

Course Description
AP Spanish Language and Culture
2019 - 2020

Course objective:

The main goal of the AP Spanish Language and Culture course is to provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their proficiency at the Intermediate to Pre-Advanced range in each of the three modes of communication. This includes vocabulary usage, language control, communication strategies, and cultural awareness. To best facilitate the study of language and culture, the course is taught almost exclusively in Spanish.

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course encompasses oral skills, reading comprehension, grammar, and composition. The course engages students in an exploration of culture in both contemporary and historical contexts. The course develops students' awareness and appreciation of cultural products, practices and perspectives. Students taking this course will be required to emphasize the use of Spanish for active communication, having the following objectives:

1. The ability to comprehend formal and informal spoken Spanish
2. The acquisition of vocabulary and the grasp of structure to allow the easy, accurate reading of newspaper and magazine articles, as well as modern literature
3. The ability to compose expository passages
4. The ability to express ideas orally and fluently

Course Content

Throughout the course of the school year we will study the following topics in preparation for the **AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam on Tuesday, May 12th, 2020**

1. Las identidades personales y públicas
2. Las familias y las comunidades
3. La vida contemporánea
4. Los desafíos mundiales
5. La ciencia y la tecnología
6. La belleza y la estética

Course materials

You are required to have and bring everyday:

- A notebook or three-ring binder (exclusively for Spanish)
- A folder used specifically for Spanish class
- Writing utensils: Blue or black ink pens, and a different color pen for corrections

V. Procedures

A. **Grading:** Your grade in this class is a combination of everything you do. Homework, classwork, class participation, tests, quizzes, projects, attendance, behavior, etc. Your grade is composed of the following: 25%

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speaking, 25% listening, 25% reading and 25% writing.

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B. **Attendance**: Attendance is necessary for success. You must be on time to every class. If you are late, you must provide a late pass and enter without interruptions. When absent, your parent/guardian will be contacted if a reasonable excuse for missing class (doctor's appointments, etc.) is not provided.

C. **Homework policies**: You can expect to have homework every day. Assignments will be written on the board and posted on the teacher's website. Homework will be checked or collected. Late work is generally not accepted. However, under certain circumstances fully completed homework will be accepted for partial credit the following day. Discussion about make-up work should be addressed during callback, so that classroom-learning time is not hindered.

D. **Late work policies (for excused absences)**:

Projects/Presentations/Essays: You are responsible for completing all essays, projects, and presentations on time. You will lose 10% for each day late. After one week, a maximum of 1/2 credit will be possible. If you are absent the day an essay is due, you are still responsible for submitting your work. Any extenuating circumstances must be discussed with the teacher.

· You must notify the teacher in advance of field trips or other planned absences and arrange for turning in or making up work prior to the day of the absence.

· It is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed and to schedule a time with the teacher to make up work. If you are absent on the day of a quiz or test, you are expected to make up the work the day that you return. Tests and quizzes can be made up during callback or by appointment.

E. **Teacher availability**: I will be available before and after school. Please feel free to arrange an appointment if you need assistance.

VI. **Class expectations**:

- Respect everyone. We all make mistakes and should learn from them. We are all learning together.
- Come prepared for class every day. This includes having done the readings before class and coming to class ready to discuss the material during class
- Speak Spanish 100% of the time.
- Focus on Spanish in class. Avoid working on assignments for other classes.
- Work together in a respectful and cooperative way in small groups and as a class.
- NO electronic devices (iPods, cell phones, etc.). Cellular phones or any other electronic device must be turned off and out of sight.