



SPN 101 – INTRODUCCION A LA LENGUA ESPAÑOLA A TRAVÉS DE LA CULTURA Y LA LITERATURA  
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## I. INFORMACION GENERAL

Course description: Spanish 101 is an introduction to Spanish for beginners only. We complete nine lessons that cover the introductory elements of Spanish grammar, pronunciation, writing, reading and complete auditory exercises in each session. Cultural information is presented simultaneously throughout work inside and outside of class.

Course materials:

Libro de texto: *VISTAS: introducción a la lengua española*. Blanco, Donley: 4th Ed. Vista Higher Learning. Supersite Access Code (available at Oxford Bookstore or online)

Course objectives:

- Learn the basics of Spanish pronunciation
- Understand and comply with classroom instructions from professor
- Carry on a brief conversation (1-5 minutes) about any of the topics presented in Spanish 101. Concepts covered include ser, estar, present tense of regular and irregular verbs, direct and indirect object pronouns, preterit tense, reflexive verbs and gustar/similar verbs
- Understand brief conversations (1-5 minutes), with some repetition, about familiar topics.
- Read brief texts (1-3 paragraphs) about familiar topics
- Write brief compositions (1-3 paragraphs) about familiar topics, with the help of a dictionary, respond to responses of other classmates
- Complete a portfolio that showcases your learning in Spanish in all the skill areas: speaking, reading, writing and cultural assessment.

### Final grade distribution:

Daily Participation & Classwork	10%
Chapter Exams ( 3 exams covering 2 lessons)	40%
Midterm Exam (covers more material and has an aural portion)	20 %
Workbook (online workbook, expect 15-20 exercises per lesson)	10%
Oral Presentations (in pairs-groups, outside of class)	10%
Portfolio/Proyecto Final (individual digital portfolio that showcases your skills in writing and cultural knowledge & investigation)	10%

### Grade scale:

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

### COURSE CONTRACT:

1. Attendance: Given the emphasis that must be placed on participation and interaction in foreign language courses, the attendance policy for Spanish 101 is the following: Students are required to attend all classes. You are allowed a maximum of 3 unexcused absences, which you should reserve for short illnesses and emergencies. Each unexcused absence beyond these limits will result in the lowering of one point from the final course grade.

Some excused absences are permitted. Your absence on religious holidays will be excused if you inform me in advance. Your absence may be excused if you suffer a serious medical emergency, provided that you obtain written confirmation from a doctor. Your absence may also be excused in other extraordinary circumstances, provided you obtain a letter from the Dean.

Remember that you are responsible for all material covered on days that you are absent. Obtain the class notes from a classmate. Regular classes will be held on the days preceding and following October and Thanksgiving break without exception.

2. You must arrive on time. This means at least 5 minutes before class is scheduled to begin. Our beautiful campus is small so you have plenty of time to be in class before the scheduled time. Three late arrivals will constitute an absence.

3. You must participate actively every day. Your participation grade is based on the following criteria:

- a. Speak only in Spanish.
- b. Raise your hand and wait your turn. Please do not speak when someone else is speaking.
- c. Be respectful of others and their opinions.
- d. Please do not interrupt class interaction by entering or exiting during class time.

- d. Bring your notebook, textbook, workbook and lab manual to class every day. e. Be prepared with your completed homework.
  - f. Texting in class is prohibited and will result in your immediate dismissal from the class for that day and incurs an absence.
4. NO MAKE-UPS are allowed on exams.
  5. ALL STUDENTS MUST ADHERE TO OXFORD COLLEGE (SEE STUDENT HANDBOOK) HONOR CODE IN AND OUTSIDE OF CLASS.
  6. This syllabus is subject to change.

Lastly – please consult with me the minute you have problems with the course material. In Spanish, problems tend to multiply if you wait too long to ask questions regarding grammar or usage. Office hours are posted and you can email for an appointment if you are in class during my office hours.

First year language learners often make the mistake of thinking that you can study for Spanish the same way you might cram for a test in other courses. But you can't afford to wait till the weekend to memorize or review material. Try to break up your study time, vary your activities, and try to work with a classmate or more and speak to the variety of students fluent in Spanish, for increased communication skills. A LANGUAGE IS A SOCIAL ACTIVITY!!!

Please remember that I am here to help you. If you have any problems or special needs, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Learning a foreign language is unavoidably a lot of work, but it can also be fun.

## SPAN 101 FALL 2014 Calendar

NOTE: This general syllabus is designed to ensure uniformity across sections in terms of time spent on each chapter. Test dates (except the Final Exam) may be changed by the 101 coordinator as needs arise, but such changes, if necessary, will be announced in a timely manner. Furthermore, your instructor will supplement this outline with more detailed information via Blackboard, which you are expected to read daily.

WEEK	DAY	DATE	CHAPTER	PAGES	COMMENTS
1 classes)	W	Aug 27	Introducción		(First day of
	R	Aug 28	Cap. 1	38, 2-7, 12-14	
	F	Aug 29	Cap. 1	16-21	
2 (ADD/DROP/SWAP ends)	W	Sep 3	Cap. 1	24-25	
	R	Sep 4	Cap. 1	28-29	
	F	Sep 5	Cap. 2	76, 50-52	

3	M	Sep 8	Cap. 2	55-56	(Last day to change S/U or Grading option)
	W	Sep 10	Cap. 2	59-64	
	R	Sep 11	Cap. 2	66-67	
	<b>F</b>	<b>Sep 12</b>	<b>Examen - Lecciones 1-2</b>		

4	M	Sep 15	Cap. 3	114, 88-90
	W	Sep 17	Cap. 3	93, 96-97
	R	Sep 18	Cap. 3	100-101
	F	Sep 19		

5	M	Sep 22	Cap. 3	104-105
	W	Sep 24	Cap. 4	150, 126-127
	R	Sep 25	Cap. 4	129-130
	F	Sep 26	Cap. 4	133, 136-137

6	M	Sep 29	Cap. 4	140-141
	<b>W</b>	<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>Examen - Lecciones 3-4</b>	
	R	Oct 2	Cap. 5	188, 164
	F	Oct 3	Cap. 5	166-167

7	M	Oct 6	Cap. 5	170-171
	W	Oct 8	Cap. 5	174-175
	R	Oct 9	Cap. 5	Revision
	<b>F</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>Examen - Midterm (1-5)</b>	

8	<b>M</b>	<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>No hay clase</b>		<b>(Fall Break)</b>
	W	Oct 15	Cap. 6	224, 200	(Last day for withdrawal without penalty – all students)
	R	Oct 16	Cap. 6	202-203	
	F	Oct 17	Cap. 6	206-207	

WEEK	DAY	DATE	CHAPTER	PAGES	COMMENTS
9	M	Oct 20	Cap. 6	210-211	
	W	Oct 22	Cap. 6	214-215	
	R	Oct 23	Cap. 7	260, 236-237	
	F	Oct 24	Cap. 7	240-241	
10	M	Oct 27	Cap. 7	244	
	W	Oct 29	Cap. 7	246-247	
	R	Oct 30	Cap. 7	250	
	F	Oct 31	Examen – Lecciones 6-7		
11	M	Nov 3	Cap. 8	298, 274	
	W	Nov 5	Cap. 8	277-278	
	R	Nov 6	Cap. 8	281-282	

	F	Nov 7	Cap 8	283	
12	M	Nov 10	Cap 8	286	
	W	Nov 12	Cap. 8	288-289	
	R	Nov 13	Cap. 9	330, 300, 310-311	
	F	Nov 14	Cap. 9	(Last day for withdrawal	
without penalty					– 1 <sup>st</sup> year, Transfer, Oxford ONLY)
13	M	Nov 17	Cap. 9	314	
	W	Nov 19	Cap. 9	316	
	R	Nov 20	Cap. 9	318	
	F	Nov 21	Cap. 9	320	
14	<b>M</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>	<b>Examen – Lecciones 8-9</b>		
	W	Nov 26	No hay clase	(Thanksgiving	
Holiday Break)					
	R	Nov 27	No hay clase	(Thanksgiving	
Holiday Break)					
	F	Nov 28	No hay clase	(Thanksgiving	
Holiday Break)					
15	M	Dec 1	Presentaciones Orales		
	W	Dec 3	Presentaciones Orales		
	R	Dec 4	Presentaciones Orales		
	F	Dec 5	Review		
16	M	Dec 9	Recapitulación- Portfolios due		
(Last day of classes)					

**FINAL EXAM:****Oxford College calendar**

Disfruten el curso. ¡BUENA SUERTE!

