Title: Beginning Spanish - (**SPAN**-**1**)  
Section #: 50557  
Meeting Days/Times: 12:00AM-12:00AM  
  
Start Date: 2020-08-10 - End Date: 2020-12-11  
  
Term: 2020FA  
Room: WEB WEB  
  
5.00 units

Welcome Message

I am delighted to welcome you to Spanish 1! I want you to know that I will support you every step of the way. **Communication**is key to help you succeed in this course. I want to create an environment where you feel welcome, respected and recognized. Throughout 18 weeks you will explore the language and culture of different Spanish-speaking countries.

Instructor

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Course Description

First semester Spanish listening, speaking, grammar, writing, reading, and vocabulary. Designed for students who have no knowledge of Spanish. Not open to students qualified for or with credit in Spanish 3NS or 4NS.

Course Objectives

1. Engage in conversation applying basic Spanish skills, in the area of formulaic words or sentences, by relating information about themselves, their families, their studies, their vacations, and their hobbies.  
2. Select and use appropriate vocabulary in oral and written communication about the topics mentioned above.  
3. Read and understand, mostly through scanning, specific information contained in newspaper ads, texts, and magazines on a restricted list of topics.  
4. Recognize in context 900-1300 words on familiar topics. Use an active vocabulary of 400-600 words to converse about and/or describe familiar topics.  
5. Recognize cultural differences between Hispanic countries and the U.S.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Orally engage in basic, every-day exchanges.  
2. Construct simple sentences applying correct usage of basic grammatical structures to express ideas.  
3. Recognize simple, everyday customs of the Spanish culture.

Required Texts/Materials

Vistas Introducción a la lengua española

ISBN: 9781543306606

Blanco Donley

Vista Higher Learning, Incorp

2020

6th Edition

Vistas (Loose Pgs)(w/SSPlus)

$230.75

Attendance Policy

**Attendance P. 21**Students will be dropped from class if they fail to attend the first class session of the semester. There are no institutionally approved excused absences for any reason. Only your instructor may excuse an absence. Absences caused by personal engagements, transportation delays and business affairs will not be excused, nor will absences from class to complete registration or add/drop activities. The faculty places strong emphasis on attendance... (continues).

Drop Policy

Students will be dropped from class if they fail to attend the first class section (week 1). Also, students are responsible to drop themselves from course if they don't wish to continue.

Drop Deadlines Fall 2020

August 21, 2020 Last day to drop a full-term class for full refund.

August 28, 2020 Last day to register for a full-term class.

August 30, 2020 Last day to drop a full-term class to avoid a “W.” on WebAdvisor.

September 11, 2020 Last day to change class to/from Pass/ No Pass gradding basis.

October 09, 2020 Last day to drop full term (letter grades will be assigned after this day.

Holidays

September 7, 2020 Labor Day

November 11, 2020 Veterans Day (Observed)

November 26 and 27, 2020 Thanksgiving

Exams and Assignments

**15% Homework**Your homework assignments are due every Sunday, by 11:59 p.m. as stated in the Schedule of Activities handout. Late homework will lose 5% for each day is late.

Some assignments are completed online. Go to http://www.vhlcentral.com and create an account. Once you have bought your textbook you will follow instructions on submitting your code in order to access the homework exercises.

Other assignments will be through discussions in Canvas.

**15% Quizzes**You will have quizzes as scheduled on information reviewed.

**10% Participation Points**This class emphasizes in practicing skills in oral and in writing. It is important that you are engaged in all activities and interact with your classmates as part of our activities. I regret to inform you that I will not be able to give you credit for the week if you do not complete all weekly assignments.

**20% Tests**You will take a written test after reviewing each lesson as scheduled in the course outline (a total of 3 tests).

**10% Essays**You will write two essays answering questions in a paragraph format. The first essay will cover chapters (1-3) and the second one will cover chapter (4-6)

**10% Discussions and Portfolio** You will have weekly discussion and will be writing about different topics. In addition, throughout the semester, you will be given portfolio assignments. These may include creating a booklet describing and illustrating a passage from your daily life, writing and illustrating a poem or short story, researching and presenting to class an aspect of the Hispanic culture.

**10% Final Oral Project**This is an individual project. I will provide questions from all chapters and you will need to record a video answering those questions. Your video has to be at least 2:30 minutes long.

**10% Final Exam**Our final exam will be based only on the last chapter of this course. This test is multiple-choice and will be given on the date stated in the Final Exam Schedule.

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Reedley College is committed to creating accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law. To obtain academic adjustments or auxiliary aids, students must be registered with the DSP&S office on campus. DSP&S can be reached at (559) 638-0332 and is located in Building A. All information is kept confidential. If you are already registered with the DSP&S office, please provide your Notice of Accommodation form to me as soon as possible, preferably during the first two weeks of class.

**Your success is important to me.** If your accommodation includes taking the tests in the DSP&S office, it is your responsibility to make an appointment to take the test on or before the day and time of the in-class test and to inform me of the appointment.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you have any questions.

Grading Scale

**GRADE—You will see your grade updated weekly in Canvas, section of Grades.**The number of assignments may vary according to the pace of the course. Any changes will be notified.

90-100% A 89- 80% B 79-70% C 69 -60% D Below 59% F

Make Up

Make -ups will be giving only in a case of an emergency with proper documentation.

Late Work

Students will lose 5% for each day is work late. However, late work won't be accepted after 7 days.

Academic Dishonesty Policy

Students at Reedley College are entitled to the best education that the college can make available to them, and they, their instructors, and their fellow students share the responsibility to ensure that this education is honestly attained. Because cheating, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities erode the integrity of the college, each student is expected to exert an entirely honest effort in all academic endeavors. Academic dishonesty in any form is a very serious offense and will incur serious consequences.

**Cheating**

Cheating is the act or attempted act of taking an examination or performing an assigned, evaluated task in a fraudulent or deceptive manner, such as having improper access to answers, in an attempt to gain an unearned academic advantage. Cheating may include, but is not limited to, copying from another’s work, supplying one’s work to another, giving or receiving copies of examinations without an instructor’s permission, using or displaying notes or devices inappropriate to the conditions of the examination, allowing someone other than the officially enrolled student to represent the student, or failing to disclose research results completely.

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating and is the use of another’s words or ideas without identifying them as such or giving credit to the source. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws on the ideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify the contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different courses without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or encouraging, permitting, or assisting another to do any act that could subject him or her to discipline. Incidents of cheating and plagiarism may result in a variety of sanctions and penalties that may range from a failing grade on the particular examination, paper, project, or assignment in question to a failing grade in the course, at the discretion of the instructor and depending on the severity and frequency of the incidents.

Support Services

Services available to students:

<https://www.reedleycollege.edu/campus-life/health-services/index.html>

<https://www.reedleycollege.edu/academics/tutoring-services/index.html>

<https://www.reedleycollege.edu/campus-life/health-services/psychological-services.html>

<https://www.reedleycollege.edu/campus-life/student-activities/tiger-pantry.html>

Class Outline/Calendar

Course Outline

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| Week 1 | * Introduction to Span 1 * Syllabus * Create Canvas Profile * Create Vistas account (supersite) * About your instructor * Meet & Greet |  |
| Week 2 | * Vocabulary and fotonovela * 1.1 Nouns & Articles * Discussion |  |
| Week 3 | * 1.2 Numbers from 0 -30 * 1.3 Present tense of “ser.” * Discussion |  |
| Week 4 | * 1.4 Time * Vocabulary and fotonovela. * Discussion | Quiz 1 |
| Week 5 | * 2.1 Present tense of AR verbs * 2.2 Forming question in Spanish * Discussion |  |
| Week 6 | * 2.3 Present tense of “estar.” * 2.4 Numbers 31 & higher * Discussion | Test 1 |
| Week 7 | * Vocabulary and fotonovela * 3.1 Descriptive Adjectives * Discussion |  |
| Week 8 | * 3.2 Possessive Adjectives * 3.3Present tense of ER and IR verbs * Discussion |  |
| Week 9 | * 3.4 Present tense of “tener” and “venir” * Vocabulary and fotonovela * Discussion | Quiz 2 |
| Week 10 | * 4.1 Present tense of “ir” * 4.2 Stem changing verbs e;ie and o;ue * Discussion |  |
| Week 11 | * 4.3 Stem changing verbs e;i * 4.4 Verbs with irregular yo forms * Discussion | Test 2 |
| Week 12 | * Vocabulary and fotonovela * 5.1 “Estar” with conditions & emotions * Discussion |  |
| Week 13 | * 5.2 The present progressive * 5.3 “Ser” and “Estar” * Discussion |  |
| Week 14 | * 5.4 Direct object nouns & pronouns * Vocabulary and fotonovela * Discussion | Quiz 3 |
| Week 15 | * 6.1 “Saber” and “Conocer” * 6.2 Indirect object pronouns * Discussion |  |
| Week 16 | * 6.3 Preterite tense of regular verbs * 6.4 Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns * Discussion | Test 3 |
| Week 17 | * Oral project |  |
| Final 18 | * Final | December 11, 2020 |