



West Los Angeles College

SPAN 001 Online # 8175 & 8372

Syllabus

Fall 2015

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- **WLAC Online class room: ETUDES:** www.myetudes.org (Monday-Thursday)
- **Vistas 4th ed. SUPERSITE** (Digital book and Workbook: <https://www.vhlcentral.com>)

OFFICE HOURS: ETUDES (this site) in *Discussion* and *Private Messages* link.

Course Description

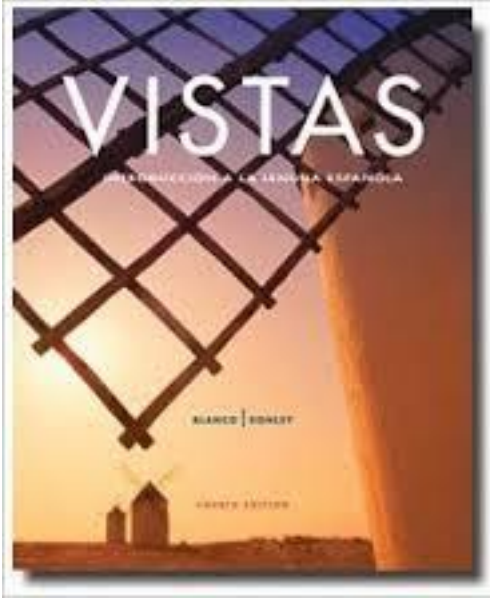
This is the first term of a two term-sequence in first-year Spanish. Communicative proficiency is the main objective. The four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are developed with emphasis on the active use of these skills. Culture is incorporated into the course in textual and visual materials to stimulate interest and reinforce understanding and appreciation of the Spanish-speaking world.

This 5 units Online Spanish course meets 5:20 hours per week in the Modules, online classroom and requires at least 5:20 hours of intense Spanish practice and homework in Vistas's (Textbook) courseware website.

Note: This class, Spanish 001, does not have Spanish 101 Lab class as a co-requisite but 18 hours, at least one+ hour weekly, of lab work online on Vistas 4th ed., SUPERSITE Web-SAM section is required.

Required Texts

Vistas Introducción a la lengua española, 4th Ed. José A. Blanco, Philip Redwine Donley, Vista Higher Learning, Boston, Massachusetts, 2012.



You are required to purchase **TEXTBOOK PACKAGE with SUPERSITE access Code** (Online textbook and workbook): If you do not purchase it, you will not be able to complete online assignments to receive credits. The access code is valid for up to three years, and it could be used in four Spanish courses! Buy it directly at a discounted price (\$139.20) from Vista Higher Learning at <http://vistahigherlearning.com/store/westla.htm/> or at WLAC Bookstore, Student Services Bldg, First Floor, (310) 287-4560 at a different price and ISBN.

NOTE: Used textbooks do not include access codes and you will not be able to complete your homework on Vistas 4th ed. SUPERSITE! But you can purchase a separate new Vistas 4th ed. **SUPERSITE code** from Vista Higher Learning that includes Practice & Web-SAM for \$50+. Also, you have the following options:

OPTION I. Buy it directly at a discounted price from Vista Higher Learning at <http://vistahigherlearning.com/store/westla.htm/>

1. Digital format: ISBN: 978-1-60576-974-5 \$130.00 Package Components: Supersite Plus Code (w/ WebSAM + vText)

OR:

2. Package Components: Vistas 4e Student Edition (Loose leaf text) +SUPERSITE Plus (Web-SAM & vTxt) **ISBN: 978-1-61767-242-2**
\$142.80

OPTION II. WLAC Bookstore, Student Services Bldg, First Floor, (310) 287-4560 at a different price and ISBN.

Guided Supersite Tours:

After being setting up your Supersite accounts and get the most out of the available resources. You must get tours to learn how to use Supersite.



Supersite Tour/Tutorial:

http://www.vistahigherlearning.com/supersites/student_tours/

Don't forget these valuable resources!

- Guided Tours
- In-Service Schedule
- User Guides
- Student Registration Walkthrough
- Pre-recorded sessions
- Tech Support phone numbers

Your Supersite access code is located in your new text. If you have a used text, you need to purchase your code at www.vhldirect.com. You need to redeem your code and enroll in my course in order to appear on my roster.

Student Resources

Supersite Tour/Tutorial:

http://www.vistahigherlearning.com/supersites/student_tours/

Student Tech Support: (800)-248-2813

Live support hours: Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m.–3:00 a.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. Saturday: 11:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Sunday: 11:30 a.m.–2:00 a.m.

*All listed times are in the Eastern time zone

Student Learning Outcomes

WLAC STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (ISLO):

B. Communication: Effectively communicate thought in a clear, well-organized manner to persuade, inform, and convey ideas in academic, work, family, and community settings. **Assessment:** You are expected to speak Spanish in class activities and at home everyday. You will gain competency through many free-style conversations, field trips, oral pair and group activities, oral presentations, and cooperative learning activities in class and/or online.

G. Cultural Diversity: Respectfully engage with other cultures in an effort to understand them. **Assessment:** You will demonstrate reasonable comprehension of cultural diversity by researching and comparing Hispanic cultures, events, people and customs with your own by doing oral presentations, attending field trips, and/or interacting and participating in class activities in Spanish.

COURSE SLOs:

Using the Natural Approach, this course introduces you to basic vocabulary and fundamental sentence structure in the present. Basic aural and reading comprehension is developed and you hold simple conversations and write short compositions about present actions. It acquaints you with the Spanish language and culture, and develops the skills of understanding, speaking, reading and writing. Upon completion of the course you will be able to:

	Course Learning Outcomes	Method of Assessment
1	Gain a reasonable mastery of the sounds and structure of language in both oral and written form to include: greeting others; discussing everyday activities; talking about family and friends; describing people and things; and expressing ownership.	Chapter Tests, Exam, Written Exercises
2	Comprehend ideas expressed within the framework of the vocabulary and grammatical	Chapter Tests, Oral

	structures presented.	Exercises, Workbook Exercises
3	Understand and be able to write simple Spanish prose on non-technical, high-frequency topics.	Chapter Tests, Oral Exercises
4	Demonstrate understanding of cultural nuances of every day life in the Hispanic world.	Videos, papers

Instructional Methods

- You will be given a variety of educational tools to make your learning experience rewarding and challenging. In this communicative approach class, you will be interacting with your classmates using multimedia, lively Power Point presentations and class lectures, group and pair activities, an interesting Hispanic "*Fotonovela*" and colorful pictures that will enhance your interest and participation; and most importantly, empowering you to succeed.
- Class lectures are delivered by using ETUDES, www.myetudes.org, your classroom online, where you can "chat" in Spanish with your classmates, study Power Points presentations and class lectures in the Modules and be aware of classroom and activities due dates. Also, you will be using digital book and workbook at <https://www.vhlcentral.com> (in Vistas 4th ed. SUPERSITE).

Class Policies

- Classes are conducted Monday - Thursday through **online** although you are encouraged to log-in every day to read, study, and complete **Lessons 1-7 class lectures and Vistas online book and workbook assignments**. Classes are conducted in Spanish and 5:25+ hours weekly of class attendance and participation in ETUDES (Modules) are highly recommended and recorded.
- Participate and receive class participation credit by answering your classmates' questions in the **forums**, Discussion and

Private Messages link (left frame.) Make an effort to participate in class activities and conversations in Spanish; be empowered and receive credit too!

- Assignments, tests and exams will not be reopened after due dates; log-in **daily (Monday - Thursday)** and complete assignments and take Tests on time. If you miss one quiz or assignment, you will not be able to take the next one, as this system will not let you to continue, please **follow CourseMap** (left frame.)

Be actively involved, participate, and succeed; you deserve it!

Last day of instruction is Thursday, December 10, 2015.

(No assignments, homework, or lab work will be accepted after this date; no exceptions.)

Copy Right Statement

If you plagiarize (submit work that is not your own, either entirely or in part) you will get a failing grade **"F"** on assignments, quizzes, and exams. Cheating and disruptive behavior are not tolerated and you will be reported to the Vice-President of Student Services for disciplinary action. For more information, refer to Los Angeles Community College District, Standards of Student Conduct.

Exam Policy

- You will have **60 minutes** to complete your chapter tests, **90 minutes** for mid-term exam, and **120 minutes** to complete your final exam in Assignments, Tests and Surveys link, ETUDES. They might consist of:
- Oral, listening comprehension, reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, culture, "*Fotonovela*" and/or a written composition in Spanish.
- Exams and pop-quizzes are not open book exams, and **cannot be made up!**

Mid-Term Exam Lessons 1-4: Thursday, October 1, 2015. Final Exam Lessons 5-8: Monday, December 14, 2015. Exam schedule will be on subject to be changed according to students' performance.

Class Attendance Policy

- Log-in the first day of instruction, attend **5:20+ hours weekly**, read your Syllabus and accepted by clicking "**Yes**" at the bottom, and study class lectures and Power Point presentations in the Modules or Vistas Textbook which will be assigned on ASSIGNMENTS (left frame). You will receive 100 points when complete Welcome & Lessons 1-8 on time.
- Do your homework on Vistas 4th ed. **SUPERSITE Practice**, activate Vistas code purchased from Vista Higher Learning; refer to Log-In information in the Modules. It is required you finish Lessons 1-8 practicing, and **watching TUTORIAL** sections at least 5:20 hours weekly.
- Participate in Forums by commenting on your classmates questions and posting yours to receive class participation credit in **Discussion and Private Messages** link. Make sure you **follow instructions** carefully; if you want to chat with your **classmates**, go to "Chat" link, left frame or student's lounge in the forums.
- If you are absent, you will be responsible for material covered in class and homework assigned, refer to **Tentative Class Schedule** (Modules); make a copy for future reference.
- If you are unable to attend regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, you should withdraw from this class. Be aware withdrawal from classes can affect your eligibility for federal financial aid.
- If your "extenuating circumstances" become too overwhelming, make an appointment to speak with me as soon as possible. Manage your time and plan ahead in order to succeed!

- Withdraw officially in the Admissions Office or online and take the course at a more convenient time if you have to stop attending classes. Failure to withdraw officially will result in an "F" grade. Last date to withdraw with a "W" is **Friday, November 11, 2015.**

Drop classes with a refund/no fee owed Fri, Sept 11

It is your responsibility to withdraw!

Homework

(Vistas 4th ed. SUPERSITE Practice and SUPERSITE Web-SAM) assignments are due weekly and you are required to complete on time. Late submission will not be accepted.

- It is expected to do homework 5:20 hours weekly. It is not appropriate to email me asking what assignment you need to complete; refer to Tentative Class Schedule for due dates or refer to Vistas 4th ed. SUPERSITE Practice and Web-SAM **dated assignments.**

Vistas 4th ed. SUPERSITE is your homework (where you will complete Lessons 1-8 in Practice (Textbook AS and Web-SAM:

- Listen to vocabulary and audio exercises more than one time until you are able to complete the assignments with ease.
- Record them by using **a microphone**; make sure I can hear you in order to earn proper credit. Practice before recording!
- Correct your assigned SUPERSITE exercises until you obtain at least 78 %, spending at least **one hour** weekly on Web-SAM and **4:20 hours** weekly on Practice (outside this ETUDES online classroom.)

I. Complete on time Lessons 1-9 on Vistas 4th ed. SUPERSITE Practice and earn on each lesson:

- **95-100% = 20 points;**
- **89-94% = 15 points;**
- **83-88% = 10 points;**

- **less than 82% = 0 point.** •

II. Complete on time Lessons 1-9 on Vistas 4th ed. SUPERSITE Web-SAM:

If you finish less than 82% on each lesson, you will **not earn** lab work credit.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION: Class Attendance, 10 MODULES:
Welcome/Instructions and Ls.1-9 class lectures &

Student Responsibilities

- Log-in in ETUDES daily to check announcements, assignments, and study and complete class lectures
- Buy your required Vistas 4th ed. package with online **access code** not later than the second class of the semester, **do not get behind.**
- Come to class prepared and follow class rules and policies!
- **Do your own work** (refer to Copyright Statement above).
- Refer to your Syllabus or make a copy for future reference.
- Participate in Spanish in oral assignments and activities to demonstrate your comprehension and the ability to express yourself in simple Spanish structures.
- Form/join a study group outside class or use one of the tools available, ETUDES: Chat (left frame) or student lounge (Discussion... left frame.)
- Know your responsibilities and be committed to perform well and succeed!
- Be well informed of assignments and homework (5:20 hours weekly), due dates in the Tentative Class Schedule, ETUDES, Modules and Vistas 4th ed. SUPERSITE.
- Do your assigned (**dated**) homework & lab work on time on Vistas

- 4th ed. SUPERSITE, Practice & Web-SAM sections daily. Repeat them until you obtain at least 78 %.
- Consider taking this class at a later time if you are not able to fulfill your responsibilities!
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Grade Distribution

Categories	Grade Points
Class Attendance and Participation(Forum/Discussion)	80
Vistas Práctica/ Web-SAM	300
6 Chapter Tests	300
Compositions	20
Midterm	100
Final Exam	200
Total 1000 points	

Final Grades

The following scale will be used when calculating final grades:

GRADE SYSTEM:

1. 900 - 1000 = **A**
2. 800 - 899 = **B**
3. 700 - 799 = **C**
4. 600 - 699 = **D**
5. 1 - 599 = **F**

Additional Items

SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/mividaloca/> (" Mi vida loca", BBC Languages Spanish)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/>
2. <http://howlearns spanish.com/2012/09/spanish-videos-subtitles-free/> (How to Learn Spanish (using free online resources)
3. <http://www.lingus.tv/> (Lingus TV)
4. <http://www.youtube.com/user/telemundotv/videos?view=0> (Telemundo Youtube)
5. <http://msnlatino.telemundo.com/videos> (Telemundo –videos destacados)
6. <http://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/siteindex.php> (Spanish Proficiency Excises, University of Texas at Austin)
7. <http://tedxtalks.ted.com/browse/talks-by-language/spanish> (TED Ideas worth spreading)
8. <http://es.euronews.com/> (Euronews)
9. http://cvc.cervantes.es/lengua/voces_hispanicas/default.htm (Catálogo de voces hispánicas)

LIBRARY RESOURCES: Please visit

<http://www.wlac.edu/library/index.html> for information regarding or click on Library (left frame):

[Library Catalog](#) [Research Databases](#) [Instructional Media Center](#) [View Library Brochure](#) [NEW Books!](#) [Current Semester Hours](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If you have any learning or physical disability, please contact the Disabled Student Programs and Services Office (DSP&S) in the Student Services Bldg. (SSB 320) at (310) 287-4450. The DSP&S will then contact your instructors to notify them of needed accommodations, such as additional testing time, note taker, etc. Do not be embarrassed to seek help. Disabilities are not a reflection of who you are, but of how your brain works. Understanding how you learn is the first step to success.

If you are on campus and have a medical problem that might occur during class, please notify instructor(s), campus Health Center (310)

287-4478, and/or Campus Police at (310) 287-4314.