

Spanish 120: Intermediate Spanish
Spain: Crossroads of Civilizations (España: Cruce de Civilizaciones)
Moravian College
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This course offers an overview of the culture of Spain through readings, exercises and media. Students will develop their language skills and will improve their knowledge of grammar through different informal and formal assignments. Class is discussion-based and conducted in Spanish.

Pre-requisites: Span 110 (may be waived with permission from instructor and, in those cases, it will fulfill the F3 requirement).

Purpose: In this course, we will explore the rich culture and history of Spain, and how Spain formed as the nation it is today. This course will also focus on strengthening your linguistic abilities in Spanish. Grammar will focus on specific difficulties encountered by non-native speakers. This course is designed to give students the opportunity to learn about Spain while they practice their reading and writing skills. Span 120 serves as a required core course for the major and minor in Spanish and prepares students for the 200 level courses.

Required Textbook and Materials:

Manual de Español conforme al plan curricular del Instituto Cervantes. Agencia ELE. Libro de clase.
ISBN: 978-84-9778-655-3

Los Fantomas de Goya. Con CD. Scholastic (Lecturas graduadas) ISBN: 978-8-498482-00-3

Gaudí inacabado. Lecturas en español de enigma y misterio. Con CD. EMC Publishing. ISBN: 978-84-9848-230-0

Additional materials will be provided by the instructor as needed.

EXPECTATIONS AND EVALUATION:

Class Preparation and Participation (10% of final grade): As a workshop-based, seminar-style class, the success of this course depends on the collective efforts of all of us. 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 collaborating in paired and group activities, volunteering answers, being prepared for presentations, having read any assigned texts, doing the textbook preparatory work, completing all written assignments on time, and speaking in class discussions. Simply being present, looking attentive and taking notes is **not** considered active participation. Participation should be in Spanish unless we are specifically engaged in a translation exercise. Since effective communication in Spanish depends on the ability to speak it, **accent and fluency** will affect the participation and speaking grade. As per departmental rules, students **must attend at least two relevant events outside of class**. Check the Spanish Club calendar for possibilities, come to the Spanish Table, or ask me about other opportunities.

Absences: 0-2 will not be penalized. Every absence over two, regardless of the reasons, will lower the final grade by one point. Exceptions will be made in extraordinary circumstances and may require additional documentation. Every student will be allowed to miss up to **two classes** without losing points off their final grade (*however, remember that your weekly class participation grade will suffer beginning with the first absence, regardless of the reason for it*). Every absence beyond two will result in a **deduction of 1 point off of the final grade**. It is the responsibility of the student to reserve his/her 2 absences

for those circumstances when missing class is unavoidable (i.e. illnesses, field trips, participation in sporting events, etc.) and to inform the professor as soon as possible about the reason for the absence.

- In case of extended absences the student should talk to Student Services or the Academic Dean who will contact the professor. **Only if the Dean justifies the absences, they will be excused (and points will not be taken off).**
- **Remember:** Requests to excuse absences at the end of the semester will not be considered. Students have the responsibility of keeping track of their own absences. No reminders will be given.
- **Two late arrivals** to class (15 minutes or more) will be the equivalent of one absence and students will lose 1 point off their final grade. Please, be respectful to other students and the professor, late arrivals are disrupting.
- **Don't forget** to disconnect your phone before coming to class. Only in case of an emergency, the professor will allow students to use them.

Please, NO text messaging or checking your phone in class.

Active Participation in class will be graded as follows:

- **A=95 Excellent participation** (the student answers questions and offers interesting comments without the need of the professor or the debate leader calling on him/her. The comments and answers show that the student prepared, completed and understood the assignment.)
- **B= 85 Good participation** (the student answers questions and offers interesting comments whenever the professor or debate leader calls on him/her. Sometimes, the student participates without being asked. The comments and answers show that the student has prepared and understood the assignment.)
- **C=75 Fair participation** (the student answers questions and offers comments only when the professor or debate leader calls on him/her. The comments and answers show that the student has prepared or attempted to complete the assignment, but doesn't seem to understand it.)
- **D=65 Poor participation** (the student answers questions and offers very brief comments only when the professor or debate leader calls on him/her. The comments and answers show lack of interest and/or a poor preparation.)
- **F=55 Lack of participation** (the student does not answer questions and does not offer any comments in the class or group discussion. The lack of comments and answers as well as incorrect answers, show that the student has not completed the assignment or, if he/she has done it, it has been in a careless or incomplete way).

ELE book: Short readings, grammar and homework (25%): Bring your grammar book to all classes (Manual de Español). You have to do the exercises of the pages assigned in writing in a separate notebook before coming to class.

TV Series on Blackboard (15%): MEMORIA DE ESPAÑA.

I have put together a Blackboard site (<http://blackboard.moravian.edu/>) for this course. You need to enroll yourself — so please do this soon! There are enrollment instructions linked to the Blackboard home page (<http://home.moravian.edu/public/cit/help/blackboard/bbstudent.asp>). On Blackboard you will find the films and material necessary for this course. You have to watch the assigned episodes and answer the questions that come with it. ALL in Blackboard. Print out the questions with your answers the day they are due to bring them to class. MEMORIA DE ESPAÑA has subtitles in Spanish. It may seem difficult to follow at first, but this is a great way for you to get used to the sound and flow of the language while you learn about Spain. Do not be discouraged, you are not expected to understand everything, just enough to answer the questions in writing. **Consider this series as another “required text” (visual and oral) for this class.**

Written assignments (25%): We will work on developing a practice of writing as a process of learning how to communicate information and ideas clearly and effectively in Spanish. We will focus on learning how to summarize information, describe and express our opinion in Spanish. Each writing assignment will be **one paragraph** long. We will do **3 talleres** (3 writing workshops *in class* in pairs or groups of three) and **2 resúmenes** (individual summaries) *before coming to class*. Each activity is 5% of your final grade.

All work handed in by students must be typed and double -spaced. It's okay to ask for help, but no one should write or rewrite an assignment for a student. Helpful readers may point out grammatical errors or awkward passages, but may not rewrite anything. The instructor will not accept emailed written exercises unless previously arranged. Late written

assignments will lose 10 points per day, starting at the time of class. Exceptions will be made only in extraordinary circumstances.

Evaluation of the writing: completion of all the required written assignments will earn you at least a C if they are readable (in spite of spelling or grammar mistakes), guaranteed. If the mistakes are very few, you will receive a B and if you consistently demonstrate superior quality in your work, you will earn an A. Of course, incomplete, late or missing assignments will earn a grade from D to F.

3 Tests (10%): There will be 3 short tests during the semester. Grammar as well as the material covered in class, will be part of the tests and will be graded. There will be no make-up tests, but the lowest grade for each student will be dropped.

Final Exam (15%): There will be one final exam that will cover only the two short books we will read during the second part of the semester: “*Los Fantomas de Goya*” y “*Gaudí inacabado*”

	Final grade:	10%	3 Tests (5% each) Lowest of 3 will be dropped
15%	Final exam (on the 2 books)		
25%	Written assignments (one paragraph each) in <i>talleres</i> and <i>resúmenes</i> .	10%	Class participation in general
15%	DVD “Memoria de España” (preguntas)	25%	ELE book: Reading, grammar and homework.

A	93-100	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69	F	0-59

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. Homework is assumed to be done individually unless otherwise specified. For example, while you may study together, it is not acceptable to write “joint” homework and turn in two copies.

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)

Resources:

- **Office Hours:** I encourage students to stop by during office hours or make an appointment with me. I am happy to work with students on any difficulties they encounter or questions they may have. We can cover material in English or in Spanish. Students are also welcome to stop by and chat about their future career plans.
- **Grammar Tutors:** The Department of Foreign Languages prepares a list of tutors at the beginning of each semester. The department pays the peer tutors, and they work with students free of charge. They’re a great resource!

- **Writing Center:** The writing center tutors help students work on thesis development, argumentation, organization, coherency, clarity, transitions, and other elements of good writing. Depending on availability, there may be a bilingual tutor who can work with you on those elements of your paper in Spanish! Please note that they are not grammar tutors (see a departmental tutor for grammar). If you are interested, ask me or Dr. Hinnefeld about tutors who can also work in Spanish.
- **Reeves Library:** In addition to the material on reserve, the library has a great collection of dictionaries and other language reference material. SPAN 120 is the time for students to start using the monolingual (Spanish to Spanish) dictionaries as an essential tool. Reeves has a copy of the *Diccionario de la Lengua Española* put out by the Real Academia Española (available online at www.rae.es), as well as the fabulous *Diccionario de Uso de María Moliner*. The latter has great examples of general and regional uses of different words.
- **Office of Learning Services:** The folks at Learning Services help students with strategies to succeed in the academic environment, and they can help you establish habits that will be useful after college, too. In addition, if you would like to request accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you should schedule an appointment with the Office of Learning Services.
- **Counseling Center:** The counselors help students deal with the stressors of college life. If you are feeling overwhelmed, give them a call or stop by!

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact Elaine Mara, assistant director of learning services for academic and disability support at 1307 Main Street, or by calling 610-861-1510. Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center.

Programa del curso

SPAN 120

Spain: A Crossroad of Civilizations

**** El calendario es un bosquejo y está sujeto a cambios durante el semestre.****

Cualquier modificación se anunciará en clase.

SEMANA 1

Agosto

Lunes 27 Introducción al curso

Miércoles 29 ELE (2-6)

SEMANA 2

Septiembre

Miércoles 5 ELE (7-10)

SEMANA 3

Lunes 10 Memoria Cap. 4 Hispania, un producto de Roma. Taller de escritura en clase 1

Miércoles 12 ELE (12- 17)

SEMANA 4

Lunes 17 Memoria Cap. 5 Del Imperio Cristiano a los Reinos Bárbaros S. III-S.VIII.

Miércoles 19 ELE (18-20)

SEMANA 5

Lunes 24 **Test 1** Memoria Cap. 6 El Islam y la resistencia Cristiana S. VIII-XI.

Taller de escritura en clase 2

Miércoles 26 Ve la película VOLVER (film de Almodóvar) en Blackboard antes de clase. ELE (22-25)

SEMANA 6

Octubre

Lunes 1 Memoria Cap. 7 La disgregación del Islam Andalusí y el avance cristiano S. XI-XIII.

Taller de escritura en clase 3

Miércoles 3 Ver parte de una película doblada al español en Blackboard. ELE (26-32)

SEMANA 7

Lunes día 8 de octubre (Fall Break) No hay clase

Miércoles 10 Memoria Cap. 10 Los Reyes Católicos 1479-1516.

SEMANA 8

Lunes 15 ELE (34-37).

Miércoles 17 Test 2 Memoria Cap. 11 América, un nuevo mundo (S. XV-XVI).

SEMANA 9

Lunes 22 Memoria Cap. 12 Carlos V, un monarca, un imperio y una espada (1516-1556).
ELE (38-42)

Miércoles 24 ELE (44-47). Prepara un resumen por escrito sobre El Camino de Santiago. (Resumen 1)

SEMANA 10

Lunes 29 Memoria Cap. 13 La España de Felipe II, un imperio sin emperador (S. XVI).
ELE (48-54)

Miércoles 31 Test 3. Ve la película LOS FANTASMAS DE GOYA en Blackboard. Leer Cap. 1-4 en el libro del mismo título. Usa el CD.

Noviembre

SEMANA 11

Lunes 5 Leer Cap. 5-10 en el libro "Los Fantasmas de Goya". Usa el CD.

Miércoles 7 Leer Cap. 11-13 en el libro "Los Fantasmas de Goya". Usa el CD. Prepara un resumen por escrito sobre una pintura de Goya que tenga un significado especial en el libro. (Resumen 2)

SEMANA 12

Lunes 12 ELE (56-64)

Miércoles 14 Read Cap. I-IV in the book "Gaudí inacabado".

SEMANA 13

Lunes 19 ELE (68-72)

Vacaciones de Acción de Gracias

SEMANA 14

Lunes 26 Read Cap. V-X in the book "Gaudí inacabado". ELE (73-74)

Miércoles 28 Read Cap. XI- Epílogo in the book "Gaudí inacabado". ELE (76-79)

SEMANA 15

Diciembre

Lunes 3 ELE (80-86)

Miércoles 5 Repaso para el examen final

