

**SPAN 1412-03 CRN: 82831 ELEMENTARY SPANISH II**

**4 CREDIT HOURS (3 LECTURE, 1 LAB)**

**Online platforms: SHSU ONLINE-BLACKBOARD AND MCGRAW-HILL CONNECT**

**IMPORTANT!** Students must register for a SHSU SPAN 1411 lab section separately and concurrently with the lecture section. Students who do not register for a lab section will not pass the class.

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*Policies*

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

[Dean of Student's Office](#)

**STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY:**

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Section 51.911 (a) (2) defines a religious holy day as: "a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20...." A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

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**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:**

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance are expected to visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center. For a complete information, see:

[Services for Students with Disabilities](#)

**VISITORS IN THE CLASSROOM:**

Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar's Office. For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your professor.

Please refer to: <http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>

## SPECIFIC COURSE SYLLABUS

### DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

This class is for students with previous instruction in Spanish, including Spanish 1411, and who are non-native or non-heritage speakers. (Native speakers and heritage speakers should take the CLEP or register for 2312). Emphasis on pronunciation, vocabulary, and basic language stressing an oral approach with special emphasis on conversation & oral skills. One-hour lab period required weekly.

### STYLE

The course uses the on-line BLACKBOARD platform. Through Blackboard you will access McGraw-Hill Education Connect® to complete assignments that come with your textbook purchase. Since practice is what makes you able to learn a new language, McGraw-Hill Education Connect® is organized for you to study the materials first, then practice and assess what you've learned. Assignments should be accessed through Blackboard.

### REQUIRED TEXT

For this course you will be required to purchase McGraw-Hill Education Connect® access for Dorwick, Puntos de partida, 10<sup>th</sup> edition. Please be aware if you purchase a used textbook you will still need to purchase Connect access. Connect access can be purchased via the package available at your local bookstore(s) or during registration for the program.

*Puntos de partida*, 10<sup>th</sup> Dorwick, McGraw-Hill Education ISBN13: 978-1259622724 ISBN10: 125962272X

**IMPORTANT:** *Note this course will be paired with Blackboard and therefore a course URL will not be required. Just click on your first Connect assignment in Blackboard and you will be directed to the course registration page. After registering the first time, you will automatically be directed to Connect from the Blackboard page. Always begin your assignments through Blackboard to sync your grade, rather than logging in to Connect directly. If you log in to Connect separately from Blackboard, please remember to click on the assignment in Blackboard after completion for your grades to sync.*

If you have any questions about or problems using Connect, please contact the McGraw Hill Customer Experience Group at the contact information below. If they cannot resolve your issue, please contact your instructor directly with the case number they provide you. You MUST have a case number to receive any assignment extensions.

- Phone: 800-331-5094
- Email & Chat: mhhe.com/support
- Hours: M-Th 7am – 3am, Friday 7am – 8pm, Saturday 9am – 7pm, Sunday 11am – 1am

### REQUIRED SUPPLIES

- Computer with internet access to complete assignments on Blackboard.
- A microphone and speakers for oral activities. Access to video recording for oral presentation 1.
- Personal skills and attitudes: enthusiasm and interest; listening skills, willingness to speak and open-mindedness. You are responsible to manage your time in order to complete your assignments.

### OFFICIAL ESSENTIAL COURSE (IDEA) OBJECTIVES

Two or three weeks before the end of the semester the student will be asked to complete an official IDEA evaluation of the course and your instructor. The three essential and important objectives for this course are:

- Developing skill in expressing oneself orally or in writing (in the target language)
- Developing specific skills, competences, and points of view

## **-Gaining a broader understanding and appreciation of intellectual/cultural activity**

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES (Optimal activities)**

1. To **LISTEN** to and comprehend basic descriptions and narration of standard Spanish spoken at average native speed by concentrating on major words known (with the help of cognates) and by making educated guesses at the rest.
2. To **SPEAK** without notes (or read aloud) a more than survival percentage of standard Spanish with few enough pronunciation errors (speed secondary) to be comprehended by a native speaker.
3. To **READ** and comprehend survival percentage of standard Spanish by concentrating on major words known (with the help of cognates) and by making educated guesses at the rest. With the further help of a dictionary, to be able to comprehend a high percentage of standard Spanish.
4. To **WRITE** about basic topics at a survival level in standard Spanish with few enough grammar errors to be comprehended by a native speaker
5. To **DEVELOP AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION** of the target language and culture, to make connections and comparisons to the first language and culture.

<b>EVALUATION/GRADES (Assessment) UNDERGRADUATE = 1000 points A (1000-900), B (899-800), C (799-700), D (699-600), F (599-0)</b>			
Oral Activities		Grammar/Vocabulary McGraw-Hill Education Connect®	
1.Presentation	100 points	LearnSmart	40 points
2.Interaction	100 points	Connect Digital Workbook	160 points
Writing Activities (2)	100 points	Unit Progress Checks	100 points
Culture Activities (1)	50 points	Midterm Exam	100 points
Laboratory	100 points	Final Exam (COMPREHENSIVE)	100 points
		Attendance	50 points

**NOTICE – The prerequisite for enrolling in SPAN 2311 (third semester) is the completion of SPAN 1412 with a grade of C or higher or appropriate scores on the CLEP or AP examinations**

### **ORAL ACTIVITIES (20%/200 points total):**

1. Presentation 10% (100 points).

You are going to open a restaurant. Present to your classmates what kind of restaurant is (Italian, Chinese, American food), what do you have in the menu, what are its business hours, if you deliver, if you can take orders online, et.al. The presentation must be in Spanish and about 2-3 minutes long.

***Due date: October 18<sup>th</sup> in class.***

**IMPORTANT:** No make-up dates unless arranged PRIOR de due date.

2. Interaction (Role-plays) 10% (100 points)

With a classmate, you will be presenting a conversation in Spanish. It should be conducted as a regular conversation in Spanish, in which you both may ask questions and give answers. It is not an interview. The presentation should be between 3-5 minutes long. You and your partner may choose between the following scenarios:

- a) You are meeting a new student in SHSU so you ask about his/her classes, age, origin, mayor/minor what does he/she like to eat, to do, to go. et.al.
- b) You and your friend are talking about your families. Ask about how many siblings both have, how old are they, if your family is big or small, where do they live, how many uncles, cousins, aunts, et.al.

c) You and your friend are going to the mall. Talk about what you want to buy, prices, describe the clothes you both like and plan what stores you are going to visit.

d) You and your friend are planning about going to study abroad. Ask questions about what country you'd like to go, what university, what classes are you interested in, how long you'd like to be there, et.al.

**Due date: November 27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> in class (specific schedule to be arranged)**

IMPORTANT: I WILL NOT ASSIGN A PARTNER, YOU MUST FIND A CLASSMATE TO WORK WITH. No make-up dates unless arranged PRIOR de due date.

**COMPONENTS OF ORAL GRADE/PRESENTATION:**

- 1. Pronunciation/Fluency
- 2. Style of presentation
- 3. Vocabulary
- 4. Grammar accuracy

Note: The Rubric for Oral Assessment is available under Assessment Rubrics on Blackboard.

**WRITING ASSIGNMENTS (10%/100 points TOTAL)**

**1. Composition I. 5% (50 points)**

Create a menu for you own restaurant. All the information and prices must be in Spanish, as well as the ingredients on the meals. (A model will be provided)

**Due date: October 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. on Blackboard.**

IMPORTANT: NO LATE SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ARRANGED PRIOR THE DUE DATE. IN CASE OF TECHNICAL ISSUES WITH THE SUBMISSION EVIDENCE SHOULD BE PRESENTED (Screen shoot, report to IT@SAM)

**2. Composition II 5%(50 points)**

Write a 15-25 sentences (120-150 words) long paragraph in SPANISH describing how you celebrate your birthday/Christmas/Thanksgiving (Choose ONE holiday). Include information about what you usually eat, where do you celebrate, with whom, et.al

**Due date: December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 p.m. on Blackboard.**

IMPORTANT: NO LATE SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ARRANGED PRIOR THE DUE DATE. IN CASE OF TECHNICAL ISSUES WITH THE SUBMISSION EVIDENCE SHOULD BE PRESENTED (Screen shoot, report to IT@SAM)

**CULTURE ACTIVITIES (5%/50 POINTS TOTAL).**

Choose (ONE) between the following countries: Costa Rica, Panamá, La República Dominicana, and Cuba and prepare a Power Point presentation with voice over IN SPANISH, in which you highlight the most important facts about these countries (capital, location, population, language, important cities, what to do, what to visit).

**Due date: October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. on Blackboard**

**LABORATORY (10%/100 POINTS TOTAL)**

Participation in your assigned lab is mandatory for this course. Your lab instructor will provide you with additional information. At the end of the semester your laboratory instructor will send your grade to include it in your SPAN 1412 calculations.

### **GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY ACTIVITIES McGraw-Hill Education Connect® (20%/200 TOTAL):**

Complete the assigned activities in Connect® You must access them through Blackboard in order to sync the progress and save the grades. Practice activities have unlimited attempts and you will receive a grade for completion.

a. LearnSmart 4% (40 POINTS)

LearnSmart is an adaptive tutorial that you should work through at least once, though each module can be completed as many times as you like.

b. Homework (Connect Assignments) 16% (160 POINTS)

Connect activities should be accessed through Blackboard in order to sync your progress and save the grades. You will receive the points earned on your BEST attempt (out of three possible attempts) for that activity.

IMPORTANT: LATE SUBMISSIONS HAVE A 20% OF REDUCTION FOR EVERY DAY THEY ARE LATE; PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO COMPLETE ALL THE ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME. DUE DATES FOR THESE ASSIGNMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR CALENDAR.

### **UNIT PROGRESS CHECKS (10%/100 POINTS TOTAL):**

During each unit, you will complete a check on your progress in learning and using Spanish. You will be completing this check progress on Connect® at the end of each Chapter as Quizzes. Quizzes are timed, one attempt and must be done in one seating, plan accordingly to complete them on time.

UNIT PROGRESS CHECK 1: Quiz Chapter 6. **Due date: September 17<sup>th</sup> AT 11:59 p.m. on BB/Connect**

UNIT PROGRESS CHECK 2: Quiz Chapter 7. **Due date: October 1<sup>st</sup> AT 11:59 p.m. on BB/Connect**

UNIT PROGRESS CHECK 3: Quiz Chapter 9. **Due date: November 5<sup>th</sup> AT 11:59 p.m. on BB/Connect**

UNIT PROGRESS CHECK 4: Quiz Chapter 10. **Due date: November 19<sup>th</sup> AT 11:59 p.m. on BB/Connect**

IMPORTANT: NO LATE SUBMISSIONS, NO MAKE-UP DATES FOR PROGRESS CHECKS WILL BE GRANTED UNLESS ARRANGED PRIOR THE DUE DATE. IN CASE OF ANY TECHNICAL DIFFICULT, EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESENTED (Screen shoot AND case number from McGraw Hill Connect Technical Support)

### **MIDTERM EXAM (10%/100 POINTS), FINAL EXAM (10%/POINTS) will cover the following:**

1. LISTENING COMPREHENSION (dictation, oral questions, oral passage, true/false, other)
2. VOCABULARY (fill in, definitions, identifications, other)
3. GRAMMAR (fill/in, translation, other)
4. READING COMPREHENSION (questions, true/false, other)
5. WRITING (essay, short answer, other)
6. CULTURE (true/false, multiple choice, other)

Mid Term (tentative): October 20<sup>th</sup>

Final Exam: Dec 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> (see SHSU Final Exam Schedule)

IMPORTANT: FINAL EXAM IS MANDATORY AND COMPREHENSIVE.

There is no make-up, *late submission* provision for any exam. With a *well-documented* and *well justified* reason, the student may request a make-up from Instructor *within 24 hours*.

### **ATTENDANCE (5%/50 POINTS):**

Because successful language learning requires active and regular engagement, regular attendance is crucial to your success in the course. After 3 unexcused absences, you will have 5-point reduction for each absence.

**EXTRA CREDIT:** Extra cultural activities, tutoring meetings, attendance and participation to the Spanish Conversation Club and other events on campus as well as outside that help you to improve your Spanish communication, interpretative and writing skills. (Concerts, movies, volunteering)

### STUDY TIPS

GENERAL RULE OF THUMB: TRY TO INCORPORATE SPANISH INTO YOUR REGULAR, EVERYDAY LIFE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

- Practice listening and speaking. Make a friend who speaks Spanish (either as a student or as a native), and attend cultural events. Watch television: news reports, listen to the radio, go to movies or rent videos in Spanish.
- Practice reading. Buy or borrow books or articles in Spanish: children's level, your particular interest: cookbooks, medical studies, etc. Subscribe to, buy or borrow a newspaper or magazine: AMERICAS, VANIDADES, BUEN HOGAR, COSMO.
- Practice writing. Find a pen pal, write and receive letters in Spanish, keep a journal/diary in Spanish, write your notes in Spanish, write creatively (stories) in Spanish, use computer programs in Spanish language (for example, set up your Social Media like Facebook or Twitter in Spanish)

### SPECIFIC STUDY STRATEGIES

- Study with other students, get a tutor
- Buy or borrow a workbook or a text by another author: write out exercises
- Review your text: table of contents (write all you know and check), exercises (redo)
- Make note cards: use ink colors to indicate gender of nouns, etc. Make visualization/collage cards.
- Listen to your audio materials extra times or get others. Do exercises in accompanying workbooks.

### USE YOUR RESOURCES

- **TUTORING.** Department of Foreign Languages free tutoring (see procedure and schedule posted). Our tutors are graduate students, most are native speakers who can help with specific areas, or to practice your oral skills. See posted schedule and contact information.
- **SPANISH CONVERSATION CLUB.** Group oral sessions with a native speaker language partner provided by the Department of Foreign Languages. See schedule and topics posted. Use these sessions to practice your listening and speaking skills outside of class work. Attendance and participation to these sessions may constitute extra credit for the course. Talk to your instructor.
- **SAM CENTER, LIBRARY:** live chat, website, research database, workshops, tours, research services.

### OTHER INSTRUCTOR'S RESOURCES

- Diccionario de la Real Academia Española. **RAE.** <http://www.rae.es>
- Aprender español. org <http://aprenderespanol.org/>
- El país. [http://elpais.com/elpais/portada\\_america.html](http://elpais.com/elpais/portada_america.html)
- Excelsior. <http://www.excelsior.com.mx/>
- CNN en español. <http://cnnespanol.cnn.com/>
- Times. <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1093985,00.html>

**Tentative Calendar**  
***Subject to adaptation for instructional purposes***

The following Course Calendar will guide you through the weekly course content and assignment schedule. You can also access to the Calendar on Blackboard. Please note that assignment due dates are subject to change at your instructor's discretion and with advanced notice to you.

<b>Week # Date</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Learning Objectives *pages of Textbook Puntos de Partida</b>	<b>To do (Access though Blackboard)</b>	<b>Due dates</b>
<b>1 Aug 23-25</b>		-Intro to the course -Syllabus -Register in Connect	-Getting Started Learning Module	Aug 27 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>2 Aug 28- Sept 1</b>	Review 1411	Chapter 1,2,3,4 & 5	-Review Module	Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>3 Sept 4 Labor Day (no class) Sept 6-8</b>	6. Las estaciones y el tiempo. Primera parte	-Weather *p166 -Months and seasons of the year *p134	-Chapter 6 Learning Module Part 1	Sept 10 at 11:59 p.m.
<b>4 Sept 11-15</b>	6. Las estaciones y el tiempo. Segunda parte	-Prepositions (part 1) *p 136-Present progressive *p173 -Ser and estar *p178 -Comparisons *p185 Cultura: Costa Rica	-Chapter 6 Learning Module Part 2  -Quiz Chapter 6	Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59
<b>5 Sept 18-22</b>	7. ¡A comer! Primera parte	-Food and meals *p202 -Saber and conocer *p205	Chapter 7 Learning Module Part 1	Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>6 Sept 25-29</b>	7. ¡A comer! Segunda parte	-Direct object pronouns *p209 -Negation *p215 -Formal commands *p219  Cultura: Panamá	Chapter 7 Learning Module Part 2  -Quiz Chapter 7	October 1 <sup>st</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>7 Oct 2-6</b>	8. De viaje. Primera parte	-Travel *p234 -Vacation *p236 -Indirect object pronouns -Expressing likes/dislikes (part 2) *p246	Chapter 8 Learning Module Part 1  Writing Activity	Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>8 Oct 9-13</b>	8. De viaje. Segunda parte	-Regular preterit verbs; preterit of <i>dar, hacer, ir, and ser</i> *p. 251 -Preterit continued Cultura: La República Dominicana	Chapter 8 Learning Module Part 2	Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>9 Oct 16-20</b>	Chapters 6,7 & 8	Mid Term Review	Oral Presentation 1 Midterm Exam	Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 20th

<b>10</b> <b>Oct 23-27</b>	9. Los días festivos. Primera parte	-Celebrations *p268 -Emotions and affective states *p271	Chapter 9 Learning Module Part 1 Culture Activity	Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>11</b> <b>Oct 30- Nov 3</b>	9. Los días festivos. Segunda parte	-Irregular preterit verbs *p274 -Stem-changing preterit verbs *p278 -Preterit continued -Direct and Indirect object pronouns together *p282 Cultura: Cuba	Cultural Activity Chapter 9 Learning Module Part 2  -Quiz Chapter 9	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>12</b> <b>Nov 6-10</b>	10. El tiempo libre. Primera parte	Hobbies and pastimes *p296 -Household chores *298	Chapter 10 Learning Module Part 1	Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>13</b> <b>Nov 13-17</b>	10. El tiempo libre. Segunda parte	- Imperfect verbs *p302 -Interrogative words *p308 -Superlatives *p310  Cultura: Puerto Rico	Chapter 10 Learning Module Part 2 Quiz Chapter 10	Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>14</b> <b>Nov 20-24</b>	<b><i>Holliday (Thanksgiving Break)</i></b>			
<b>15</b> <b>Nov 27- Dec 1</b>	Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10	Final Review	Oral Presentation 2 Writing Activity 2: Composition 2	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>  Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
<b>16</b> <b>Dec 4-7</b>		Final Exam week		