

SPAN 105: Introduction to Spanish II
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Welcome to Spanish 105! This course is the second in a three-semester language sequence designed to help you achieve intermediate-level proficiency in Spanish. The class will be conducted entirely in Spanish. The three-semester sequence is designed to help students achieve at least "Intermediate Low" proficiency upon completion. Students will develop skills in reading, writing, conversation, and comprehension, as well as broadening their cultural understanding of the Spanish-speaking world.

You should expect to dedicate **at least two hours** of study outside of class for every hour of class time. Language learning is a gradual, cumulative process; you will have the greatest success and see the most long-term gain from consistent, daily work. Your conscientious preparation outside of class along with your regular attendance and active participation in class will make it possible for you to:

- Communicate in basic, everyday conversations in Spanish spoken at a normal or near-normal pace.
- Talk about events in the past and the present.
- Read some basic texts in Spanish.
- Write fairly simple texts of different sorts.
- Have a greater understanding of Spanish-speaking countries and of Hispanic cultures.

Textbook and Materials:

- ¡Arriba!: Comunicación y cultura. 5th Edition. Authors: Eduardo Zayas-Bazán and Susan M. Bacon. Publisher: Pearson-Prentice Hall. (complete course bundle available at the Moravian bookstore). *Spanish 105 will cover chapters 6-10.*
- MySpanishLab (online, part of package)
- Spanish-English Dictionary (part of bundled textbook package)

Blackboard:

I have put together a Blackboard site (<http://blackboard.moravian.edu/>) for this course. You need to enroll yourself — so please do this soon! On Blackboard you will find a copy of the syllabus, the course calendar, and my contact information. As the semester progresses, I will post homework assignments, details on compositions, any changes to the syllabus, and additional information. If you miss class for any reason, you should check Blackboard so that you know what material to prepare and what homework to complete for the next class. **The workbook and audio exercises, as well as the video and extra tutorials are through the MySpanishLab website.**

REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION:

Attendance:

- You need to come to class and be on time. 0-3 absences will not be penalized, but may affect class performance. If you will miss class for a religious holiday, please let me know ahead of time so we can make arrangements for missed work.
- **More than three (3) absences**, for any reason, **will result in a lowering of the final grade by one point for every additional absence** (every absence over three). Exceptions may be granted only in extraordinary circumstances such as prolonged illness or family emergency; these situations may require additional documentation and are not automatically guaranteed. The student would need to make arrangements to complete missed work.
- Arriving **late** (10 min or more) to class **more than three times** will equal one absence.
- Please turn off your cell phone before entering class.

Tests and Final exam: There will be four tests during the semester and one final exam. Each exam is cumulative; while each will focus on the material recently learned, it will also draw on material covered in previous chapters. Make-up exams would be given only in extremely unusual circumstances.

Evaluation of spoken Spanish:

You will have the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in spoken Spanish in individual presentations at the end of the semester. The evaluation will be based on fluency, accuracy, appropriate use of vocabulary and grammar structures, and pronunciation.

Quizzes: There will be approximately one quiz per week. They will be brief and are designed to help both the student and the professor keep track of progress. No make up quizzes will be given.

Compositions:

- You will write three compositions and complete revisions based on feedback. Compositions should be **typed and double-spaced**. Compositions are **due at the beginning of class** and may not be emailed to me unless we have made previous arrangements (i.e. in the case of absence because of religious holiday). Compositions will be evaluated based on vocabulary, syntax, grammar, fulfilling requirements for each assignment, and creativity. Details will be posted ahead of time on Blackboard.
- **Late work will NOT be accepted.**

Group projects: Each week, one group will present a group project on the current events and culture of one of the countries studied. Details will be posted on Blackboard. You must discuss the presentation with the professor at least a week in advance. Since this is a group project that requires collaboration, you will receive a group grade.

Homework: Regular homework will be assigned daily. Most of it will be through MySpanishLab. Other assignments should be hand-written and are due at the beginning of class. Please write on a separate sheet of paper, not in the textbook. **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED**. Seriously. This daily preparation is important for solid language-learning as well as forming the basis for informed class participation.

Online workbook, lab manual, audio, and video: MySpanishLab provides students the opportunity to practice, self-correct, and identify strengths and weaknesses before the exam. You should progressively work on the exercises on your own as they are assigned. Students are expected to complete all assigned exercises. Students may re-do exercises to better

understand the material and to receive a higher grade; the last grade will be the one recorded. Spelling and accents count!

Class participation:

- Active participation in class is crucial for increasing conversational competence in Spanish. Students are expected to arrive prepared to participate in all class activities by having studied the topics to be covered and having completed all assigned homework.
- **Active participation** involves speaking and collaborating in paired and group activities, in-class writing, short oral presentations, doing on-line preparatory work, and volunteering thoughtful answers in class discussions. Everyone’s presence and lively participation is crucial to our collective success. Simply being present and taking notes does not constitute active participation. A detailed rubric is available on Blackboard.
- *****Participation should be in Spanish, even when speaking with another student.** Chatting in English may be considered “negative participation” and will result in a very low participation grade. Speaking in Spanish, even when you make mistakes, get frustrated, or have trouble communicating, helps your brain learn how to learn Spanish. It’s like a sport or playing an instrument—practice is key!
- **Special events.** There are a number of extra opportunities to practice speaking and hearing Spanish, including the regular *mesa española*, where students of all levels can chat in Spanish in an informal, low-pressure environment.

Evaluation:

	Final grade:		
20%	Tests	15%	Compositions
15%	Final Exam	14%	Homework and online workbook/lab
8%	Final Oral Evaluation	10%	Class participation
10%	Quizzes	8%	Group Project/Presentation

Letter grades:

95- 100	A	86-83	B	76-73	C	66-63	D
94-90	A-	82-80	B-	72-70	C-	62-60	D-
89-87	B+	79-77	C+	69-67	D+	59-0	F

Academic Honesty:

It is your responsibility to make sure you are familiar with the Policy on Academic Honesty at Moravian College. Plagiarism (presenting someone else’s words or ideas as your own) and cheating are serious offenses and will not be tolerated. For detailed information, see the website:

<http://www.moravian.edu/studentlife/handbook/academic2.htm>

Note especially:

“When writing creative or research papers in a foreign language, students may not use electronic translation services. Utilizing such tools without express permission of the instructor constitutes plagiarism. The use of electronic dictionaries for single-word inquiries or short idiomatic expressions is permissible at the discretion of professors in the Department of Foreign Languages.” (Moravian College Academic Honesty Policy, my emphasis)

Americans with Disabilities Act:

Any student with a disability who would like to request accommodations under the ADA must meet first with someone to evaluate his/her case and give specific recommendations to the professor. For learning disabilities and/or ADD/ADHD, see Mrs. Laurie Roth in the Office of Learning Services; for all other disabilities, see Dr. Ronald Kline in the Counseling Center.