

SPN 201 Online: Intermediate Spanish I  
Course Syllabus

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**Course objectives:**

- To comprehend (understand) spoken Spanish.
- To acquire appropriate pronunciation habits.
- To acquire reading and writing skills.
- To understand grammar patterns (including verbal tenses).
- To use all these acquired language skills naturally and creatively in concrete situations.
- To be able to accomplish real-life tasks as appropriate for intermediate Spanish students.
- To become acquainted with contemporary Hispanic life and culture as well as with the Latino cultures in the United States.
- To analyze our culture and devise possible means for interaction.

**Activities**

The suggested activities and procedures are clearly indicated in both the textbook and the workbook. Since this is an important topic, it will be explained in detail and discussed in the Orientation Session. The following segments introduce some of the suggested methods and techniques.

**Methods of instruction**

You are on your own, of course; but here are some practical suggestions about how to proceed:

1. Read this Student Guide.
2. Read the “Preface” and the “Study Guide” of the Textbook.
3. Read carefully “To the Student” and “Study Guide” of the Workbook/Study Guide II.

**Course practices required**

1. Attend the Orientation Session
2. View the assigned half hour videotape lessons
3. Work through the lessons with the Textbook, the Workbook/Study guide, the Audio CDs, and the internet programs following the indications given by this syllabus and the study guide.

4. Turn in your Discussion Board and Dropbox assignments on [D2L](#) as indicated.
5. Take three exams. The first part of each exam will assess the acquisition of listening and reading skills as well as vocabulary, grammatical usage, and cultural awareness. The writing part will measure your ability to apply your written communication skills.

You should not take these exams unless you have first submitted the corresponding lesson assignments. You will take these exams online as assigned, or at a time convenient to you, in the ECC Main Campus Testing Center. For Testing Center hours, please consult that facility. You must bring the required identification.

Your exam grade will be posted on [D2L](#). If you would like to see your exam, you must see me during my office hours.

### **Summary of very important information**

1. Your attendance is required at the orientation session. If you miss this session for any reason, you must contact me as soon as possible in order to make arrangements to watch the videotape available at the different sites.
2. The turn in homework is found throughout the whole workbook. In order to receive credit, you should email or deposit it in [D2L](#) as instructed. The first draft will be returned to you with comments and suggestions. This time, you should use the Grammar Corrections Key provided on [D2L](#) under “Content” to correct your work again, and submit a second draft in order to receive full credit if you are indicated to do so.
4. You are required to use the online Spanish tutor [studyspanish.com](http://studyspanish.com). You are also required to register at another indicated Spanish online site following the instructions, and do to do the exercises assigned.
5. Exams must be taken online or in the Testing Center (SRC 108) as indicated in the “sequence of topics”. You must not take any exam, including the final, unless you have first submitted the corresponding assignments.
6. The week of finals is only for taking the final exam. The day for taking the final exam is determined by your own sequence.
7. If you need to drop the class, you have to withdraw before the date stated (usually by Midterm). If you miss that deadline, you need to finish your class. If you don’t, the only grade you can earn is an F.
8. An Incomplete grade is awarded only if you comply with the following:
  - A. You must have completed the first eight lessons with their corresponding exams
  - B. You must request the incomplete grade before the last week of your sequence.
  - C. You must agree to a plan or schedule for completion of the remaining course requirements within the period allowed.

Students who don’t comply in full with items A, B and C will receive a failing grade (F).