

SYLLABUS SPANISH 110 A OTOÑO 2010

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Horas de Oficina: MW 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Th 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and by appointment

Materiales: Zayas-Bazán, Eduardo and Susan M. Bacon, *¡Arriba! Comunicación y cultura, volume 2* Custom Edition for Moravian College

Student Code for MySpanishLab (unless you already have access)

Oxford New Spanish Dictionary

MySpanishLab Course (Section) Code: CRSCDEI-802231

Objectives: The aim of the Spanish 100-105-110 program is to establish the basis of a life-long learning experience in the Spanish language, which will include the development of communicative skills and learning about the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. The material of study is divided into three semesters and throughout the program, students develop language skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in Spanish which allow them to handle simple real life situations and simple communicative tasks (such as ordering a meal, asking directions and making purchases). They should be able to ask and answer questions in simple sentences about themselves, their daily routine, and so forth, within meaningful, culturally authentic contexts. Students are expected to attain the "Intermediate Low" level of proficiency upon completion of this basic language program.

Español 110 will focus on Lessons 11-15 of *¡Arriba! Comunicación y cultura*. Students will be able to communicate about aspects of daily life in home, school, and community in conversation and in writing in the present and past tenses in the indicative and subjunctive moods. Students will develop a general understanding of geography and cultural realities in the Spanish-speaking world, with particular focus on Argentina and Uruguay, the Spanish-speaking U.S., the cultural heritage of Spain, modern Hispanic art, and current political issues in the Hispanic world.

Asistencia (Attendance). Faithful attendance is required. An unexcused absence will result in a class grade of 0 for that day as well as a grade of 0 in any quiz or homework assignment due that day. I will excuse absences due to illness or other emergency, but **ONLY IF YOU NOTIFY ME *BEFORE* THE CLASS TO BE MISSED. IF YOU ARE TOO ILL TO CALL OR EMAIL, HAVE SOMEONE ELSE DO IT FOR YOU.** I reserve the right to request documentation.

You will not be excused for more than two consecutive absences without documentation from the Office of Learning Services. If you are ill such that you are unable to attend class for more than two days, contact Learning Services at X1510.

Nota de clase (Class grade). Students must complete all assigned work in the textbook and in MySpanishLab, before coming to class. Those who come on time and are prepared will receive 100% for a class grade that day. Those who come to class unprepared will receive a class grade of 50%. Those who arrive late will receive a 75%. Late and unprepared, 25%. Unexcused absence, 0%. More than three absences, excused or not, will result in a penalty of 3% off your class grade for each absence beyond the third. Generally the students who do best in the course are those who have NO absences.

What is MySpanishLab? It is a website containing a wealth of resources for you. Much of your homework will be done online at www.myspanishlab.com, but in addition there are many other useful resources: all fifteen chapters of your textbook are there in electronic form. There are tutorials in English and Spanish grammar. There are vocabulary flashcards and Powerpoint presentations of the grammar lessons. There is a glossary. This syllabus and other useful documents will also be available there. There are audio resources and video resources. There are cultural lessons in video. You can even record and listen to yourself. You will not have time to use everything that is there but I hope you will at least become familiar with what is available so you can use what will most help you or what most interests you. To have access you must have the code you purchased with your textbook at the bookstore. (If you took Spanish 105 last semester, you still have access.) Once in MSL, you will need the course or section code to enroll. The course code for this class is **CRSCDEI-802231**.

Preparación. What is your goal as you prepare for class? It should *NOT* be “to get the homework done”. It should be to *master the material* that will enable you to communicate in Spanish, whether learning vocabulary, learning verb forms, or understanding concepts. The assignments in your book and in *MySpanishLab* are tools to that end. The assignments are *NOT* the end. Use the tools you are assigned and whatever others you find appropriate and useful. If you approach your work in this spirit, you will learn more.

FORMAT FOR WRITTEN WORK

I will not accept work that does not follow these formats

Handwritten:

- Use smooth-edged paper (no spiral notebook tear-outs)
- Write NEATLY on every other line.
- Write QUESTIONS and answers. Answer in complete sentences unless otherwise directed.
- Clearly label each activity.
- This applies to written activities from MSL and from the textbook.

Typed:

- Use **16 pt** Times New Roman or Arial.
- **Triple** space.
- Write QUESTIONS and answers. Answer in complete sentences unless otherwise directed.
- Clearly label each activity.
- This applies to written activities from MSL and from the textbook.

Graded written work. Generally we will go over written homework in class. I will sometimes collect it for a grade. At the end of each chapter there will be a more extensive writing activity that will be done during class.

Quizzes (*Pruebas*) and make-ups: There will be a vocabulary quiz part way through each chapter and an end-of-chapter quiz after every chapter except Chapter 15. No make-up quizzes will be given for unexcused absences. SEE ATTENDANCE POLICY REGARDING EXCUSED ABSENCES. If your absence is excused and you wish to be considered for a make-up, you must contact me *before the next class meeting*.

Academic Honesty. Please refer to the Academic Honesty Policy section in the Student Handbook. In addition, be advised that improper use of the dictionary or use of online translating services for written assignments will result in a grade of zero. *Proper* use of your dictionary is 1) in reading assignments, looking up words in the Spanish-English part and 2) in writing assignments, looking up words in the English-Spanish part that you have learned but don't remember. **Your written work should never include any unfamiliar vocabulary or grammar.** Such work may be rejected. Homework **may** be graded and so must be done **independently**.

Examen final: The final exam is cumulative.

Classroom expectations. Students are expected to show respect for all present by

- arriving on time.
- not eating in class.
- turning off cell phones.
- not wearing hats that prevent eye contact.
- refraining from private conversations during class.
- taking care of bathroom needs before class so as not to disrupt class with coming and going.

Final grade:

Vocab quizzes (<i>Pruebas de vocabulario</i>) (5)	30%
End-of-lesson quizzes (<i>Pruebas de fin de lección</i>) (4)	30%
Class grade (<i>Nota de clase</i>)	10%
MSL Student Activities Manual (SAM)	5%
Written work	5%
Recorded MSL activities	1%
<i>¡Pura vida!</i> MSL activities (video)	4%
Final exam	15%

Diversión. Fun. Did I say Have Fun? *¡Diviértase!*

