



SPAN 1010

Division: Humanities

Department: Foreign Language

Course: SPAN 1010

Title: Elementary Spanish I

Catalog Description:

This is a course for students with little or no previous Spanish education. The course goal is the development of communication skills in Spanish through continually improving Spanish language skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) along with exposure to Hispanic cultures. This course is not lecture-based, but interactive with a focus on learner participation. Students participate in a variety of small and large group activities reflecting the normal use of Spanish in various situations.

General Education Requirements: N/A

Semesters Offered: Fall, Spring

Credit/Time Requirement: Credit: 5; Lecture: 5; Lab: 0

Clock/Hour Requirements: 0

Offered for Non-Credit: No

Prerequisites: None

Justification:

This course is a prerequisite for the 1020-level course. SPAN 1020 satisfies the A.A. degree's foreign language component. This course is also a prerequisite for intermediate and advanced study of the language. It may be credited towards the General Education requirements of most schools to which Snow College students transfer.

In combination with other fields of study such as medicine, technology and business, Spanish language skills are in high demand both nationally and internationally.

Students are introduced to the language, cultures, and values of Hispanic people, one of the largest ethnic groups in the world and the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will have a grasp of basic Spanish grammar, pronunciation and vocabulary. They will have a basic knowledge of cultural traditions, customs, and values.

Students will be able to perform basic, yet meaningful communicative tasks in Spanish. They will be comfortable working with written and spoken language. Students will be prepared to enroll in Spanish 1020 or another second semester Spanish course.

As a result of learning about Hispanic cultures, students will increase their appreciation and understanding of their own culture and language as well as increase their appreciation and understanding of Hispanic cultures and language. Students will also feel a desire to continue educating themselves, formally or informally, in areas such as history, geography, languages, and literature.

Content:

The topics covered in Spanish 1010 include but are not limited to:

- Basic interactions like greetings, asking and answering questions, providing descriptions, expressing feelings
- Basic interpretation of texts
- Basic vocabulary
- Command forms
- Compound future tense of all verbs
- Cultural information
- Direct and indirect objects and object pronouns
- Experience with authentic music
- Formation of questions
- Numbers
- Present tense of stem-changing verbs
- Preterit tense of regular verbs
- Reflexive verbs and their pronouns
- Subject pronouns and the present tense of regular verbs
- Telling time

General Education Outcomes:

3) Speak effectively in a variety of contexts.

Students are required to produce and interpret oral language on a basic level, acquiring and implementing skills that will allow them to be effective and efficient in both their production and comprehension of spoken Spanish. Skills will be assessed through interaction with, and feedback from, instructors and peer tutors.

5) Apply a cultural and historical awareness to a variety of phenomena.

Students are assigned readings, discussions, and other assignments that require reflection on multiple cultures. They are required to explore the basis for cultural traditions, customs, music, and art. They are able to appreciate similarities and differences across cultures. Students will be assessed through in-class activities and written exams with instructor and peer feedback.

Key Performance Indicators:

Percentages are approximate:

Homework & Quizzes:	10% of final grade
Workbook Activities:	10% of final grade
Speaking Practice:	10% of final grade
Written Exams:	35% of final grade
Oral Exams:	20% of final grade
Final Written Exam:	10% of final grade
Final Oral Exam:	5% of final grade

Cultural Assessments included on written tests

Representative Text and/or Supplies:

Plazas, Lugar de Encuentros (current edition) by Hershberger, Navey-Davis, and Borrás. Published by Thomson-Heinle.

Optimum Class Size: 18

Maximum Class Size: 24

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