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ONLINE VERSION: BASIC SPANISH I- SPAN 1100, Winter 2022

SPAN 1100 aims at increasing the student's ability to use basic forms of oral communication in Spanish through constant use of the everyday idiom. This course employs a communicative approach to the basic elements of the Spanish language. The course seeks to develop proficiency in listening comprehension, writing about everyday situations, and reading and understanding brief reading passages. We will also explore cultural practices and develop the ability to carry on simple conversations. Class will take place fully online and will allow students ample practice using VHL Central/*Portales*.

REQUIRED:

1- ***Portales Online Program (Accessible in the VHL Central Platform)***. José A. Blanco. Publisher: Vista Higher Learning, 2016. You are required to have access to the online platform (Supersite), where you will complete the bulk of your work, but the physical book is not mandatory. ***[Below the link for this syllabus in Blackboard, you will find another attachment that explains how to acquire this access for the online site/program. This online program includes and eBook too. No need to buy hard copies. Wait to hear from me before you acquire this access please.](#)

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

This course employs a communicative approach to the basic elements of the Spanish language. The course seeks to develop a Novice Mid proficiency in speaking, writing and oral and written comprehension. Learning Outcomes: Here's what you'll be able to achieve in this course:

- **Speak:** Be able to carry on simple conversations in Spanish in a variety of everyday situations at a Novice Mid-level (using strings of sentences in the present and memorized vocabulary lists).
- **Comprehend:** Be able to grasp the main idea and some supporting details in everyday oral conversations and situations.
- **Write:** Be able to write about everyday situations in paragraph-like format using a string of sentences with some coherence and organization.
- **Read and understand:** Be able to read and comprehend level appropriate materials such as newspaper articles, ads, and brief reading passages that are level appropriate.
- **Cultural awareness:** Be able to recognize some cultural concepts and practices of Spanish Speaking peoples.

GRADING SYSTEM: see the students' handbook for WPU grading scale.

1- Online Work-Assignments 50% (10% for credit/learning activities; 40% graded activities). Hybrid and Online Courses require that you complete work online. **For these activities, you will have unlimited attempts for the credit/learning activities, 2 attempts for the graded activities (some will only have 1, true or false, for example) and 1 attempt for the quizzes and tests.** This work must be completed on time and in order to do this you need to acquire the access during the first day and sign up for the online component immediately. **A late work will be deducted 10% (flat).** The due dates are available online for these assignments, please plan accordingly and don't wait until the day before the due date to complete them.

2- Two Tests 20% each. Only one attempt allowed. Missed exams: provide valid documentation in order to make up a missed exam. A late exam will be deducted 15% (flat).

3- Other online activities, quizzes and online participation using the Supersite, blackboard and zoom 10%. Late work will be deducted 10% (flat).

COURSE SCHEDULES: this is very important in the context of an online class.

1-Week by week schedule of the material covered in class is available in VHL Central Portales Supersite. You will always see this when you log in. Everything you need to complete will be listed there, just follow the schedule. I provide videos explaining these schedules at the beginning of the semester.

2-In Blackboard I will also post a general schedule of the material we are covering and any other work or activity. I will be in constant communication with you and available to provide feedback or extra help.

3-The table below gives you an idea of how long we will spend on each chapter covered:

Our classes last 6 weeks. We start on 12/13/2021 – The last day of classes is 01/21/2022

Week 1 (12/13/21)	First day of classes. Course Introduction Portales sign up, Chapter 1
Week 2 (12/20/21)	Chapter 1 and 2
Week 3 (12/27/21)	Chapter 2, Midterm Exam
Week 4 (01/03/22)	Chapter 3
Week 5 (01/10/22)	Chapter 3 and 4
Week 6 (01/17-22)	Chapter 4, Final Exam

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

*Any changes to this syllabus will be announced via email and blackboard (you all have access to a blackboard shell that also contains a copy of this syllabus), check them frequently. You must use and check your WPU email frequently.

*Emails from an alternate account (non-WPU account) will not be answered. *If necessary, the schedule will be updated online using blackboard and according to our progress.

All the best!