

SYLLABUS

INSTRUCTOR: Fausto Ruiz
COURSE: Spanish 1A - (units 4)
CLASS MEETS: T & TH (6:00 - 8:15)
LOCATION: Social Science Rm 39

drop date

TEXT

Terrel - Andrade Eggase - Muñoz DOS MUNDOS
Lab / workbook: Optional
Chapters to be covered: 1- ?

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course stresses communication skills in Spanish. Much of the practice work will be done in pairs. The goal is for beginning students to acquire minimal conversational ability in Spanish. Speaking, reading, writing, and listening are four skills that students will develop as the semester progresses. The present, the present progressive and part of the preterite are tenses that will be studied by the end of the semester. In the process, students will learn certain cultural details. For example, you will learn that there are two ways of saying "you" in Spanish, and they are not interchangeable. It is assumed that you are in this class because you want to learn how to communicate in Spanish. You will not have developed that ability completely by the end of the semester, but you will be surprised at how many communicative skills you will have acquired.

SPECIFIC COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To develop your "survival" language skills.
2. To develop a sensitivity to differences and similarities in cultural issues.
3. By the end of the semester, you will be able to :
 - a. when showing a drawing of several actions, describe what is happening or has just happened .
 - b. discuss clothing, weather, time, dates, family, food, and other topics using appropriate vocabulary.
 - c. interview other students to find out their personal likes, dislikes and experiences.
 - d. tell about your daily routine: 20-30 things you do in a normal day.
 - e. use appropriate " functional" vocabulary to express doubt, uncertainty, sympathy hesitation, ect.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

Every effort will be made to make this class student-centered. That is, an activity will be modeled, then you will work in pairs and small groups to assimilate the vocabulary and structures under consideration. **You should make every effort to speak only Spanish and to prepare in advance** for the classroom learning activities.

GRADING

Your final grade will be based on the following elements: exams, quizzes, homework, projects, and class participation. Homework will be assigned almost every night. It is due the next day of class and will not be accepted late. Finally, classroom performance and attendance is very important towards your grade. Since the emphasis is on development of oral abilities in Spanish, you must be in class to acquire those skills.

Accumulative points will be divided by the total possible points.

90 - 100 = A

80 - 89 = B

70 - 79 = C

60 - 69 = D

Students will be notified in advance regarding dates for exams, quizzes, projects and material to be discussed.

Thursday, November 26 ----- No class

Tuesday, December 15 ----- Final Exam (6:00 - 8:00)