



En Línea Spanish I (SPN 1120)

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All students registered in SPN 1120, Ref#, must also be registered in the following lab:
Ref# MLL SPN 1120L-501 Beginning Spanish I Lab
Failure to register for the correct lab will result in a U grade.

Welcome to En Línea! This course is an online course open to beginners and students with no or little background in Spanish who would like to improve their knowledge of the language and culture. This course is not available to native or near-native speakers. Native and near-native speakers should take the Spanish for Native Speakers course. If the instructor determines that you are a native speaker you will be dropped from the course.

The level of proficiency you attain will depend on you as the student. This course will require **self-discipline and time**. As with any distance learning course, 99% of the responsibility of learning and keeping track of progress falls on the student. If you feel you lack the self-discipline and time to be successful in this course, you may want to consider the classroom setting. The amount of time and effort you put into the course will directly affect your performance and your satisfaction. We encourage you to take advantage of the instructor's office hours as well as the review sessions. Keep up with the pace of the course and ask for help as soon as you feel you need it.

You may elect to take this course with the S/U (pass/fail) option. S/U grades do not impact a student's grade point average. If you choose this option, you may fill out an S/U agreement prior to the end of the fourth week of classes. **You cannot choose this option if you need to satisfy the foreign language requirement.** To continue to Spanish II you must earn a "D" or better in Spanish I, however, most students that earn a "D" in Spanish I will continue to struggle in Spanish II because they lack a solid foundation for the language.

You must attend one of the following orientation meetings or you will be dropped:

9:00-10:30am in TBA

6:00-7:30pm in TBA

TEXT AND MATERIALS

Vistas: Introducción a la lengua española. (Second Edition). By José A. Blanco and Philip Redwine Donley. ***Textbook package must include online book code.*** See pages attached for online purchase. YOU WILL ALSO NEED A **MICROPHONE** to complete audio recordings to be submitted online. Optional: workbooks, CD-ROMs, etc.

Computer Labs: CPR 119 (Please call for hours. 974-3748)

REVIEWS

There will be a **mandatory initial orientation meeting**, four optional review sessions, and four required examinations. Please refer to calendar for dates, times and places. The optional review sessions will be scheduled to answer questions and to help students with problems. You will be responsible for bringing questions and concerns to the reviews as there will not be enough time to cover all the material in a Review session. If you cannot attend, but need assistance, please call the instructor during office hours or leave a message to be called back. We encourage you to call immediately when you have a question, no matter what time, and leave a message in our voice mail with a telephone number where we can call you the next working day. This will prevent you from forgetting the question. We will call you with an answer the next working day. It is important to understand a concept before you can successfully move on, since the homework exercises build on one another. You can access En Línea/Blackboard for your homework and exam grades. You will also have access to an outline of the points discussed in the reviews.

EXAMS

The exams will be given according to the calendar at the designated time and place. You must bring a picture I.D. to every exam and to pick up grades. We offer the exam twice in the same week to allow for some flexibility with your schedule and we provide you with a detailed schedule so that you can make arrangements to attend the exams. **We will not administer make-ups.** If, however, due to an **emergency** you cannot attend an exam, call the office **before** the exam. You will need to provide **written documentation** that supports your absence **as soon as possible**. Exams will be based on the exercises and activities from the workbook and textbook that you have been working on in your weekly assignments. If you have a scheduling conflict for any of the exams you must notify the instructor within the first 2 weeks of the semester. Alternative exams will not be offered later in the semester.

We **strongly encourage** you to get in the habit of checking **En Línea and your e-mail account**. Things can and do change during the course of a semester and we will use your e-mail accounts to inform you of any changes in the course plans (room changes, reminders, announcements, etc.) It is **your responsibility** to check blackboard and your e-mail account in case of possible changes.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

You should expect to spend an average of 10-20 hours a week completing your homework, so plan ahead. Doing it the night before will prove to be counterproductive and very difficult to finish. Please refer to the schedule provided below. Also assignment due dates are posted in En Línea. Click on the Assignments tab at the top left of En Línea for a display of the assigned sections and the due date. The blue diamonds indicate the assigned exercises. For each lesson's assignments you will have two attempts to submit the exercises. The second attempt is automatically graded regardless of the score.

Note: Homework assignments are due before midnight. **We will not accept assignments after the due date regardless of the circumstances.** *Late homework (even if it is 1 minute after midnight) will result in an automatic 0 for that assignment. Note that En Línea automatically date and time stamps your assignments and*

is set to not grade late assignments. In the event that you do miss a deadline, you should still complete the assignments as they will help you with exams. Also, in the event that your final grade is borderline any completed exercises that were not graded will be considered provided that there is a documented excuse.

GRADING

There will be no curving of scores. **Keep in mind that the tests will be kept at the office (CPR 408). You should come to our office to review your exams.** The grading will be done on a decimal scale 100-90=A, 89-80=B, and so on. Your grade will be calculated according to the following formula.

Online Assignments (includes lab)	40%
Exam #1 (Lessons 1-2)	10%
Exam #2 (Lessons 3-4)	15%
Exam #3 (Lessons 5-6)	15%
Exam #4 (Lessons 7-9)	20%
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 100%

Please notice that your homework consists of 40% of your grade. This implies that missing an assignment can lower your final score even more than missing an exam. Exams are still an important part of your grade, but doing your assignments will give you the practice you need to do well on the exams as well as the weight to bring up your grade.

If possible, attend all review sessions. Try to study and practice with someone from the class. Also, call or e-mail the instructor immediately when you come up with a question or problem. There is no such thing as a silly question. You may need to understand a concept before you can move on to the next. In addition, office appointments can be arranged to help you if the office hours conflict with your schedule.

Note: *Memorizing lists of words does not constitute learning a language. Understanding the grammar and the VERBS is what will allow you to create with the new language. Avoid translating word for word as single words may have multiple meanings. Look for the meaning of the word or phrase and translate the concept in the new language.*

INCOMPLETES

Students will qualify for an “I” grade (Incomplete) only if they satisfy the following:

- ***Must have completed at least ¾ of the course work.**
- ***Must have a passing grade.**
- ***Must have documentation supporting any extenuating circumstance which prevents the student from finishing the course.**
- ***Remember that an I has to be removed the following semester or it becomes an F.**
- ***If you have any questions about incompletes, please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog.**

LANGUAGE LEARNING TIPS/ FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. **Be tolerant** to not understanding all of what you are hearing. Be comfortable listening selectively.
2. **Use trial and error**...for practice. Language is more skill than knowledge.
3. **Spanish is not English.** Be prepared to look at everything differently – not only words and phrases, but also *complete* ideas.

4. *Listen and speak at every opportunity.*
5. *Lose your fear of making mistakes.*
6. *Memorize rules.* Five minutes engraving a rule in the brain is worth avoiding five hours of groping and a lifetime of frustration and mistakes.
7. *Language is not grammar.* Grammar simply helps learners understand how things go together.
8. The most commonly asked question...*When will I be fluent?*

Depending on the difficulty of the language, experts suggest 1000-2000 hours to get ready to take academic courses in that language in a country where the language is spoken. By the end of this semester, you will have completed between 50-100 hours of homework and study. Even with that, you have at most, completed 10% of the journey to fluency. Keep in mind that the goal of classroom instruction “is not to produce native speakers or even error-free second language performance. It is, rather, to develop intermediate second language competence, to bring the student to the point where he can begin to understand the language he hears and reads outside the class and thus improve on his own” (Krashen, 1981).

En Linea I
agosto de 2006

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Orientation 9-10:30am
27	28	29	30 Orientation 6-7:30pm	31		

septiembre de 2006

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Due L.#1	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Due L.#2	18	19	20 Review 6pm	21 Exam#1 6pm	22	23 Exam#1 9am
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

octubre de 2006

1 Due L.#3	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Due L.#4	9	10	11 Review 6pm	12 Exam#2 6pm	13	14 Exam#2 9am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Due L.#5	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Due L.#6	30	31				

noviembre de 2006

			1 Review 6pm	2 Exam#3 6pm	3	4 Exam#3 9am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Due L.#7	13	14	15	16	17	18

19 Due L.#8	20	21	22	23 Día festival	24	25
26 Due L.#9	27	28	29	30		

diciembre de 2006

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3	4	5	6 Review 6pm	7 Exam#4 6pm	8	9 Exam#4 9am
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*****Please note that all assignment due dates are also indicated in the En Línea program.***