

<b>Course:</b>	SPAN 3151 B - High Begin SP: Comm in Context	<b>Department:</b>	Spanish
<b>Responsible Faculty:</b>	Joseph Casillas	<b>Responses / Expected:</b>	13 / 13 (100%)

Course Evaluation		SPAN 3151 - B										
		Responses					Course					
		1SD	2	3	4	5	6SA	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q1	Texts, handouts, visual aids and/or computer-based materials were effective	0	1	0	1	2	9	13	5.4	6	6	1.15
Q2	Evaluations and feedback reflected the subject matter and provided a fair assessment of student learning	0	0	0	0	1	12	13	5.9	6	6	.27
Q3	This course contributed to my progress in speaking the language	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	6.0	6	6	0
Q4	This course contributed to my progress in listening comprehension	0	0	0	0	2	11	13	5.8	6	6	.36
Q5	This course contributed to my progress in reading the language	0	0	0	2	6	4	12	5.2	5	5	.69
Q6	This course contributed to my progress in writing the language	0	0	0	2	5	5	12	5.3	5	5,6	.72
Q7	This course contributed to my progress in understanding the culture	0	1	0	3	3	5	12	4.9	5	6	1.19
Q8	This course contributed to my progress in otherwise mastering the subject matter	0	0	0	0	1	12	13	5.9	6	6	.27
Responses: [1SD] 1 Strongly Disagree=1 [2] 2=2 [3] 3=3 [4] 4=4 [5] 5=5 [6SA] 6 Strongly Agree=6												

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Course Evaluation		SPAN 3151 - B										
		Responses						Course				
		1P	2	3	4	5	6E	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q9	Overall I would rate this segment/course	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	6.0	6	6	0

Responses: 1P 1 Poor=1 2 2=2 3 3=3 4 4=4 5 5=5 6E 6 Excellent=6

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Course Evaluation		SPAN 3151 - B										
		Responses						Course				
		1VE	2	3	4	5	6VD	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q10	The segment/course difficulty was	2	0	2	8	1	0	13	3.5	4	4	1.15
Q11	The segment/course workload was	2	3	6	2	0	0	13	2.6	3	3	.92

Responses: [1VE] 1 Very Easy=1 [2] 2=2 [3] 3=3 [4] 4=4 [5] 5=5 [6VD] 6 Very Difficult=6

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Course Evaluation		SPAN 3151 - B										
		Responses					Course					
		1VS	2	3	4	5	6VF	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q12	The segment/course pace was	0	1	5	7	0	0	13	3.5	4	4	.63

Responses: [1VS] 1 Very Slow=1 [2] 2=2 [3] 3=3 [4] 4=4 [5] 5=5 [6VF] 6 Very Fast=6

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Instructor Evaluation		Casillas, Joseph										
		Responses					Individual					
		1SD	2	3	4	5	6SA	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q13	The course objectives were explained clearly at the beginning	0	0	0	0	2	11	13	5.8	6	6	.36
Q14	Instructor was prepared for class	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	6.0	6	6	0
Q15	Instructor generated enthusiasm for the subject	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	6.0	6	6	0
Q16	Instructor explained concepts clearly	0	0	0	0	1	12	13	5.9	6	6	.27
Q17	Student questions were answered clearly	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	6.0	6	6	0
Q18	Class time was used constructively	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	6.0	6	6	0
Q19	Instructor stimulated intellectual curiosity	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	6.0	6	6	0
Q20	Instructor stimulated class participation	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	6.0	6	6	0
Q21	Instructor kept students aware of their progress	0	0	0	0	2	11	13	5.8	6	6	.36
Q22	Instructor was available to assist students outside of class	0	0	0	0	1	12	13	5.9	6	6	.27
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Instructor Evaluation		Casillas, Joseph										
		Responses						Individual				
		1P	2	3	4	5	6E	N	Mean	Med.	Mode	Std Dev
Q23	Overall, I would rate this instructor	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	6.0	6	6	0












Responses: [1P] 1 Poor=1 [2] 2=2 [3] 3=3 [4] 4=4 [5] 5=5 [6E] 6 Excellent=6

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Question: Please feel free to comment on the overall strengths and weaknesses of the course design, and its implementation by this instructor.	
Response Rate:	92.31% (12 of 13)
1	This was a really incredible class that I think struck a great balance when it came to the work load students at this level of spanish needed to do well. The atmosphere of the class encouraged hard work and engagement with the language, but never overwhelmed them. I don't really have a whole lot to say when it comes to weaknesses; the last week or two have seemed a little rushed with all the material we're trying to learn over the course of fourteen days, but I don't think the class was ready to tackle this kind of material before now. So there was essentially no way of avoiding it
2	This has been one of the best courses I've ever taken, across college, graduate school and now the language school. The pace was perfect. We moved along quickly, but I always fully understood one concept before moving on to the next. The lectures were organized and clear. The activities were engaging and helpful. The work load outside of class was perfect. It gave us time to study what we, personally, needed to study rather than doing tedious activities that may or may not have been useful.
3	This course was instrumental in helping my Spanish improve. This class benefited me the most.
4	This class has been pretty wonderful and fun. Joseph is pretty chill and we can ask a lot of questions/go off of the planned topic but we still cover a ridiculous amount. Sometimes it's frustrating because it goes a little slower than I'd like, but everything is new because I've never studied Spanish before. I think it's pretty incredible that these instructors can begin with people who know little to no Spanish and teach them as much as we've learned in six weeks.
5	The instructor was very organized in his presentation of material. We covered a lot of material and most of us seemed to grasp the new information daily. This was my favorite class because I feel I learned the most in this class. The professor's style is interactive which kept us engaged. I especially liked the presentation assignments. The process of preparing helped put together what we learned in the classroom as well as help me remember vocabulary and structure. The professor provided excellent feedback with audio recordings and detailed notes. This was very helpful!
6	The implementation of the course design by this instructor was above par. He presented the material in a fun and exciting manner and definitely contributed to my progress in understanding and communicating in the language.
7	<p>The class and atmosphere was wonderful. I felt very comfortable talking in class and supported by my professor and classmates. I had a lot of fun every class period. The Q&amp;A sessions at the beginning of the class ("How are you doing? Any questions?") was a great opportunity, because that's where you could clarify questions you had in Spanish not specifically related to the course (for example, "So my teammate said this to me yesterday at soccer and I totally don't get it...") and more of the living language. I think that's specific to this instructor, but I'm not sure, but regardless I really appreciated it.</p> <p>There was clearly a structure to the class, but there was always flexibility to go into depth with what the students were interested in or struggled with, etc. I think that's a really good strength of the professor, to adapt the structure but stick to the plan.</p> <p>The oral presentations were helpful to my learning. It "clicked" why it was important later in the course though, so maybe just a preface for the students at the beginning that it's to help with fluidity in the language and speaking skills, and emphasis 1) don't memorize-- you aren't here to learn how to memorize, that's not the goal of the activity and 2) being solid understanding the grammar of the week and practicing the vocabulary you're going to utilize is way more helpful in giving a good presentation than memorizing something perfectly.</p> <p>The activities in the textbook were helpful, but I appreciate it was a thing that you could do if you wanted outside of class and we only did the vital activities in class-- a class fully of reading textbooks is never fun, so I appreciate the balance struck in this class where the textbook really was simply a reference point for help and not the main activity, etc.</p> <p>Instructor emphasized the importance of co-curriculares early in course, and the main "homework" was to go to co-curriculares, which was key in my participation in the different activities, which in turn I think really made the program especially effective/fun for me. Seriously, that was key in both my participation and my understanding of why participation was important, so I'm really thankful for that, both that is was stated explicitly and that it was supported by the teacher/class in the flexibility in homework and emphasis.</p>
8	Regarding #5, I rated it low because of the required textbook and software (Mosaics and MySpanishLab). I am not a fan of either. Expensive, not user friendly. Horrible resources in my opinion. Frankly, I personally would not use either of them even if they were given to me for free. I searched Amazon for a better quality book, and found one for \$25, which I bought and used. Much, much better. Complete Spanish, Step by Step. ISBN-13: 978-1259643415.
9	The handouts and power point slides by Joseph were perfect.
10	Of the three classes, this was my favorite one. My instructor had energy every day that engaged the students and helped us learn. He was patient with our questions and explained the grammar thoroughly.
11	Joseph was able to teach things with ease and clarity. He always allowed questions from students, and it helped a lot. I think it was one of the best language grammar courses I have taken at a school before.
12	I really enjoyed my instructor. It was easy for me to learn at the pace that we went and the classroom environment was very encouraging.
	I really enjoyed this course. Going into this program, my biggest weakness was, without a doubt, speaking the language. I think this class has improved my ability to speak the language dramatically. The weekly oral presentations were very helpful, but I think, quite simply, the class structure is what did it. We spent most of our time discussing grammar and practicing in pairs. I think this class achieves exactly what it is intended to. The only thing I might change.. is I might assign more homework. I think nightly exercises would be very helpful. I know that I did not practice as much as I could have, outside of class. I think if there was a little bit more homework assigned, students would be more inclined to practice.

Question: Would you recommend this course to other students? Why, or why not? How would you improve the course?	
Response Rate:	92.31% (12 of 13)
1	Yes. This course was overall the greatest means of learning Spanish in the entire program.
2	Yes. This was the best course this summer.
3	Yes, I would recommend this course because, although the pace was slow for me, I feel like I learned so much in such little time. I would definitely improve it by having homework being mandatory, but by a small amount. Not some ridiculous amount like 15-20 exercises a night, but maybe 3-5 exercises a night or every other day.
4	Yes, 100%. Not only was it really fun, but I know my Spanish skills have improved exponentially in basically every category.
5	Yes! It was a great way for me to start my journey with the Spanish language and I would definitely recommend it to everyone!
6	Yes I would recommend this course to other students because you learn so much just by speaking Spanish everyday that it is worth everyones time.
7	I would recommend this course. It is necessary to review material, but the reality is between the book, My Spanish Lab and notes in Canvas there is a lot to review. More guidance on what to study on our own time would be helpful.
8	I would most definitely recommend this course to others, for all the reasons I listed above. Like I said in my previous response, I think the course could be slightly improved by more assigned work.. whether it be reading, watching videos, listening to music, or grammar exercises. I think sometimes it's difficult to discipline yourself and set aside the time to practice grammar, but at the same time it is very important. I think nightly exercises could be very helpful. Not a lot of HW, just a little.
9	I would absolutely recommend this course to other students. I don't really see a way to improve the course, but if there was any way to put the powerpoints used in each class up on canvas, that would have definitely helped make studying outside of class a little easier
10	I mean, I can't recommend this course without recommending the program, and I have feelings about the program that aren't related to this course. I don't have anything to say about how to improve it. I'd like something that goes at exactly my speed, but that's not possible without a class of just me.
11	Absolutely. This course made the whole summer worth it.
12	Absolutely. Because learning to correctly communicate in the language is imperative. I have no suggestions on how to improve the course. The Professor was spectacular.

<b>Faculty:</b> Casillas, Joseph		
<b>Question:</b> Please provide overall comments on your instructor; instruction; subject knowledge; attitude towards students; assignments, etc.		
<b>Response Rate:</b>	100.00% (13 of 13)	
1	The instructor was enthusiastic and very knowledgeable of the subject matter.	
2	My professor had a great attitude towards the students, often engaging them in conversation outside the classroom.	
3	Joseph was always enthusiastic and nice throughout the entire course.	
	He provided well-needed feedback for presentations and grammar usage.	
	He knew exactly what he was talking about and was always great with us as a class.	
	Could have assigned mandatory homework every once and awhile but he did very well teaching the material.	
4	Joseph was nothing less than enthusiastic, knowledgeable and patient.	
5	Joseph is fantastic. I like things that make sense and he's able to explain things very clearly and to some degree technically (like, for why something is like this or for how to pronounce things). This class felt the most like I'm-learning-by-exploring and that's my favorite way to learn.	
6	Joseph is one of the best instructors I have had in my lifetime.	
7	Joseph is a really great instructor, one of the best I've ever had. Learning language can be a really stressful process, but Joseph had a calming effect on the students in his class. The love he has for languages and how they evolve is contagious, and the way he looks at the language schools and how students best learn here is something I agree with completely. I think if I had had a different professor for these seven weeks with a different outlook, I'd have made significantly less progress in Spanish	
8	Joseph is an incredible professor. Class time was used efficiently, always. He was always available for extra help and he was always enthusiastic and passionate about the subject material. His teaching materials/exercises (powerpoints) were always very clear and easy to understand.	
9	Joseph Casillas is a phenomenal professor. His class is extremely engaging and organized. He explains things very clearly. Even at the beginning of the summer when I didn't speak any Spanish, he somehow found ways to explain things clearly in a way that I understood. This was a two hour class every morning at 8 and I looked forward to it every day. I could have spent the whole day in this class. I've never felt this way about a 2 hour class. I loved what we learned, how we learned it, and how we generalized our skills (in games, conversations, etc.). He goes out of his way to answer everyone's questions thoroughly. Joseph is very enthusiastic about the subject matter and his passion and energy are contagious. I can't say enough great things about this course with Joseph. He is responsible for almost all of my learning here at Middlebury.	
	Instruction was wonderful, subject knowledge was clearly very good. Attitude towards students was wonderful (felt comfortable, good boundaries, etc, total). Positive energy and enthusiasm. Really a wonderful teacher and I'm glad I was in this class.	
	Appreciated instructor's knowledge of linguistics because that was interesting and helpful.	
10	Instructor was available for questions/extra help both in and outside of class (clearly stated his casual "office hours" when he would be in BiHall and was welcoming, which was helpful).	
	I do believe that my instructor specifically and this class (atmosphere, skills learned, etc) was vital to my success in this program, so I would like to say thank you.	
11	I was very impressed by my instructor. He is passionate about the subject and seems to genuinely care about the progress of his students. His style of teaching is engaging and interactive which made the two hour class enjoyable.	
12	I loved my first class! They became like a family to me!	
13	He did a phenomenal job and was always patient, supportive, understanding, and encouraging. His approach to teaching was spectacular, and I am pleased with my progress and results after having attended his class. He was and is passionate about the language, his heritage, and his culture. I respect and appreciate that. He doesn't just focus on the past or the present, but is genuinely concerned about the future of the language as well. Joseph never talked down to students or made them feel inferior. He was always respectful and participated in activities and events that made the student/teacher relationship much more comfortable and spurred additional conversations and opportunities for learning. His assignments and grading methods were very fair, and his feedback was always helpful.	

<b>Faculty:</b>	Casillas, Joseph		
<b>Question:</b>	Would you recommend this instructor to other students? Why, or why not?		
<b>Response Rate:</b>	92.31% (12 of 13)		
1	Yes.		
2	Yes. I personally learned a lot from this instructor and feel others would too.		
3	Yes, my professor is the best instructor I have ever had for Spanish.		
4	Yes, highly.		
5	Yes, because he's chill and knowledgeable.		
6	Yes! He was very easy to understand and he made you feel comfortable speaking in class, like if you made a mistake it wasn't the end of the world, it was ok.		
7	YES. He is absolutely great at teaching introductory grammar for Spanish because he knows what he is talking about and introduces material at a nice considerable pace for 1.5.		
8	Definitely. He made this entire program worth it for me. I learned more in this class than in everything else I did here at Middlebury.		
9	Definitely. I would recommend Joseph to other students because he doesn't simply go by the book. He knows what's important and he encourages you, on an individual basis, to do what you need to do in order to improve. For me, he was always very clear about the fact that I shouldn't write down and then memorize my oral presentations because I needed to spend time practicing the grammar rather than memorizing it. Even though my presentations were slightly more disorganized and at times rough, I learned a lot.. a lot more than I would have.		
10	Absolutely yes, Joseph is an incredible teacher with the patience of a saint. I legitimately feel bad for students who weren't able to have him as a teacher. Also his dogs are adorable		
11	Absolutely! Joseph was by far my favorite instructor. He is always willing, able, and available to assist both inside and outside of the classroom. He keeps you well informed of your progress and makes you feel like your not just another student. He keeps you aware of your progress, incites participation, and speaks clearly and constructively. He is patient, encouraging, helpful, and supportive. Definitely the epitome and stellar example of what a teacher, especially in this program, should be.		
12	100%		