

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINES		
Term: Fall 2015	Course No.: SPAN 300	
Instructor: Language Associate:	Course Name: Advanced Spanish I	
Office: Email:	Section:	Credits: 4
Office Hours:		

COURSE FORMAT

Three hours of class time, one hour delivered through on-line activities or other activities (on-line learning and language workshop), one hour of conversation with a Language Associate and a 45 minute drop-in session of self-study at the Language Resource Centre (LRC, AR 117) for a 15 week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

45 credits of 100 level or higher coursework including SPAN 201.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is for students who already have a good knowledge of Spanish but are looking to improve their oral, spoken and written abilities to the next level of fluency through the study of grammar in context. Students will engage in readings, text analysis, translation, writing exercises and oral presentations that develop their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary of Spanish.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have acquired an advanced level of Spanish. Students will have improved the accuracy and content of their written and spoken Spanish in several different genres and will have acquired an understanding of the revision process. Evaluation of these outcomes will be through in-class writing assignments and presentations, translation exercises, a midterm and a final exam.

COURSE WEBSITE

Wiley Companion Site:

<http://bcs.wiley.com/he-bcs/Books?action=index&bcsId=3364&itemId=047169973X>

REQUIRED TEXTS

Dominicis, Reynolds: *Repase y escriba: Curso avanzado de gramática y composición*. Hoboken: John Wiley and Sons, Inc, 2007. Print.

COURSE CONTENT

WEEK	DATES	CHAPTER & THEMES	IMPORTANT NOTES
1		Introduction	
2		Capítulo 1	
3		Capítulo 1 / 2	
4		Capítulo 2	In-class Essay
5		Capítulo 3	
6		Capítulo 3 / 4	
7		Capítulo 4	Mid-Term Exam
8		Capítulo 5	
9		Capítulo 5 / 6	
10		Capítulo 6	In-class Essay
11		Capítulo 7	Oral Presentations
12		Capítulo 7	
13		Review	
14/15		Final exam period	

Please note that this schedule is subject to change and it is each student's responsibility to ensure they are aware of any changes announced in class.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

In each Capítulo, students will be asked to look at Spanish grammar through selected texts, written and oral exercises, as well as gain cultural understanding of the many Spanish-speaking cultures. The conversation hour will focus on preparation for oral presentations as well as discussing and debating topics presented in the lecture portion of the course.

Lab (Language Resource Centre)

Language labs provide the opportunity to further develop listening and pronunciation skills. Students must attend the Language Resource Centre (LRC in Arbutus 117) to complete assigned material (typically 45 min per week). The LRC will be open on a drop-in basis. Mark will be based on completion of weekly assignments.

Conversation

During conversation classes you have the opportunity to practice speaking Spanish in small groups. Mistakes and risk-taking are a normal part of the learning process; you are therefore encouraged to participate to the best of your ability. Students will participate in a one hour conversation seminar on a weekly basis, during which oral exercises will be conducted based on lessons learned in the lecture.

Participation

Participation represents a significant part of the course, not just in the percentage of your grade but, more importantly, in the impact that it has on your learning and the environment in which we all work. Students are expected to come prepared to

participate in all course activities by having done the assigned homework beforehand. During these activities, students should speak Spanish as much as possible. Students are also expected to follow the basic rules of courtesy (and the Capilano Student Code of Conduct).

EVALUATION PROFILE

Final grades for the course will be computed based on the following schedule.

2 In-class Essays	15%
Participation	10%
Lab	10%
Conversation	10%
Oral Presentation	10%
Mid-term	20%
Final Exam	25%
Total:	100%

GRADE PROFILE

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following guidelines:

A+ 90 - 100%	B+ 77 - 79%	C+ 67 - 69%	D 50 - 59%
A 85 - 89%	B 73 - 76%	C 63 - 66%	F 0 - 49%
A- 80 - 84%	B- 70 - 72%	C- 60 - 62%	

Students should refer to the University Calendar for the effect of the above grades on grade point average.

OPERATIONAL DETAILS

University Policies

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Attendance

Attendance in class, labs and conversation sessions are required. It is the student's responsibility to catch up on any material missed due to absence from class, including announcements, assigned reading/homework and handouts. Students are expected to adhere to class times so as not to disrupt the activity of the class.

Missed Exams

If absent for an exam, the student will receive a grade of zero. Special arrangements can only be made in case of documented illness or severe personal crisis and **provided that the student contact the instructor on or before the**

due date. In the case of illness proper medical documentation must be given. Make-up tests are given at the discretion of the instructor.

Final Exams

There will be a final written exam during the final exam period, **December DD to December DD** (*this includes Saturday, December DD*). Students can expect to write exams at any time during this period. Individual exam times will not be rescheduled because of holidays, work, or other commitments.

Incomplete Grades

Incomplete grades ("I") are given only when special arrangements have been agreed upon with the instructor **prior to the end of the semester**. Since "I" grades are granted only in exceptional circumstances (usually health problems), their occurrence is rare.

Electronic Devices

No personal electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, calculators, electronic dictionaries, etc...) may be used without prior approval from the instructor.

Cheating and Plagiarism

All forms of cheating, including plagiarism, (on examinations, quizzes, in-class work and/or assignments) will result in a mark of "0" at the instructor's discretion. A repeat of cheating/plagiarism in this course may result in an "F" letter grade for the course.

Emergency Procedures

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.