

**SPANISH 2~ HIGH-BEG. SPANISH. SCHD#59025- SPRING 2024**  
**REEDLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE /**  
**SANGER HIGH SCHOOL DUAL ENROLLMENT**  
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**Spanish 2 Course Description (Catalog):**

This is a second-semester course in conversational and written Spanish for non-native speakers. Students will develop grammatical structures, expand their vocabulary and further study the cultures of Spain, Latin America and Hispanic cultures of the U.S. This course introduces the literary text. PREREQUISITES: Spanish 1, or 2 years of high school Spanish or the equivalent skill level as determined by instructor.

**Spanish 2 Course Description (for this particular section):**

High-Beginning Spanish. 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 conversational ability in Spanish. By the end of the semester you will have studied the past tenses, commands, and subjunctive forms, among other things; and will have had many opportunities to use those concepts in meaningful, interactive ways. In the process, the student will develop greater knowledge of the customs and various cultures that exist in the Spanish-Speaking world. *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. Students will work on developing oral competence in the Spanish language through the use of a conversation partner and communicative activities.
2. Students will develop knowledge of advanced grammatical structures such as "pretérito" and "imperfecto".
3. Students will develop greater knowledge of the customs and various cultures that exist in the Spanish-Speaking world.
4. Students will become competent writers using the Spanish language, and various creative-writing activities.

**Course management:**



- You will find our entire semester organized into Week Modules that follow the semester calendar. Each week will have detailed information about the learning objectives and instructions for all assignments.
- Your first assignment will be to personalize your Canvas account and upload a picture of you.

## Required text and materials

Vtext: *Vistas* 6 Edition (vtext)+Supersite Plus  
code+WebSAM for Internet access.



The *Vistas* vtext we will be using in the class offers a great Supersite Plus. Go to [www.vhlcentral.com](http://www.vhlcentral.com), register, and you will find a wide range of online resources including interactive activities, audio, and videos. **Be sure to remember your user name and password as you will need these to access all of the course materials.**

## Attendance Policy

You are required to attend regularly and punctually all classes. Attendance will be taken daily at the beginning of each class. You are expected to actively participate in the discussion boards, collaborate with classmates, and complete and submit assignments in Vista Higher Learning System and Canvas. You are expected to seek feedback, ask for help and offer help to others. Participation and attendance in this class is not only important to your success in this class, but also to the success of the entire class. You are enrolled in this class to participate in it on a regular basis and if you are unable to attend because of a serious medical condition or personal situation you must contact me promptly regarding any attendance/participation problems.



### Late work policy

You will know the due dates of assignments and exams for this class well in advance. All work, however, must be completed on time. Assignments submitted after the due date will receive a 5% deduction per day. Work submitted after two weeks past the original due date will not be accepted. If you have an emergency, contact me before the due date. Examples of emergencies constitute a car accident or a heart attack. A planned vacation or a birthday party do not fall into an emergency category.

## Grading and Evaluation

All assignments, discussions, oral activities, quizzes, etc. are to be completed no later than 11:59pm PST/PDT on the date indicated.

**Grading scale:** 90-100%= A 80-89%= B 70-79%= C 60-69%= D below 60%= F

### ***Your grade will be determined by the following:***

Class Activities (Canvas & VHL)	30%
Exams	50%
Portfolios	10%
Final Exam	10%

**Activities on Canvas & VHL Central 30%:** There will be activities on Canvas such as practice assignments and discussion boards. In addition, there will be assignments to be completed on the Vistas Higher Learning System ([www.vhlcentral.com](http://www.vhlcentral.com)). These online activities involve reading, audio, and video-based materials. You must complete the work and submit it on the day it is due in order to get all the points. Assignments must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm on the day indicated.

**Exams 50%:** At the end of each *lección* you will be assessed in the form of a Lesson Test. Each test will cover all the material for the *Lección*. It may include vocabulary, grammar, listening comprehension and/or writing. NO MAKE-US ARE GIVEN. Pop quizzes may also be given as part of this grade and may not be announced in advance

**Portfolio Assignments 10%:** 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, writing a movie critique etc. Deadline dates as well as further instructions will be provided throughout the semester. Please refer to the policy for late assignments regarding any late work.

**Final Exam 10%:** The final exam is not comprehensive; it will only cover Lección 10. The exam may be written or oral or a combination of both- this will be announced ahead of time.

**Engagement/Participation:** Since learning another language requires active and frequent practice, it is essential for you to engage actively in all the class activities. Language learning involves four basic skills – reading, writing, listening, and speaking. One of the best ways to assess your language skills is through class engagement. Active engagement involves completing all activities on time, using Spanish whenever possible, participating appropriately in group/partner work, treating all classmates with respect, asking questions as needed, and maintaining a positive and cooperative spirit throughout the course.

### **Study Hints**

1. Whenever you study, do it orally. Pronunciation will improve if you practice aloud.
2. Don't feel you have to sit at a desk to study. Try using the new words to describe people and things you see as you walk or drive.
3. As you prepare for class, get to the point where you can say the utterances without looking at the book.
4. Where possible, study with a classmate. Also, at the beginning of the semester you can register for tutorial help.

### **Other:**

- If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or need course materials in alternate formats, notify me immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.
- Make sure to turn off all cell phones. They are an interruption during class time. In case of an emergency, inform me prior to the beginning of class.
- The **VISTAS** work-text we will be using in the class offers a great Supersite. Go to [www.vhlcentral.com](http://www.vhlcentral.com), register, and you will find a wide range of online resources including interactive activities, audio, and video.

### ACADEMIC DISHONESTY STATEMENT:

“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.” (RC Catalog page 44)

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### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. recognize and comprehend basic spoken Spanish at the high beginner level of competency.
2. orally produce comprehensible sentences and phrases in Spanish to respond appropriately to questions, initiate and sustain simple conversations, or describe people, places, feelings and activities at the high beginner level of competency.
3. read, identify and comprehend specific pieces of information from selected short readings and authentic, graphically-represented text such as ads or short magazine articles.
4. construct sentences, compose basic paragraphs and create basic compositions applying correct usage of basic grammatical structures and appropriate vocabulary to express ideas at the high beginner level of competency.
5. demonstrate knowledge and appreciation of the diversity of Hispanic cultures and the products of these cultures.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. comprehend and interact in simple spoken Spanish within the range of vocabulary topics and structures covered in this course, such as meeting people, shopping for food or clothing, ordering food in a restaurant, asking for and giving directions, traveling, dealing with health issues and describing events in the past.
2. recognize and employ new vocabulary and apply correct usage of grammatical structures in order to communicate ideas, negotiate meaning, describe present and past events, formulate commands, make requests and discuss future plans, both verbally and in writing.
3. comprehend basic written texts using contextual clues, vocabulary recognition, grammar knowledge, cognates and inference.
4. compare and contrast the target language and cultures with the language and cultures of the U.S. and other countries.
5. demonstrate a high beginner level of competency in the five skills as mandated by the proficiency guidelines of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL): listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, and knowledge and appreciation of the people and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries.