**SPANISH – Intermediate: SPAN 2320**

**Summer II 2016**

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**Course description:**

SPAN 2320, fourth semester intermediate Spanish, is designed to help students improve both their oral and written skills, expand their vocabulary, consolidate their grammar knowledge, and gain a deeper understanding of Hispanic culture. The final goal is to provide students with the necessary tools to communicate fluently, both in form and content.

**Prerequisite:** In order to be in SPAN 2320, you must have passed SPAN 2310 with a minimum grade of a C.

**Important information:**

- The course will be conducted in Spanish.

- Students and instructor are expected to behave in a respectful way in order to help create the appropriate learning environment.

- Active participation is expected.

- Attendance is mandatory: after the second unexcused absence, the final grade will drop 2 points per absence.

- Punctuality is also important: arriving to class 5+ minutes late is considered late attendance. Two late attendances will equal an absence. Arriving 15+ minutes late to class will be considered an absence.

- Exam dates cannot be changed.

-This course does not accept extra-credit.

- The use of laptops or any other electronic device must be approved by the instructor. Do not use your cell phone while in class. Your instructor is allowed to take it away.

- Students need an active TRACS account and a valid Texas State email account.

**Textbook:** Zayas Bazán Eduardo, Susan M. Bacon & Dulce M. García. *Conexiones:**Comunicación y cultura*. Custom Edition for Texas State University. 5th edition. Pearson.

ISBN-10- 1323409149 / ISBN:13- 9781323409145

You will also need a MySpanishLab account for online workbook and activities access. It must be a new book for it to have the MSL access code.

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| **Grading Policy:** | **Grading Scale:** |
| Participation: 10% | A: 90-100%  B: 80-90%  C: 70-80%  D: 60-70%  F: less than 60% |
| Homework: 15% |
| Oral Assessment: 15% |
| Written Assessment: 20% |
| Partial exam: 20% |
| Final exam: 20% |

**Participation:** Regular attendance and participation in class activities are essential to be a successful language learner. Attendance does not give you points towards participation. You must be active in class to earn those points. In order for students to progress in understanding and speaking Spanish, they must hear and speak it on a daily basis. Therefore, students must prepare carefully for class by completing all assignments in advance and be ready to participate in class. Every day students will be graded on individual, pair, and group activities. Your participation will be evaluated every day on the following scale:

A= Always volunteers quality information, consistently communicates in Spanish with peers, and also respects others’ turn to speak.

B= Volunteers quality information and speaks Spanish in class most of the time, and is respectful with peers.

C= Sometimes volunteers quality information, answers questions in discussions and tries to keep it in Spanish.

D= Rarely speaks Spanish in class. Student rarely participates and speaks in one to three word phrases when asked.

F= Never proactively participates nor speaks Spanish in class. Student sometimes disrupts class.

**Homework:** Online homework will be assigned on a regular basis to reinforce instruction and provide practice and learning opportunities. It must be accessed through the online portal. Please use the course ID: CRSKLMF-543160 , and follow the directions in the handout “How to register in MSL”.

**Oral Assessment:** Each student will receive two grades for oral work. Please prepare well for these in-class activities by speaking with your classmates often, improving your pronunciation and monitoring your grammar.

**Written Assessment:** Students will write one composition (10%) on topics that will be determined by the instructor. You will also write 3 blogs (10%) in our tracs site that will appear under the FORUM tab. Make sure to write and entry of 40 words minimum, then comment on 3 students’ entries, and lastly, go back to your own posting and answer as many questions as you got.

**Exams:** During summer session, you will have only one midterm and one final exam. Each of them are worth 20% of your grade. Make sure to prepare well and review ahead of time.

**Honor Code:** The instructor will initiate an academic dishonesty case against students suspected of cheating, plagiarizing, or aiding others in dishonest academic behavior. Students are responsible for reading and understanding the Honor Code UPPS No. 07.10.01. <http://www.dos.txstate.edu/handbook/rules/honorcode.html>

**Disability Services:** The Department of Modern Languages accommodates students with disabilities. Students with disabilities are encouraged to communicate to their professors as soon as possible and contact the Office of Disabilities to make arrangements: <http://www.ods.txstate.edu/>