



Intermediate Spanish II

World Languages

Instructor Information

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General Information

Description

This course will build on the basics of Spanish grammar, speaking, and culture that were learned in Spanish Intermediate 1. As a student of this course, you will be exposed to a variety of materials that include: cultural videos, speaking presentations, reading and writing assignments, and more. Regarding speaking and writing in Spanish, it is my (and your) goal to be able to speak Spanish more fluidly and write more clearly with proper grammar in Spanish than before this course.

Course Goals/Standards: (According to the Nebraska K-12 Foreign Language Frameworks)

The ultimate goal of this class is mastery of basic Spanish vocabulary as well as verb conjugation used within the correct context. In order to achieve those goals the following standards will be completed by the end of the school year.

Goal One: Communicate in Languages Other than English

Standard 1.1 Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.

Standard 1.2 Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.

Standard 1.3 Students convey information, concepts, and ideas to listeners and readers for a variety of purposes.

Goal Two: Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures

Standard 2.1 Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the perspectives and practices of cultures studied and use this knowledge to interact effectively in cultural contexts.

Standard 2.2 Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the perspectives and products/contributions of the cultures studied.

Goal Three: Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information

Standard 3.1 Students reinforce and further knowledge of other disciplines through foreign languages.

Standard 3.2 Students acquire information and perspectives through authentic materials in foreign languages and cultures.

Goal Four: Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture

Standard 4.1 Students recognize that different languages use different patterns to communicate and can apply this knowledge to their own language.

Standard 4.2 Students recognize that cultures use different patterns of interaction and can apply this knowledge to their own culture.

Goal Five: Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home and Around the World

Standard 5.1 Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting for a variety of purposes.

Expectations and Goals

Behavior: Please reference the School Wide Agreements and Intervention posters in my classroom to explain what is expected from you in class regarding behavior.

1. You are accountable for your own behavior in this class.
2. If you misbehave, you will receive a verbal warning. You may lose your professionalism points for that day, which you will not get back. If you continue to misbehave, you will receive a 30-minute detention for your behavior. If your misbehavior continues, you may be removed from the class for that day, and parents may be called.
3. I define misbehavior as any behavior that interferes with the learning process in the classroom. Misbehavior includes but is not limited to vulgarity in Spanish and/or English, lewd comments, name-calling, and disrespecting the teacher and/or classmates.
4. Visiting websites that I deem inappropriate or not productive for the class will result in a loss of points with a punishment in accordance with school policy regarding student use of iPads.

Detention:

1. If you receive a 30-minute detention for misbehaving in class, you will be expected to show up after school the same day unless otherwise discussed with me. Your detention does not start until you are in your seat. **No cell phones may be used during this time.**
2. Failure to make up time will result in an additional 30 minutes for each absence from detention until a total of 2 hours has been reached. At that point, you will be in ISS daily until your 2-hour detention is served. No exceptions.

CHEATING/ PLAGIARISM: Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. Each student is responsible for doing his or her work. Students who violate this policy will be subject to receiving a zero for the assignment or test, quiz, examination etc. Students who continue to cheat or plagiarize may be subject to further discipline.

Cheating can involve one or more of the following actions:

1. To use the work of another person as your own.
2. To copy information from the Internet (work not cited) or (looking for the answer online), another student's test, theme, book report, term paper, etc.
3. To plagiarize is using another person's ideas, expressions, or words without giving the original author credit (work cited).
4. To prepare to cheat in advance. Such action involves having a copy of the test, quiz or examination in advance, use of notes during the test, quiz, or examination, and talking while taking the test, quiz, or examination.
5. Failing to follow test, quiz, or examination procedures or instructions announced by the instructor.

Homework: Homework will be checked daily (when assigned). Each assignment will be worth 100 points. Late work is accepted for half credit. A homework assignment that is thoroughly completed but presented late will always score 50 points out of 100. Partial credit is ALWAYS better than no credit.

Projects/Presentations: We will have a variety of projects and presentations periodically throughout the course to practice and demonstrate our knowledge. We will also be completing tasks throughout the semester to further our learning. Projects are expected to be turned in on time. Each day late will result in a deduction of 5 points.

Quizzes/Tests: A variety of quizzes and tests will be given in class. Most of these include chapter tests covering the vocabulary and grammar we studied, vocabulary quizzes that will test your spelling, and word-of-the-day quizzes after each month. There will be a semester final that CANNOT be completed in advance.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Put forth your best effort
- Be proactive with your learning
 - Listen to directions
 - Speak as much ESPAÑOL as possible!
- Attend class daily PREPARED with writing utensils notebook.
- Enthusiastically contribute to class activities EVERY DAY, not only by raising your hand to volunteer answers but also by actively working during group work and staying on task
- RESPECT each other's individuality, privacy, and differences
 - Act respectfully and appropriately during class

- Communicate regularly with the teacher, especially if having difficulties

Course Materials

Required Materials

1. One notebook for notes
2. A simple two-pocket folder
3. A pen or pencil as long as it is not red.
4. Bring your textbook to class every day.

Required Text

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Grading: Lexington High's standard grading Scale will be used.

Grade Break down: Semester 1: (45% Quarter 1, 45% Quarter 2, 10% Semester Final), Semester 2: (45% Quarter 3, 45% Quarter 4, 10% Semester Final).

Each quarter grade consists of the following:

20% Projects/Presentations, 20% Homework/Classwork, 30%VHL, 30% Quizzes/Tests.

ABSENCE POLICY:

Students with a pre-excused absence (field trips/sports activities) can make up for work missed during the absence. When the teacher provides assignments before the student leaves, the student must turn in the assignments upon return to class.

For an excused illness absence, the student is entirely responsible for requesting the make-up work from the teacher(s). Tests/quizzes will be scheduled at an agreed-upon time. Students will be given one school day for each excused absence to make up assignments and tests. Additional considerations will be given to students with extended illnesses.

Regarding disciplinary absences, for the first offense resulting in a suspension longer than three days, the Attendance Office will collect and provide homework assignments to the student. The student is responsible for contacting the Main Attendance Office and making arrangements to pick up the homework assignments. For subsequent external suspensions (OSS), the student or parent must contact the teacher to obtain homework assignments. It is the suspended student's responsibility to make up missed work or tests. Work is due on the date of return to school.

COMMUNICATION:

Teacher-Student communication is important. You need to tell me the moment you feel you need additional assistance. I am in the building by 7:45 AM and usually leave by 4:00 PM. You will always find me in room 906, or you can contact me by email at luis.gamero@lexschools.org. I am here to help you. Please let me know if you plan to stay after school.

Parent Signature

I (insert printed student name here) _____ have read the above rules and understand that I must follow them to complete and succeed in this class.

Student signature: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____