



Course Syllabus **SPAN 150: Spanish I** (Spanish Language 150)

Course Information

Credit Hours: 4 credit hours, 60 contact hours
Program Location: South America (Bolivia/Peru)
Faculty of Record: TBD
Email: TBD

Course Description

This course introduces students to the Spanish language and is designed for students with no or minimal previous background in spoken or written Spanish. Students in this course focus on learning essential vocabulary, practicing pronunciation, and understanding simple grammatical structures. This knowledge prepares students to effectively communicate in Spanish on a limited range of topics related to everyday situations. Students practice listening and speaking in real-life situations and examine how culture and language interact in South America. In-class activities and course assignments aim to assist students as they develop the oral proficiency and confidence necessary to initiate simple conversations. Out-of-classroom experiences such as field trips and guided interactions with native speakers supplement formal classroom instruction and provide ample opportunities for practical engagement. In addition, language skills gained in this course support students to deepen participation in other program and academic activities such as homestays and the Independent Study Project.

Course Materials

- Experience Spanish (Amores, Suarez-Garcia, and Wendel) (Second Edition)
- Authentic materials collected and supplied by local teachers.

Recommended Reference Works

- HarperCollins Spanish-English Dictionary
- English Grammar for Students of Spanish: A Study Guide for Those Learning Spanish, Spinelli

Method of Instruction

This course is delivered through a series of classroom instruction sessions, activities, homework, in-class practice, and non-classroom structured activities. All four skills of language learning (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) will be covered, with a particular focus on communication skills necessary in the host country.

Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Converse effectively in rudimentary/beginning Spanish, showing a sound understanding of the grammatical structure of the language as well as a good working vocabulary.
- Demonstrate listening comprehension in a number of simple circumstances.
- Use the Spanish language to confidently communicate on a range of topics related to everyday situations such (e.g. to order food, ask and give directions, count, bargain for and purchase goods, tell time, discuss family, hobbies, likes and dislikes, book hotel rooms and arrange transportation).
- Read and write simple sentences in Spanish.

Knowledge Outcomes

This course is designed to assist students to acquire and demonstrate knowledge about:

- The history and linguistic development of the Spanish language.
- Essential vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammatical structures.
- The differences and similarities between Spanish and the student's native language.

Skills Outcomes

This course is designed to assist students in acquiring or enhancing the following skills:

- Basic communication skills in the Spanish language.
- Ability to read and write in Spanish.
- Confidence to initiate simple conversations with people in the host country.

Evaluation Matrix

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6	Final Oral Presentation	10%	TBD

Description of Evaluation Areas

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4	Mid-Course Oral and Written Exam	The written exam will cover grammar, sentence structure, and vocabulary. The oral exam will be conducted individually with the students and teacher and focus on pronunciation.
5	Final Examination	The written exam will cover grammar, sentence structure, and vocabulary.
6	Final Oral Presentation	You will make a final presentation on a topic of your choice. You should focus on demonstrating the language skills gained over the course of the term and also on correct pronunciation. The format of the presentation can vary and is up to the student to determine in consultation with the faculty. Your presentation should be approximately 5-10 minutes in length.

Required readings

These readings will be provided by faculty on-site.

- The story of the Incas. Popular legend
- Rituales de vida en la cosmovision andina. Greta Jimenez Sardon. 1995.
- La leyenda de la coca. Antonio Díaz Villamil
- El matrimonio de Suttu y la llegada de Ato, Dominga Titizano

Spanish I Curriculum Topics

1. Greetings and Farewells

Communicative Competence:

- Greet and say goodbye formally and informally
- Introduce yourself and others

Grammatical competence:

- Use, vowels, syllables and the alphabet
- Use personal pronouns
- Use the verb *ESTAR* in its function: states of mind (adjectives)

2. Personal Presentation

Communicative Competence:

- Give and ask: name, profession, nationality, age and marital status

Grammatical competence:

- Use the gender and number agreement
- Use the verb *SER* in its function: identification, profession, nationality, marital status and corresponding vocabulary
- Use some interrogative pronouns
- Use the verb *HAVE* + age
- Use numbers
- Introduction of regular verbs

3. Transportation and Purchases

Communicative Competence:

- Use public transport, paying for tickets, asking for change, indicating the destination and negotiating the price, using the appropriate expressions to the situation
- Distinguish risky situations when taking a means of public transport and respond appropriately to problems or threats in public transport

Grammatical Competence:

- Vocabulary and expressions of transport and purchases in the host country

4. Presentation of the Members of the Family

Communicative Competence:

- Identify family members
- Give and ask for information about the family

Grammatical Competence:

- Family vocabulary
- Interrogative words
- The verb LIKE

5. Physical Descriptions and Personal Qualities

Communicative Competence:

- Describe the physical appearance and inherent qualities of people

Grammatical Competence:

- Make comparisons of equality and inequality
- Adjectives
- Verb *SER*: function description

6. Physical Environment

Communicative Competence:

- Describe your environment

Grammatical Competence:

- Demonstrative adjectives
- Verb TO BE: identification of objects, belongings, materials, origins, description of characteristics with the corresponding vocabulary

7. Location and State of Objects

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about the location of different objects, people, etc.
- Describe the status of different objectives of their environment

Grammatical Competence:

- Prepositions of place
- Adjectives
- Verb BE function: location and state of affairs

8. Customs and Family Habits

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about occupations and daily activities in the city and in the countryside
- Indicate the time of activities

Grammatical Competence:

- Regular verbs (revision)
- Groups of irregular verbs
- Frequency adverbs

9. Daily Personal Activities

Communicative Competence:

- Describe your routine activities

Grammatical Competence:

- Reflective verbs of the daily routine
- Reflective verbs that express emotion
- Vocabulary of articles for personal use

10. Holidays and Celebrations

Communicative Competence:

- Find out and explain about the activities that are carried out on holidays in the host country and in your home country

Grammatical Competence:

- Application of regular and irregular verbs in present tense
- Vocabulary of parties and celebrations

11. Future Plans and Obligations

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about future plans - individual and group
- Describe responsibilities in the house, program they are in, and in their life
- Learn and become familiar with the security measures in their environment

Grammatical Competence:

- Double verb structures
- Have that + infinitive verb
- Future with IR a + infinitive verb
- *POR* and *PARA* prepositions
- Expressions of time to express the future

12. Activities in Progress

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about activities that occur at the moment

Grammatical Competence:

- *Estar* + *gerundio* regular and irregular verbs

13. Socializing

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about activities, emphasizing the use of direct object pronouns to avoid redundancy

Grammatical Competence:

- Direct Object Pronoun and transitive verbs

14. Reporting Events

Communicative Competence:

- Ask and give information about something that happened to yourself
- Report something to someone using verbs such as: say, ask to count, ask, etc.

Grammatical Competence:

- Indirect object pronouns
- Direct object vs. Indirect object

15. Past Activities

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about past events

Grammatical Competence:

- Preterit - regular and irregular verbs
- Expressions of past time

16. Past Habitual Activities

Communicative Competence:

- Tell what you did when you were a child, adolescent, and young.

- Describe people, places, objects and activities of the past
- Grammatical Competence:**
- Imperfect, regular and irregular verbs

17. Past Experiences

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about past events

Grammatical Competence:

- Preterite Vs. Imperfect

18. Future Plans

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about future plans

Grammatical Competence:

- Simple future

Detailed Course Schedule

Note that many of Dragons courses are taught in intensive blocks, with contact hours taking place during very specified times of the program. You may notice an intense amount of work in several particular weeks but know that other coursework will be spread out during other portions of the program.

Weeks of program	Topic	Readings	Activities	Assignments & Due Dates
Week 1	Introduction to the Course, Overview of the Syllabus, & Assessing Student Spanish Language Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survival Spanish Language Sheets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and practice survival Spanish language materials Scavenger hunt, with a focus on utilizing vocabulary and expressions from the survival Spanish language materials such as greetings, introducing oneself (family, nationality, and basic personal details), as well as basic needs. Spanish lunches Individual assessments of language abilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Baseline Assessment: Due Date TBD
Week 2	Functional Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> La leyenda de la coca 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocabulary, grammar, and activities focused on ordering food, numbers, currency, purchasing goods in markets, and basic descriptions. Scavenger hunt to practice asking for directions and retrieving/communicating basic personal information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homestay Family Tree: Due Date TBD
Weeks 3-6	Intensive Spanish Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rituales de vida en la cosmovision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive Spanish instruction in small groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily worksheets/text

		<p>andina. Greta Jimenez Sardon. 1995.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El matrimonio de Suttu y la llegada de Atoij • The story of the Incas. Popular legend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary, grammar, and activities focused on asking and giving personal information, talking about interests and intentions, communicating feelings, the family, describing places, shopping (buying & appropriate bargaining), and food and drink. • Activities focused on using language in daily interactions with homestay family and for use with Independent Study Projects 	<p>book activities: Due Date TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reader Digests: Due Date TBD • Midcourse Examination: Due Date TBD • Presentation of Independent Study Topics in Spanish: Due Date TBD • Weekly Quizzes
Week 7 & 8	Using Spanish to Understand Context		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of Spanish with Student Leadership Roles: identifying and sharing words and phrases as areas of focus of the week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worksheets/text book activities: Due Date TBD
Week 9 & 10	Using Spanish for the Common Benefit		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicing translation for group activities • Organized Spanish lunches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Examination: Due Date TBD
Week 11	Closing the Course		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicing translation for group activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Presentation: Due Date TBD

Grading & Attendance

Late Work Policy

Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines—there will be no make up assignments or quizzes, or late work accepted without a serious and compelling reason and instructor approval.

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Corresponding Percentage Points	Numerical Equivalent
A	94-100	4.0
A-	90-93	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	84-86	3.0
B-	80-83	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	74-76	2.0
C-	70-73	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3

D	64-66	1.0
D-	60-63	0.7
F	60 and below	0.0

Attendance and Participation

Students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes and come prepared to participate fully in class activities. Students are further expected to be on time for all classes. Arriving late for class or an activity is disrespectful of both the instructor and fellow students.

Overview of Attendance Policy

In courses that meet once a week, students are permitted one unexcused absence; in courses that meet twice a week students are permitted two unexcused absences; in courses that meet three or more times a week students are permitted three unexcused absences. If a student has more than the permitted number of unexcused absences his/her grade for the course will be lowered by one “mark” for each additional unexcused absence.

In other words,

- in a course that meets once a week only one unexcused absence is allowed. After two unexcused absences an A becomes an A-; after three an A becomes a B+; after four an A becomes a B, etc.
- in a course that meets twice a week, only two unexcused absences are allowed. After three unexcused absences an A becomes an A-; after four an A becomes a B+; after five an A becomes a B, etc.
- in courses that meet three or more times a week, only three unexcused absences are allowed. After four unexcused absences an A becomes an A-; after five an A becomes a B+; after six an A becomes a B, etc.

An unexcused absence is one not caused by illness or otherwise not approved by Dragons staff. An excused absence means written approval from the Dragons staff justifying the absence. Arriving late to class may also count towards an absence. The Student may not make up quizzes, exams, or other assignments which he/she misses as a result of unexcused absences. The Student may not arrange for or take quizzes or exams, or turn in other assignments, at a time or on a date other than the regularly-scheduled time and date.

The participation grade will depend on both the quality and the quantity of student’s comments and questions and shall account for a portion of the total course grade.

Summary of Attendance Policy

1. Three occurrences of tardiness are equivalent to one unexcused absence; each subsequent instance of tardiness is considered an additional unexcused absence.
2. Students are expected to do the required reading before class, volunteer for presentations and participate actively in class discussions.

3. Excused absences are determined by the lead Dragons staff member; in some instances a doctor's certification may be required.
4. Deadlines must be respected, even in cases of excused absences.
5. Students are responsible for getting homework assignments they miss and submitting them in a timely manner. Assignments turned in after the due date will result in a penalty to be determined by the instructor.
6. Any assignments not submitted will result in that assignment being given a grade of 0 (zero).
7. The Attendance Policy is applied until the last day of the program.

Accommodations for Disabilities

Students with disabilities should contact Dragons for information and support. Please contact info@wheretherebedragons.com with any requests for accommodation or to discuss additional learning needs you may have.

Statement of Inclusivity

In keeping with Naropa's mission, the instructor and class members in this course strive to support an inclusive learning community, respecting those of all backgrounds and beliefs. As a community, we aim to be respectful to all people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, veteran status, ability, immigration or economic status, gender or sexual orientation.

Gender Pronoun

This course affirms people of all gender expressions and gender identities. Please let your instructor know the appropriate gender pronoun to use for you. Also, if you would like to be called a name other than what is on the class roster, please let your instructor know. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your instructor.

Other Academic Policies

Please refer to the Where There Be Dragons College Study Abroad Academic Policies for additional policies on related to academic integrity, ethics, diversity/disability accommodations, and the academic appeals process.



Course Syllabus **SPAN 250: Spanish II** (Spanish Language 250)

Course Information

Credit Hours: 4 credit hours, 60 contact hours
Program Location: South America (Bolivia/Peru)
Faculty of Record: TBD
Email: TBD

Course Description

This course introduces students to more challenging linguistic Spanish language material in order to establish a solid foundation for the use of the language. Students in this course focus on building on past language exposure to improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Students expand their oral expression abilities by increasing vocabulary, improving understanding of grammar concepts, strengthening pronunciation abilities, and focusing on listening comprehension. This course introduces new language concepts to allow students to speak about topics pertaining to their daily lives and also focuses on deepening knowledge of South American culture and customs. By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to engage in basic daily conversations, read simple texts, and write for daily needs. In-class activities and course assignments aim to assist students as they develop the ability to appropriately use language and improve proficiency. Out-of-classroom experiences such as field trips and guided interactions with native speakers supplement formal classroom instruction and provide ample opportunities for practical engagement. In addition, language skills gained in this course support students to deepen participation in other program and academic activities such as homestays and the Independent Study Project.

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Method of Instruction

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Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Discuss issues related to daily life and present well-organized information about themselves, friends, study, travel, and some aspects of Bolivian/Peruvian culture at an intermediate level.
- Understand information conveyed in sentence-length speech on familiar topics.
- Combine and recombine learned materials in personal communication.
- Continue to master the sound system and acquire correct pronunciation skills.
- Write in the Spanish language at an intermediate level.
- Write essays in Spanish related to topics related to the content of class lessons.

Knowledge Outcomes

This course is designed to assist students to acquire and demonstrate knowledge about:

- The history and linguistic development of the Spanish language.
- Essential vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammatical structures.
- The differences and similarities between Spanish and the student's native language.

Skills Outcomes

This course is designed to assist students in acquiring or enhancing the following skills:

- Confidence to engage in general conversations on a range of topics in Spanish.
- Ability to use more complex grammatical constructions.
- Ability to read newspapers and other short texts with general understanding.

Evaluation Matrix

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1	Participation in all lectures, field studies, reading assignments, discussions, and other course activities	20%	Continuous
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Spanish II Curriculum Topics

1. Personal Introduction and Family Members

Communicative Competence:

- Present host country and home country family and identify self: name, address, age, profession, nationality, marital status, etc.
- Explain the reason for your stay in the host country

2. Idioms and Idiomatic Expressions

- Vocabulary (members of the family)

Grammatical Competence:

- Verb review: "to be" - function identification, profession, nationality and marital status
- Idiomatic expressions
- Verb review, to have + age
- Interrogative pronouns, Who is it? What is it...? Etc.

3. Travel (Land and Air)

Communicative Competence:

- Use of the rural and urban transport of the country (trufis, taxis, radio taxis, trucks, fleets, etc.): become familiar with the common expressions of each type of transport
- Describe unusual situations related to transportation, e.g. describe a crash, technical failures, and flat tires
- Compare airplane tickets
- Confirm flights
- Find out and coordinate flight itineraries

Grammatical Competence:

- Expressions related to transportation

4. Physical Descriptions and Inherent Qualities vs. Temporary Status of Things/People

Communicative Competence:

- Describe in detail the physical appearance of people and make comparisons
- Describe in detail physical spaces and make comparisons
- Indicate and give reasons for the current state of people and things

Grammatical Competence:

- SER vs. ESTAR verb functions

5. Shopping

Communicative Competences:

- Buy in different places: neighborhood stores, popular markets, supermarkets, street vendors
- Become familiar with the different sizes and local measurements
- Become familiar with the different weight systems and local measures
- Bargaining
- Practice different unusual situations related to shopping: return, change, and request products

Grammatical Competence:

- Expressions related to shopping
- Regular verbs in the present tense

6. Food and Restaurants

Communicative Competence:

- Practice proper ways to refuse food at the table
- Become familiar with local food and different types of restaurants
- Express satisfaction and compliments for the meal
- Ask, accept and / or refuse the food kindly
- Become familiar with host country customs different from those of your home country
- Make complaints, if necessary

Grammatical Competence:

- Review the verb *GUSTAR*
- Expressions

7. Holidays - Civic Dates and Celebrations

Communicative Competence:

- Explain and find out about the activities that are carried out on holidays
- Compare home country festivities with host country
- Give and request information about important dates in the host country
- Talk and compare about activities in the countryside and in the city
- Speak and comment on popular host country customs
- Update and comment on the most important news nationally and internationally (reading and newspapers)

Grammatical Competence:

- Review and reinforcement: present "AR", "ER" and "IR"
- All irregular verbs in present tense
- New vocabulary appropriate for each topic
- Use of connectors: however, although, therefore, consequently, etc

8. Daily Personal Activities

Communicative Competence:

- Describe one's and others' daily personal activities
- Use of reflexives

Grammatical Competence:

- Reflexive verbs

9. Past Activities

Communicative Competence:

- Narrate important historical facts and reforms of host country and the home country (What happened in 19 ...?)
- Tell stories, unforgettable experiences, anecdotes, incidents that occurred in the past: work experiences, during your stay in the host country, past vacations

Grammatical Competence:

- Present Perfect / Preterite (regular and irregular verbs), (use in host country of the present perfect instead of the preterite)
- Expressions of time in the past: yesterday, in 1994, or last Sunday
- Reflexive verbs in the past

10. Tastes and Preferences

Communicative Competence:

- Express like and / or dislike
- Talk about your interests to members of the community

Grammatical Competence:

- Verbs "GUSTAR" and its different uses.
- Indirect object verbs (*quedar, interesar, molestar, encantar, etc.*)
- Past tense objective pronouns. Ind.

11. Health/Illness

Communicative Competence:

- Ask for help in case of being sick.
- Describe symptoms and minor illnesses and indicate the circumstances in which symptoms presented
- Advise about certain health problems
- Talk about traditional medicine
- Report on home remedies
- Describe symptoms after an accident

Grammatical Competence:

- Indirect pronoun verbs "DOLER", "HACER DAÑO"

12. Activities in the Past

Communicative Competence:

- Recount about what you did when you were children, adolescents, or when young generally
- Describe people, places, and activities in the past
- Talk about previous habitual activities
- Talk about the social, economic and political changes of past years with the present time of the country and the community
- Make comparisons between past with present (before ... and now)

Grammatical Competence:

- Imperfect
- Expressions of time to express the idea of a habitual action: every day, sometimes, etc.

13. Customs

Communicative Competence:

- Host country and Latin American customs
- Talk about global changes

Grammatical Competence:

- Imperfect Vs. Preterite

14. Socialization

Communicative Competence:

- Ask and talk about friends, co-workers, and acquaintances
- Ask and talk about familiar places
- Comment on movies and characters

Grammatical Competence:

- Direct object pronouns
- Ask yes / no questions with transitive verbs

15. Reporting Events

Communicative Competence:

- Ask and give information about something that has happened to you
- Report something to someone using the verbs: *decir, pedir, contar, preguntar, responder*

Grammatical Competence:

- Indirect object pronouns

16. Recommendations and Advice

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about appropriate behavior in meetings, parties, celebrations in the host country
- Indicate what is necessary / good to do in case of emergencies
- Indicate what is necessary / good to integrate into a work community

- Talk about what is important and necessary to stay healthy
- Explain a technical topic according to the lesson

Grammatical Competence:

- Impersonal phrases

17. Instructions

Communicative Competence:

- Ask for a favor from a friend, an acquaintance, or a group of people in case of need
- Accept and / or deny favors
- Follow and give instructions from a doctor, secretary, instructor, boss, environmental education instructor, or organize an event
- Ask and indicate the steps to reach a certain place
- Give instructions related to your program

Grammatical Competence:

- Regular and irregular mandates

18. Cooking, Recipes, and Ads

Communicative Competence:

- Explain how some local and international dishes are prepared
- Search and place ads in newspapers
- Post notices / public signs in case of need (e.g. masons are needed)
- Explain your independent study project

Grammatical Competence:

- "SE" impersonal

19. Daily Personal Activities

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about future trips before returning to your home country
- Talk about possible future changes
- Talk about future projects

Grammatical Competence:

- Simple future tense
- Prepositions *Por* and *Para*

20. Conditional and Future Conjectures

Communicative Competence:

- Express probability in different situations
- Make conjectures regarding weather, age, events, people situations, etc.

Grammatical Competence:

- Simple future
- Simple conditional
- Future compound: future of *HABER* + past participle

21. Work and the Current Situation in the Host Country

Communicative Competence:

- Indicate what one wants, desires, and/or expects from work, the environment and the people around him / her
- Indicate what the program director requires, hopes, and/or requests of the student during their stay
- Talk about what some government social groups want, expect, desire, and or request

Grammatical Competence:

- Present subjunctive - first function: desire, order (I request that...I want that ...)

22. Suggestions

Communicative Competence:

- Decide what is important, advisable, and/or necessary for a student to do in case of illness
- Indicate that it is advisable to do in case of some type of problem presenting itself
- Talk about the role of women and men

Grammatical Competence:

- Present subjunctive - second function: impersonal phrases (it is important that ...it is necessary that...)

23. Doubt and Possibility

Communicative Competence:

- Make predictions about the weather
- Talk about the possibility or doubt of getting help for your independent study project
- Express doubt or possibility in specific cases of the life of a student

Grammatical Competence:

- Present subjunctive - third function: doubt, possibility (I doubt that...I do not think...it is possible that..., etc.)

24. Emotion and Expression of Feelings

Communicative Competence:

- Express emotion when dealing with specific issues of host country history, host country reality and the current world (poverty, street children, economic, social and political situation, etc.)
- Express emotions when dealing with emotional issues

Grammatical Competence:

- Present subjunctive - fourth function: emotion (it is a pity that...what a pity that...hopefully..., etc.)

25. Emotion and Expression of Past Feelings

Communicative Competence:

- Express past feelings
- Express emotion by touching specific points in the history of the host country and the world

Grammatical Competence:

- Perfect present of the subjunctive - Structure: *haya* + past participle

26. Daily Personal Activities

Communicative Competence:

- Indicate the characteristics of the house in which one wants to live
- Indicate the characteristics of one's ideal partner
- Indicate the characteristics of an ideal world
- Indicate characteristics of work that the student wants

Grammatical Competence:

- Present subjunctive - fifth function: indefinite background (I look for / I want / I need a house that...)

27. Indefinite Future Situations

Communicative Competence:

- Express indefinite future actions in different situations of real life

Grammatical Competence:

- Present subjunctive with adverbial clauses: After...when...so that..., etc.

28. Attendance at Conferences, Meetings and Talks

Communicative Competence:

- Interact in conferences, meetings and debates
- Give opinions, points of view and defend them
- Show agreement or disagreement, give reasons and propose solutions

Grammatical Competence:

- Connectors, introductory phrases (In my opinion, from my point of view, to start, etc.)

29. The Relationship of Ideas and Giving Opinions

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about topics of labor and social interest using relative pronouns
- Give general opinions based on statements made and received

Grammatical Competence:

- Relative Pronouns: *QUE, LO QUE, QUIEN*
- Structure: *LO* + singular masculine adjective

30. Unintentional Actions

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about intentional actions

Grammatical Competence:

- Reflexive for unexpected events (reflexive pronoun + person involved + verb = + subject)
eg. I forgot the notebook
- Se me, te, le, nos, les + verb
- Verbs: *caer, olvidar, perder, quemar*, etc.

31. Hypothetical Situations in the Present

Communicative Competence:

- Say what you do in different hypothetical situations in the present: if you eat a lot, if you miss an appointment, class, talk, meeting, if you do not eat well, etc.

Grammatical Competence:

- Clause with real situations
- Clause if + present simple + present simple

32. Hypothetical Situations in the Future

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about what one would do in different hypothetical situations in the future: on vacations, trips, accidents, work strikes, civic strikes, fights, losses, robberies, etc.
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Grammatical Competence:

- Review of the simple conditional tense
- Clause with unreal situations
- Clause yes + subjunctive past + simple conditional

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Communicative Competence:

- Talk about what one would have done in different hypothetical situations in real life, for example in case of not having come to the host country
- Talk about changes that would have occurred in the world or in society for different reasons

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- Clause yes + subjunctive past compound + conditional compound

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Course Syllabus **SPAN 350: Spanish III** (Spanish Language 250)

Course Information

Credit Hours: 4 credit hours, 60 contact hours
Program Location: South America (Bolivia/Peru)
Faculty of Record: TBD
Email: TBD

Course Description

This course is designed to develop advanced skills in the Spanish language and is intended for students with extensive prior exposure to the language. This course focuses on consolidating linguistic knowledge and development of speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Students in this course will develop advanced comprehension of and competence in using spoken Spanish in a wide-variety of experiences. Grammatical functions will be reviewed and incorporated as they relate to particular communication needs. A mix of communicative and interactive methods are used to develop advanced proficiency and materials are drawn from a variety of media sources and texts. In addition, students develop their understanding of the relationship between the Spanish language and culture. By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to express sophisticated and nuanced ideas both orally and in writing. Out-of-classroom experiences such as field trips and guided interactions with native speakers supplement formal classroom instruction and provide ample opportunities for practical engagement. In addition, language skills gained in this course support students to deepen participation in other program and academic activities such as homestays and the Independent Study Project.

Course Materials

- Authentic materials collected and supplied by local teachers.

Recommended Reference Works

- HarperCollins Spanish-English Dictionary
- English Grammar for Students of Spanish: A Study Guide for Those Learning Spanish, Spinelli

Method of Instruction

This course is delivered through a series of classroom instruction sessions, activities, homework, in-class practice, and non-classroom structured activities. All four skills of language learning (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) will be covered, with a particular focus on communication skills necessary in the host country.

Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Communicate with accuracy in both formal and informal settings and discuss special fields of competence at an advanced level.
- Understand the concepts and main ideas when listening to a native speaker.
- Read and understand authentic materials such as newspapers and magazines on a variety of subjects, both familiar and unfamiliar.
- Write at an advanced level using the Spanish language.
- Write lengthy essays using advanced-level vocabulary and sentence structure on both concrete and abstract topics.

Knowledge Outcomes

This course is designed to assist students to acquire and demonstrate knowledge about:

- The history and linguistic development of the Spanish language.
- Essential vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammatical structures.
- The differences and similarities between Spanish and the student's native language.

Skills Outcomes

This course is designed to assist students in acquiring or enhancing the following skills:

- Confidence to engage in most conversations on a wide variety of topics.
- Control of a full range of grammatical structures, particularly those which are most challenging to non-native speakers, and significant vocabulary.
- Accurate and clear pronunciation.

Evaluation Matrix

Number	Evaluation Area	Weight	Due Date
1	Participation in all lectures, field studies, reading assignments, discussions, and other course activities	20%	Continuous
2	Assignments	15%	TBD
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5	Final Examination	20%	TBD
6	Final Oral Presentation	10%	TBD

Description of Evaluation Areas

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1	Participation	Students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes and activities. Further, students should come prepared to participate fully and be prepared to demonstrate concepts presented in assigned reading. Students should be on time for all classes.
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6	Final Oral Presentation	You will make a final presentation on a topic of your choice. You should focus on demonstrating the language skills gained over the course of the term and also on correct pronunciation. The format of the presentation can vary and is up to the student to determine in consultation with the faculty. Your presentation should be approximately 15-20 minutes in length.

Spanish III Curriculum Topics

1. The Host Country Family

Communicative Competence:

- Differentiate between a rural and urban family, expressed in their roles.
- Identify the paternalistic attitude of the family in relation to the children and their activities
- Analyze machismo and feminism in family roles
- Change of roles, responsibilities

Grammatical Competence:

- Review of the present, present perfect, and past

2. Transportation And Personal Security In Transportation

Communicative Competence:

- Transport from the community to the city and vice versa in public transport (Taxi, micro, trufi, taxi-trufi, etc.)
- Differentiate the types of transportation: local, interprovincial, interdepartmental, and corresponding rates and schedules
- Taking the necessary precautions in public transport, during the day and late at night

Grammatical Competence:

- Common transportation expressions
- Ser vs. Estar

3. Purchases

Communicative Competence:

- Differentiate between neighborhood stores, popular markets and supermarkets
- Bargain and ask for yapa
- Become familiar with different systems of local weights and measurements
- Recognize the possible dangers in popular markets

Grammatical Competence:

- Phrases and expressions related to purchases
- Reflexive verbs and their different uses

4. Customs At The Table, Types Of Food And Restaurants

Communicative Competence:

- Use of appropriate forms of rejection and acceptance of foods and beverages at home and in the community
- Become familiar with the host country diet, some typical foods in contrast to the food of other countries, typical customs during the meal according to the social setting (community, group, family)
- Put into practice a culinary activity
- Ask for a meal, make complaints if necessary in a restaurant taking into account host country customs
- Differentiate types of restaurants and tips

Grammatical Competence:

- Appropriate use of common expressions at the table
- Review of the present progressive
- Uses of the gerund

5. The History of Host Country And The United States

Communicative Competence:

- Differentiate the history of host country in its different historical periods to the present: pre-Colombian culture, colonial period, republica
- Compare with the history of your country

Grammatical Competence:

- Review of the Preterite vs. Imperfect

6. Gender

Communicative Competence:

- Identify gender types
- Feminism and machismo
- Types of gender-based violence

Grammatical Competence:

- Review of direct and indirect object pronouns

7. Art In The Streets

Communicative Competence:

- Discuss different expressions of communication/protest in the streets
- Discuss the reasons for these kinds of demonstrations

Grammatical Competence:

- Relative Pronouns

8. Social Networks

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about the importance and influence of social networks in society
- Credibility of what is published

Grammatical Competence:

- Connectors

9. Holidays, Civic Dates And Celebrations

Communicative Competence:

- Talk about festivities in your country
- Give and ask for information about important dates in host country
- Find out about family and public celebrations such as: Carnival, All Saints, etc.
- Find out about national, international, religious, labor and civic holidays

Grammatical Competence:

- Vocabulary of the subject
- Passive voice
- Uses of the "SE"

10. Youth

Communicative Competence:

- Analyze aspects of education - professionalization - aspirations - dangers - alcoholism - drug addiction - sex

Grammatical Competence:

- Simple future tense
- Compounded future tense

11. The Political And Administrative Organization Of Host Country

Communicative Competence:

- The three powers of the State
- Research how the political and development institutions of the country, such as the governorships and city halls, work
- Compare the political institutions of host country with your country

Grammatical Competence:

- Review of the present subjunctive and the present perfect subjunctive

12. New Host Country Laws

Communicative Competence:

- Discuss modern host country laws: Health, Education, Discrimination and Pension Laws
- Comment on the different government bonus programs

Grammatical Competence:

- Review of the subjunctive imperfect

13. Andean Cosmovision.

Communicative Competence:

- Understand the meaning of the Pachamama in Andean culture, different host country traditions, beliefs and customs.

Grammatical Competence:

- Achievable hypothesis
- Hypothesis contrary to reality

14. Food And Health

Communicative Competence:

- Learn about nutrition, child malnutrition and eating disorders

Grammatical Competence:

- Health vocabulary
- Verbs such as doler, gustar, etc.

15. The Environment

Communicative Competence:

- Analyze forest conservation, pollution, erosion and ecological tiers in the Andes
- Deforestation, climate change and its impact on the environment, technology, local issues/conflicts
- Influence of ethnic groups on environmental conservation
- Alternative energies

Grammatical Competence:

- Hypotheses contrary to reality - past tense

16. Structures Of Host Country

Communicative Competence:

- Social classes, location, social mobility
- Socio-economic structure of the country

17. Cultural Differences

Communicative Competence:

- Compare stereotypes and forms of nonverbal communication
- Compare bureaucratic systems and corruption in public institutions in host country and the United States

Grammatical Competence:

- Idioms and local expressions

18. Andes/ Host Country Folklore

Communicative Competence:

- Research local music traditions and dances
- Talk about traditional clothing
- Comment on musical instruments

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19. Various Expressions Of Art

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