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SPAN 201-06 Intermediate Spanish I

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**SYLLABUS**

Intermediate Spanish I 201  
Fall Semester 2014

Section: 07

**Class Meetings:** MWF 2:00  
**Room:** Cohen 194

**Professor:** Hugo Rios-Cordero  
**Office:** Schott 917

**Office Hours:** By Appointment

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**Course Description:** This course is the beginning of the intermediate Spanish sequence. The principal goals of language study are communication and proficiency while learning about the Spanish speaking world. **Classes are conducted in Spanish.** The majority of each class session will be dedicated to conversation and writing practice, applying the assigned vocabulary and grammar structures to **real situations** and contexts. This model places greater responsibility on students’ preparation and study of grammatical structures and vocabulary prior to class sessions. Class activities will take place both in the assigned classroom and the Language Resource Center, making use of technology.

**Placement:** This course is for students who have earned credit for Spanish 102 or who have placed into the course through examination. **All students with 2 years or more of a language in high school are required to take a placement test in the language that they took in high school.** Students wishing to move down to SPAN 102 will earn elective credit for that level and will fulfill the requirement with SPAN 201. In order to change levels the student needs to see the chair or the language coordinator. Please consult with the instructor if you any other question regarding placement.

**Course Objectives:** Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

Perform the basic communication tasks from S101, S102 and the S201 AdelanteTRES text and explore the following themes through conversation, listening, viewing, reading and writing:

- Outdoor adventures, nature and the environment, recycling and conservation
- City life, daily chores, money and banking
- Health and well-being, exercise and nutrition
- The world of work and your future career
- Expression of doubt and disbelief
- Unreal, imagined and possible persons, places, things, activities and events
- Everyday activities, people and places

**Required Materials:** Students taking 201 this semester should purchase the REQUIRED COMPONENTS IN ONE PACKAGE:

AdelanteTRES: An Invitation to Spanish, 2nd edition
SE + SupersitePlus

**Author:** Jose Blanco  
**Publisher:** Vista Higher Learning  
**ISBN:** 978-1-61857-990-4
The *Supersite* is free with purchase of the textbook (Lab manual activities are also included in the text). The supersite includes the many important components such as homework and grammar tutorials. Students will need the access code provided in the inside of the textbook to register for the Supersite. **The access code cannot be used more than once; thus, a used textbook will not serve you. It is also important to note that the access code cannot be purchased separately.** Please keep this in mind if you choose to purchase course materials from an off campus provider such as Amazon.

**A new textbook, with a SupersitePlus code, required: The Publishing company will not sell codes**

Student Responsibilities:

- **Attend and be ready to participate in classes regularly.** Notify your instructor via email of issues regarding any extended absences. (Consult departmental Attendance and Class Participation norms below.)

- **Check syllabus calendar and be alert to all emails, texts, and Canvas messaging about class location and homework.**

- **Follow language learning strategies** provided to you and develop your own.

- **Store all electronic devices during class sessions.**

- **Show respect for classmates and instructor.** Please do not interrupt or speak when others are answering or explaining and never laugh at others’ attempts to communicate.

- **Take advantage of the instructor’s office hours for any and all questions.**

- **Take all quizzes and exams at scheduled times.**

Assessment and Evaluation Policies:

**Homework:** Assignments will include the following: Supersite online exercises, pencil paper Workbook and Lab Manual exercises, and additional assignments per instructor. **Students should always review grammatical explanations in textbook and view grammar tutorials on Supersite before the class for which they are assigned.** This will allow for greater comprehension and facilitate student participation during class sessions. The instructor/professor may or may not collect written homework, but you are responsible for preparing it. **Late work will not be accepted.**

**2 Communication Samples (Charlas) and Final Interview:** You will be required to demonstrate competency speaking Spanish, according to the course objectives on page one. Guidelines will be provided by your instructor/professor. **Charla 1 will take place the week of 9/22 to 9/26. Your instructor will let you know the exact day you have the Charla. Charla 2 will take place either 11/3 or 11/5, depending on your section.**
**Testing:** There will be 5 chapter tests (one of which will be dropped), a midterm exam and a cumulative final exam. Dates for the tests and exams are listed on the syllabus. Format will vary. All assessments will consist of listening and written sections.

**2 Compositions:** There will be written in class per the instructor’s guidelines. Your compositions should be at least three solid paragraphs in length and contain vocabulary and grammar that reflect the course.

**Cultural Event Paper:** See instructions for Cultural Activity Reaction paper below.

**Make-up Policy:**

There will be no make-ups for Tests. Except for XU sanctioned events, work, illness or family travel plans do not constitute exceptions.

There will be no individual make-ups for exams. **In case of a missed mid-term exam, the final exam score will be recorded for both.** In verifiable cases of a sanctioned absence, illness or emergency, the student is responsible for notifying the instructor of particular circumstances prior to the exam.

The mid-term exam will be reviewed in class. All exams will be kept in the instructor’s office and may be viewed by appointment.

**Evaluation:** The final grade will be computed as follows

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Spanish 101, 102 and 201 Objectives prepare students to meet standard 2b of the Xavier University Modern Language Standard and the following requirements of the **Xavier University Core Curriculum:**

**GOAL 1:** Students will be effective communicators in writing and orally

1. Students will organize and express their ideas in writing and orally
2. Students will formulate clear and arguable theses, supported by evidence drawn from appropriate sources
3. Students will utilize an effective writing process guided by audience, purpose, cultural context, and disciplinary standards
GOAL 5: Students will be integrated individuals who articulate a coherent, ethical perspective on the world and their place in it
1. Students will recognize the societal, ethical and moral dimensions of discourse, art, information, science and technology
2. Students will relate their knowledge and skills in a reflective and constructive way to their life experiences and the challenges confronting today’s world
3. Students will use information and resources responsibly in their communication and research
4. Students will utilize intellectual, moral, and spiritual tools and sensibilities to engage faithfully and responsively in the world for the promotion of peace, social justice, and ecological sustainability

GOAL 6: Students will be aware global citizens
1. Students will recognize relationships between diversity, inequality, and social, economic, and political power both in the United States and globally
2. Students will describe contributions made by individuals from diverse and/or underrepresented groups to local, national, and global communities
3. Students will consider perspectives of diverse groups when making decisions
4. Students will interact with sensitivity as members of society and as professionals with people who have ideas, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors that are different from their own
5. Students will engage Catholic, ecumenical, cross-cultural, and inter-religious perspectives in reflecting upon contemporary issues of significance
6. Students will communicate in a foreign language and read and interpret cultural materials related to the language studied.

Calendario

Assessments are in red.
Anything in blue requires you to view a video on the Supersite.
Bolded page numbers must be looked over to prepare for in-class partner work.
Note that chapter Vocabulario is found on the last colored page of each chapter with a yellow heading. Tabs are recommended on these to enhance access.
Remember that you are to prepare the assignment prior to that day’s class.

AGOSTO
25 Repaso: pág. 1-7, 10-13 and 18.
Descripción personal, clases que vas a tomar este semestre en XU, tu rutina diaria el verano pasado; Repasar el vocabulario correspondiente y las estructuras gramaticales: el presente, pretérito, el imperfecto, y los verbos reflexivos y recíprocos.
27 Repaso: pág. 1-7, 10-13 and 18. Repasar el vocabulario correspondiente y las estructuras gramaticales
29 Repaso: Pag 14-17 – Introducción al subjuntivo

SEPTIEMBRE
1 DÍA FERIADO- Día del Trabajo
3 Lección 1: La naturaleza. Contextos, pág. 19-25; The subjunctive and indicative modes: An overview, págs. 14-17 and A-11 through A-15 (study the classifications.)
5 Cultura: Los Andes, págs. 28-29; The subjunctive with verbs of emotion (1.1), págs. 30-33; The subjunctive with doubt, disbelief and denial (1.2), págs. 34-37
Flash Cultura: Naturaleza en Costa Rica, pág. 49; The subjunctive with conjunctions (1.3), págs. 38-41; Escuchar: pág. 47

Lección 2: La ciudad. Contextos. págs. 75-79; Recapitulación, págs. 42-43 y 52

Prueba # 1: Lección 1; En pantalla: Cruzar 9 de julio, pág. 102

Cultura: Paseando en metro, págs. 84-85, FlashCultura: El Metro del D.F. pág. 103;
The subjunctive with adjectives (2.1), págs. 86-89; Escuchar: pág. 101.

Nosotros commands (2.2), págs. 90-92;
Past participles as adjectives (2.3), págs. 93-95;

Lección 3: El bienestar. Contextos, págs. 129-131; Charla 1

Prueba # 2: Lección 2

The present perfect (3.1), págs. 140-143; The past perfect (3.2), págs. 144-146

The present perfect subjunctive (3.3), págs. 147-149;
Recapitulación, págs. 150-151 y 162; Escuchar: pág. 155

OCTUBRE

Prueba # 3: Lección 3; Composición 1

Repaso para el examen parcial

EXAMEN PARCIAL: LECCIONES 1-3

Lección 4: El mundo del trabajo. Contextos, págs. 185-189; FlashCultura:
El mundo del trabajo, pág. 215

FESTIVO: FALL HOLIDAY

Ortografía, pág. 175; El futuro (4.1), págs. 196-199 ; The future perfect (4.2), págs. 200-201;
Cultura: Beneficio en los empleos, págs. 194-195
The past subjunctive (4.3), págs. 202-205;

Escuchar: pág. 211; Recapitulación, págs. 206-207 y 220
Lectura: “A Julia de Burgos,” págs. 208-209
En pantalla: La leyenda del espantapájaros, pág. 212-214

Lección 5: Un festival de arte. Contextos, págs. 245-249; Ortografía, pág. 254-255
Prueba # 4: Lección 4; Cultura: Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas
y Fernando Botero, págs. 254-255
The conditional (5.1), págs. 256-259; The conditional perfect (5.2), págs. 260-262

NOVIEMBRE

The past perfect subjunctive (5.3), págs. 263-265; En pantalla: Lo que me prende: Piano, pág. 272
FlashCultura: Palacios del arte, págs. 273 Charla 2
Lectura: Federico Garcia Lorca, La Guitarra, págs. 268-269; Escuchar, pág. 271
CULTURAL EVENT Reaction Paper (5% of total grade)

You may experience any of the cultural events listed below, as announced and approved by the instructor, and write a 3 page typewritten double-spaced reaction paper. To receive full credit, you must follow the guidelines below exactly and turn in your paper in class within one week of the event. Emailed events will not be accepted. The personal reaction should each be at least 2 of the 3 total pages. (NOTE: To say you learned a lot or that it was interesting does not constitute a reaction) Points earned are based on the quality of the work submitted (i.e. prose, accuracy, completeness, expression, and critical analysis.)

Note too that there are sign-up sheets at most of the XU events which you must sign in order to get credit. You also need to stay for the discussion after the event if there is one.

| Introduction: | 10 pts. |
| Summary of main ideas or themes: | 20 pts. |
| Personal reaction: | 70 pts. |
| **100 pts** |

I. PLAY, FEATURE FILM OR DOCUMENTARY

A. **Introduction or first paragraph** should include: (10 points)

Title and date of event and a theater stub or program
Where and by what group was it presented?
What was the name of director or author? Who were the actors?
From what country and/or cultural group was it? What language was it in?
About what country and/or cultural group was it?

B. Summary of main ideas: (20 points)
- Brief summary of plot (where/when action takes place) written in your words.
- Comments on characters and/or actors, mood created, genre of film (musical, thriller, etc.)
- Main ideas or themes

C. Personal reaction: (70 points)
- What did you learn from the film or play?
- How does it relate to other classes you are taking or have taken?
- Did it impact you personally or emotionally in any way? What surprised/shocked/made you laugh? Did you like it? Why or why not? What would have made it better in your opinion?

II. SPEAKER(S)

A. Introduction or first paragraph should include: (10 points)
- Title and date of event
- Name(s) of speaker(s)? What language did he or she speak? Was there an interpreter?
- Where and by what group was it presented?
- What country and/or cultural group did the speaker represent?

B. Summary of main ideas: (20 points)

C. Personal reaction: (70 points)
- What did you learn from the speaker(s)?
- How does it relate to other classes you are taking or have taken?
- Did it impact you personally or emotionally in any way?
- What surprised/shocked/made you laugh?
- Did you like it? Why or why not?
- What would have made it better in your opinion?

III. CONCERT OR DANCE PERFORMANCE

A. Introduction or first paragraph should include: (10 points)
- Title and date of event
- Where or by what group presented?
- Name(s) of artists
- From what country and/or cultural group was the artist?
- From what country/countries and/or cultural group(s) was the music or dance?

B. Summary of main ideas: (20 points)
- What kind of music/dance was performed? Describe it in detail (costumes, lighting, mood etc.)

C. Personal reaction: (70 points)
- Which songs/dances did you particularly like/dislike and why?
- What did you learn about Hispanic music/dance in general and/or the music/dance from the specific country?
- How does it relate to other classes you are taking or have taken?
- Did it impact you personally or emotionally in any way?
- What surprised/shocked/made you laugh? What feeling/mood did the piece(s) evoke?
- What would have made it better in your opinion?

IV. EXHIBITION/MUSEUM VISIT
A. Introduction or first paragraph should include: (10 points)
Dates of exhibition, if it is not in the permanent collection and the date viewed
Where was the exhibit held?
What group presented it?
What country and/or cultural group was/were represented?
What artists were included?
What mediums were used (textiles, marble sculpture, oil painting, watercolors, mixed media, engraving etc)

B. Summary of main ideas: (20 points)
What kinds of works were included in this exhibit? Give a detailed description of your favorite piece. What did it say about the artist and his/her culture? What feeling/mood did the piece(s) evoke?

C. Personal Reaction: (70 points)
Which work(s) did you particularly like/dislike and why?
How does it relate to other classes you are taking or have taken? (E.g. Picasso’s Guernica would reflect the horrors of the Spanish Civil War, a work by Frida Kahlo, the pain she suffered in her accident.)
Did it impact you personally or emotionally in any way? What relaxed/surprised/shocked/made you laugh/think?
What did you learn about Hispanic culture in general and/or the particular country/countries? About the media exhibited in general?
What would have made it better in your opinion?
Had you been to the museum before and would you go back. Why?

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I. Department of Modern Languages ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Department of Modern Languages at Xavier University strives to increase the student’s fluency and competency in listening, comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing while providing a solid grammatical background for the modern language offered. The focus is on a communicative and proficiency-based approach while providing an in depth exposure to the workings of both language and culture of the target language. A significant key to success in a modern language course which teaches a skill and moves at a fast pace is **regular class attendance**. The entire range of the students’ skills can be evaluated only if they are in class and participating. Therefore, we will allow **NO absences without penalty.** Attendance will be accurately documented to ensure fairness in enforcement. If a student is more than **5 minutes late, he/she will be COUNTED AS ABSENT**. Students are **strongly discouraged** from scheduling appointments /interviews during class time!

There is a strict **NO MAKE-UP POLICY.** A grade of zero will be given for any missed work.

II. ACADEMIC HONESTY

You should be aware of the University policy on Academic Honesty, as stated on the Web site. This policy applies to all courses in the Department of Modern Languages.

“All work submitted for academic evaluation must be the student’s own. Certainly, the activities of other scholars will influence all students. However, the direct and unattributed use of another’s efforts is prohibited as is the use of any work untruthfully submitted as one’s own.

Penalties for violations of this policy may include one or more of the following: **a zero for that assignment or test, an “F” in the course, and expulsion from the University**"
Your instructor may use plagiarism detecting software, such as Turn-It-In, to review your written assignments. Help on specific homework from a tutor is also considered a violation since your work is yours not the tutor’s; tutors can help with general questions and grammatical problems; they are not to correct work that is going to be submitted for a grade. Copying homework from a classmate, copying from internet sources including translation services, will be considered violations. As you can see, penalties for violations can be severe, so **you are encouraged to submit only your own work** in all your classes.

### III. Criteria for CLASS PARTICIPATION

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<td>I listened attentively when others spoke and showed respect for my peers</td>
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<td>I actively participated in all activities and discussions and had a positive attitude</td>
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### IV. GRADING CRITERIA

**A - VERY GOOD TO EXCELLENT**

Very good to excellent command of the language AT THIS LEVEL. Meaningful, appropriate and thorough written and oral responses with interesting and pertinent detail.
Ease of expression.
Makes every effort to use the target language in class.
Very good command of conventions of written language (orthography, sentence structure, paragraphing and punctuation). Few word-order errors.
Virtually free of significant errors in syntax and good use of verbs.
Wide range of vocabulary, including idiomatic usage.
High level of fluency with strong attempts at more complicated structures.
High level of comprehension in listening and reading activities.
Good intonation and largely accurate pronunciation with slight accent.
Demonstrates nuanced understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences.

B - GOOD
Clearly demonstrates competence AT THIS LEVEL.
Meaningful, appropriate responses orally and in writing with sufficient detail
Good command of the language.
Makes a good effort to use the target language; avoids using English in class.
Conventions of the written language generally correct. Loosely organized, but main ideas present with some word-order errors.
Few errors of syntax and appropriate use of verbs.
Above-average range of vocabulary.
Good idiomatic usage and little awkwardness of expression.
Good level of comprehension in listening and reading activities.
Good fluency with some attempts at more complicated structures.
Acceptable intonation and pronunciation with distinctive accent.
Demonstrates strong understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences.

C - ACCEPTABLE
Suggests competence AT THIS LEVEL.
Appropriate but limited oral and written responses with reliance on simple structures.
Speaks and writes with some detail, but not sufficient.
Comprehensible but strained expression; halting, may self-correct.
Makes some effort to use the target language in class.
May have frequent errors in orthography and other conventions of the written language.
Many word-order errors. Some attempts at organization, but with confused sequencing
Some serious errors in syntax and some successful correction.
Frequent errors in complex structures.
Some fluency but hesitant. Pronunciation does not interfere with communication.
Understands main elements when listening and reading.
Moderate range of vocabulary and idiomatic usage. Few anglicisms.
Errors in intonation and pronunciation with heavy accent.
Demonstrates some understanding and of appreciation for cultural differences.

D - WEAK TO POOR
Suggests incompetence AT THIS LEVEL.
Oral and written responses force interpretation of appropriateness and/or meaning.
Attempts to translate or use English; avoids using or speaking in the target language.
Poor command of the language marked by frequent serious errors of syntax even in the most elementary structures. Limited grammatical structures and lack of organization.
Unfinished answers due to lack of resources. Generally, narrow responses.
Limited fluency. Poor pronunciation and it interferes with communication.
Narrow range of vocabulary and of idiomatic usage.
Pervasive errors of orthography may be present. Excessive word-order errors.
Little control of syntax and frequent anglicisms.
Occasional redeeming features such as correct advanced structure.
Very little understanding when listening and reading.
Errors in intonation and pronunciation that interfere with listener’s comprehension.
Demonstrates very little understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences.

F - UNACCEPTABLE
Demonstrates incompetence AT THIS LEVEL.
Irrelevant or incomprehensible answers orally and in writing.
Unacceptable from almost every point of view.
Glaring weakness in syntax and pronunciation. Constant grammatical errors impede communication.
Few vocabulary resources. Little or no sense of idiomatic usage.
Practically no understanding of target language when listening and reading.
Severe problems with orthography that may interfere with written communication.
Demonstrates practically no understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences.

(These standards or interpretations of the grading scale 0-100 are applied to the goals and objectives of each level i.e. SPAN 101, 102, 201 etc.)