

FALL 2019 SPANISH 4307 ADVANCED GRAMMAR AND WRITING

MW 12:40 pm: 2:05 pm Fogelman 370

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OFFICE HOURS: MW: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM and also by appointment

REQUIRED

1. Textbook: *Repase y escriba: curso avanzado de gramática y composición* by María Canteli Dominicis and John J. Reynolds. Seventh Edition (Séptima Edición).

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1. Workbook: *Repase y escriba: curso avanzado. de gramática y composición* by R. Nicholas. 7th edition Séptima Edición)

2. Dictionary: *The Oxford Spanish Dictionary*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, latest edition. Recommended .

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

SPAN 4307 Advanced Grammar and Writing. (3). Special problems in Spanish grammar pertaining to preterit and imperfect, "ser" and "estar"; special verb constructions; subjunctive, definite, indefinite articles; writing styles; vocabulary and idiomatic expressions. Recommended for majors and minors. PREREQUISITE: minimum of three 3000-level Spanish courses or equivalent.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to develop a strong command of the Spanish grammar and vocabulary, which in turn can be used to improve writing skills. The course reviews special problems of the Spanish grammar such as the preterit and the imperfect, uses of *ser* and *estar*, special verb constructions, pronoun constructions, the subjunctive uses of the definite and indefinite articles. Readings are used for vocabulary development, analysis of idiomatic expressions, and illustration of grammar points that pose difficulties to students.

PREREQUISITES

A minimum of three 3000-level Spanish courses or equivalent. To qualify for this course—which is not required for majors or minors—you must have a strong background in Spanish, i.e., a very good command to write and speak Spanish. Interviews may be conducted to determine the student's skills to take this class. If you do not have the required course preparation which is provided at the 3000 level you will not be eligible to take this class. If you have not taken any 3000-level Spanish course you must have my permission to continue in this class.

SYLLABUS MODIFICATION

The course syllabus is subject to change. This includes, but is not limited to, class schedule, number of exams, exam dates, percentages, etc. The instructor reserves the right to modify the

syllabus if necessary. Changes will be announced in class. Students not attending when changes are announced are responsible for obtaining this information.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend class regularly. The maximum number of absences in this class is three. If a student exceeds this number there will be a reduction of the student's grade. In this class for each absence beyond three, the grade of your final average will be reduced seven (7) points. For example, if your final average is 86 (B) and you have four absences your final grade will be reduced to 79 (C+).

EVALUATION

There will be three exams and the final, which includes from chapters 1-7. Students may also be evaluated on specific projects, writing assignments in class or at home or class presentations.

MATERIAL

The material to be covered during the semester is indicated in this syllabus: chapters 1-7. Any changes in this regard will be announced in class. You need to prepare thoroughly each lesson assigned. Interaction between students and instructor and among students is extremely important to make progress and improve your command of Spanish, which is also the reason that a student with more than three absences may not be able to complete this class successfully. Exams will reflect the material of the required textbook and any other material discussed in the class.

DEADLINES FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

If writing assignments or projects were to be assigned, the student must turn in his/her project by the indicated deadline. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of the student final average, specifically three points off of the student final average for each project assigned. Failure to turn in an assigned project in time will also affect the student participation. Turning in the project late will not reverse this policy. A hard copy is required for all assignments. E-mailing assignments is not permitted and will not satisfy the policy of turning in projects by the specified deadline. Missing a class will not be considered a justification to avoid compliance of the policy described under "Deadlines for specific projects and other assignments."

PERCENTAGES

EXAM I 20

EXAM II 20

EXAM III 20

CLASS PRESENTATIONS/PROJECTS

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS CLASS PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE 20

FINAL EXAM 20 (COMPREHENSIVE CHAPTERS 1-7)

Attendance and participation will also be considered for the final grade. For example, a student with excellent attendance and participation whose final average is 89 (B+) may obtain an A-

GRADE SCALE

A+ 98-100

A 94-97

A- 90-93

B+ 87-89

B 84-86

B- 80-83

C+ 77-79

C 74-76

C- 70-73

D 60-69

F 59 and below

NO MAKEUPS WILL BE GIVEN (no exceptions).

STUDENT MISCONDUCT

The Departments of Foreign Languages abides by the university policy stating that faculty have ultimate control over classroom behavior and may eject from the classroom any student engaged in disruptive or violent conduct. Disruptive conduct includes conduct that intentionally interferes with normal classroom procedure or presentation of the instructor or other student(s), with academic evaluation, or with another student's right to pursue coursework. Classroom misconduct also includes any physical abuse or threat of abuse that is dangerous to the health, safety, or well-being of the instructor or other students whether on or off campus as related to classroom procedure or academic evaluation. Eating is not allowed. In case of cheating, plagiarism, and disruptive students, I will contact the Associate Dean of Students: Justin Lawhead (678-2298), jtlawhd@memphis.edu

CELL PHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Activation and access to cell phones and/or any other electronic devices for personal use during class is prohibited. So, you must turn off your cell phone during class. Getting/checking phones calls/messages/ text messages during class is very disturbing.. Electronic devices such as laptops, smart phones, tablets, etc., can be used whenever is related to academic activities in the classroom. Students needing to go to the restroom during an exam need to leave their Iphone and other electronic devices in the classroom. Failing to turn off cell phones and leaving the classroom to check text/voice messages or use the cell phone to place or receive calls will be considered academic misconduct. All students are expected to be on time to class. Arriving late or leaving class early may count as an absence. Cheating and other academic misconduct described in the *University of Memphis Student Handbook* may constitute the basis for receiving a failing grade in this course.

Expectations for academic integrity and student conduct are described in detail on the website of the Office of Student Judicial and Ethical Affairs (<http://saweb.memphis.edu/judicialaffairs/>). Please take a look, in particular, at the sections about “Academic Dishonesty,” “Student Code of Conduct and Responsibilities,” and “Disruptive Behaviors.” I will expect students to be aware of these guidelines and to conduct themselves accordingly.

OTHER COMMENTS

Cheating on any graded activity will result in a grade of F for the class.

Turning in compositions, reports, and presentations used in other courses will result in a grade of F for the class.

Turning in compositions, reports, presentations copied from the internet or using any sort of electronic translators will result in a grade of F for the class.

Extra Credit will be offered in this course for each exam. Specific translations will be assigned for this purpose. The extra credit will apply immediately to each of the exams. There won't be any other type of extra credit. Compositions/projects that are turned after the deadline will not be graded or corrected. I may at any time take up homework for a grade.

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This schedule is subject to change

AUGUST	26 chapter 1
	28 chapter 1
SEPTEMBER	2 LABOR DAY
	4 Review chapter 1
	9 chapter 2
	11 chapter 2
	16 Review chapter 2
	18 Exam chapters 1 and 2
	23 chapter 3
	25 chapter 3
OCTOBER	30 chapter 3
	2 chapter 4
	7 chapter 4
	9 chapter 4

14 FALL BREAK
16 Review Chapters 3 & 4

21 Exam chapters 3 and 4
23 chapter 5

28 chapter 5
30 Review chapter 5

NOVEMBER

4 chapter 6
6 chapter 6.

11 Review chapter 6
13 Review for Exam

18 Exam Chapters 5 & 6
20 chapter 7

25 Review 1-7
27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER

2 Review 1-7. Project is due
4 Test on the revision 1-7. Translation for ch. 7 is due