

WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE
SPANISH 1
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Section 4840
TTh 6:45PM - 9:20PM FA 307

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays and Thursdays in **FA 300** from 6:10PM to 6:40PM and by appointment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Using a contextual and communicative approach, this course stresses the fundamentals of pronunciation, grammar, practical vocabulary, useful phrases and the ability to understand, read, write, and speak Spanish . Basic information is included on geography, customs, culture, and literature of Spain and Latin America.

REQUIRED TEXT

Student will need a required textbook and a Supersite Code.

Textbook: *Vistas, Introducción a la lengua española* (4th edition) Blanco, José A. Vista, 2012.

Both can be purchased at WLAC Bookstore ISBN **9781617672422** \$160.45 or on line at

<http://vistahigherlearning.com> *Student Textbook & Supersite Code* ISBN 978-1-61767-057-2 \$181.20

Used textbooks do not include Supersite Code. Supersite Code needs to be purchased separately on line.

Supersite Code ISBN 978-1-60576-933-2 \$90.00

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Communication

Students will express thoughts effectively in a clear, well-organized manner in academic, work, family, and community settings. Students will demonstrate appropriate use of grammatical elements such as regular, irregular, stem-changing, and reflexive verbs in the present, and preterit tense. Students will acquire vocabulary that includes colors, foods, physical and emotional states, expressions of time, etc.

Cultural Diversity

Students will engage respectfully and appropriately with other cultures in an effort to understand them. Students will demonstrate knowledge and awareness of Spanish speaking countries and communities.

COURSE EVALUATION

The final course grade will be calculated in the following manner:

Quizzes	25 %	Homework	10 %
Midterm	25 %	Participation and Performance	10 %
Final Exam	25 %	Oral and Written Assignments	5 %

QUIZZES

Each quiz consists of 25 points. There will be a total of six quizzes.

One quiz, the lowest grade, will be dropped. Only **five** quizzes will be used in final course assessment.

PLEASE NOTE DATES

Quiz 1	September 11
Quiz 2	September 25
Quiz 3	October 9
Quiz 4	November 6
Quiz 5	November 20
Quiz 6	December 8

QUIZ GRADE SCALE

25-23 = A
22-20 = B
19-17 = C
16-14 = D
13-0 = F

MIDTERM consists of 100 points.

FINAL EXAM consists of 100 points.

Thursday, October 23 @ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 16 @ 7:00 PM

PARTICIPATION AND PERFORMANCE

Your attendance and active participation in class is mandatory. Please contact your instructor via email in order to excuse a future absence. **The final course grade will be reduced 10% for more than three unexcused absences.**

HOMEWORK

Homework will be done online using the Supersite Code at following website: <https://www.vhlcentral.com/>

Create an account, redeem Supersite Code, view **Announcements**, and take the **Student Guided Tour**.

Lesson due dates:

Lesson 1 - September 14	Lesson 4 - October 12	Lesson 7 - November 16
Lesson 2 - September 21	Lesson 5 - October 26	Lesson 8 - November 30
Lesson 3 - September 28	Lesson 6 - November 2	Lesson 9 - December 14

ORAL & WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

Oral presentations and dialogues will take place in class. Information and topics will be provided in class.

Two compositions will be written in Spanish. More information will be provided in class.

First Composition

Pre-writing	October 9
First draft due	October 16
Final draft due	October 23

Second Composition

Pre-writing	November 6
First draft due	November 13
Final draft due	November 20

LANGUAGE LABORATORY REQUIREMENT

Students are required to enroll in lab course Spanish 101, Section # 8105. Student will earn one unit upon completion of 36 hours in the Foreign Language Laboratory. No partial credit will be awarded.

The Language Lab is located on the 1st floor of the HLRC building.

Go to the Lab's website to print a Foreign Language Lab Attendance sheet. Click on the Language Lab Guide image, scroll and print page 14: http://www.wlac.edu/library/info/lab_language.html

Free Spanish student tutoring is available in the Learning Resource Center located on the 1st floor of the HLRC.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Should student decide to withdraw from the course, it is the responsibility of the student to officially drop the class. Otherwise, the student will receive an "F" in the class.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR POLICY & ACADEMIC DISHONESTY– Board Rule 9803.28

Cheating and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Student conduct must conform to LACCD and Los Angeles City College rules and regulations. Violations of such rules and regulations will subject students to disciplinary action. Violations of Academic Integrity include, but are not limited to, the following actions: cheating on an exam, plagiarism, working together on an assignment, paper or project when the instructor has specifically stated students should not do so, submitting the same term paper to more than one instructor, or allowing another individual assume one's identity for the purpose of enhancing one's grade.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

The use of wireless hand held devices is respectfully forbidden for non academic purposes in the classroom.

Mobile phones and pagers must be turned off (or set to vibrate) before class starts.

Please step out of the classroom if you need to use a mobile phone or hand held device for personal needs.

Please notify your instructor if you have a disability and need any assistance or accommodation.

Try to have some form of nourishment before you come to class. **Eating is not allowed in the classroom.**

ANY ANOUNCEMENTS IN CLASS WILL SUPERSEDE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS SYLLABUS.