

SPANISH 4308 ADVANCED GRAMMAR AND SPEECH

Mondays and Wednesdays 2:20 pm- 3:45 pm FOGELMAN 370

Office Hours: 3:55 pm- 5:00 pm and also by appointment.

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REQUIRED

1. Textbook: Repase y escriba: curso avanzado de gramática y composición by María Canteli Dominicis. Seventh Edition (Séptima Edición).
2. Workbook: Repase y escriba: curso avanzado. de gramática y composición by Thomas G. Allen. 7th edition (Séptima Edición)

RECOMMENDED

1. Dictionary: The Oxford Spanish Dictionary. Oxford: Oxford University Press, latest edition.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

SPAN 4308 Advanced Grammar and Speech. (3)

Special problems in Spanish grammar pertaining to propositions, placement of descriptive adjectives, passive voice, reflexive substitute, past participle in absolute constructions, relative pronouns; speech production, vocabulary, 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 oral communication. The course reviews special problems of the Spanish grammar such as prepositions, relative pronouns, passive voice, past participle in absolute constructions. Readings are used for vocabulary development, analysis of idiomatic expressions, and illustration of grammar points that pose difficulties to students.

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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 (justified or unjustified) 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 7-14. Students may also be evaluated on specific projects such as class presentations.

MATERIAL

The material to be covered during the semester is indicated in this syllabus: chapters 7-14. 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 (justified or not) will 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

When a class presentation is assigned, you need to do it the indicated day. Failure to do so will result in a failing grade. A hard copy is required for all assignments. 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)

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.

OTHER COMMENTS

Cheating on any graded activity will result in a grade of F for the class. Turning in class presentations, reports etc, used in other courses will result in a grade of F for the class.

I may at any time take up homework for a grade.

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This schedule is subject to change

JANUARY

14 chapter 7

16 chapter 7

21 HOLIDAY

23 chapter 8

28 chapter 8

30 chapter 8

FEBRUARY

4 chapter 9

6 chapter 9

11 chapter 9

13 REVIEW

18 EXAM I chapters 7,8 and 9

20 chapter 10

25 chapter 10

27 chapter 10

MARCH

4 SPRING BREAK

6 SPRING BREAK

11 chapter 11

13 chapter 11

18 chapter 11 and review

20 EXAM II chapters 10 and 11

25 chapter 12

27 chapter 12

APRIL

1 chapter 12

3 chapter 13

8 chapter 13

10 EXAM III chapters 12 and 13

15 chapter 14

17 chapter 14 and review

22 REVIEW

24 FINAL EXAM

FINAL EXAM

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:20 pm- 3:45 pm,
chapters 7-14