

Advanced Placement Spanish Language

Teachers (Who is Currently Teaching This Course?) Romero Mestas		Description of Average Weekly Outside Requirements	
Main Topics (What main ideas/concepts will be covered?): Intensive reading, writing and speaking Conversational topics: Families and Communities Science and Technology Beauty and Aesthetics Contemporary Life World Challenges Public and Personal identities Spanish and Latin-American Culture	Rationale (Why should a student take this course?) This is the equivalent of a college level course. This course prepares the student to take the Spanish language exam. Successful completion of the test will enable the student to receive college credit for their coursework.	Reading (Text, document, etc): Students will read short articles and essays in Spanish from the textbook, and teacher generated materials. They are also responsible for online reading assignments from a variety of sources. Units are thematic and the assignments follow these themes.	Written (Terms, questions, outlines, free response, etc): Students will be responsible for writing essays in Spanish with an emphasis on synthesizing 3 sources. They will write daily in Spanish practicing grammatical structure and vocabulary. Students will also respond orally to questions and directions.
Grade Composition (How are grades determined?): 25% written assignments 25% oral assignments 20% quizzes 15% participation/classwork 15% exams	Skill Development (What skills are developed in this course and how?) Students will achieve near native fluency by successfully completing this course. These students recognize the importance of learning a second language. The completion of this class will impact their future academic endeavors.	Sample Textbook Excerpt: Durante gran parte del siglo XX, España vivió aislada del resto de Europa, tanto que se llegó a decir que el tiempo se detuvo con la dictadura de Franco. La Guerra Civil (1936-1939) entre nacionales y republicanos sirvió para que potencias como Alemania e Italia se prepararan para el conflicto global que se acercaba. Debido a las ideologías que se enfrentaban, la batalla trascendió las fronteras y fue así como obreros, estudiantes e intelectuales de otros países se unieron a las Brigadas Internacionales para luchar contra el fascismo, representado en la película por el brutal capitán Vidal.	
Required Skills (What skills are necessary to be successful in this course?) A positive attitude and an open mind to other cultures.			